



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Confessions:

Fr Seba is available to hear confessions. Please call the Parish office (020 3105 8577) to book your appointment.



Lectionary Cycle - Sunday - Year C - Weekday - Cycle II		
Saturday 14th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 15th	10:15am 12.00 noon	Mass - Dorothy (Dot) Ellis RIP Mass
Monday 16th	10.00am	Mass – Saint Simon Stock
Tuesday 17th	10.00am	Mass – Day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse
Wednesday 18th	10.00am	Mass – Saint John 1
Thursday 19th	10.00am	Mass – Saint Dunstan
Friday 20th	10.00am	Mass – Saint Bernadine of Sienna
Saturday 21st	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – Saint Christopher of Magallanes
Sunday 22 nd	10:15am 12 noon	Mass Mass

1 st Reading	Acts 14:21-27	They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them
Psalm	Ps 144:8-9, 10-11, 12-13	<i>I will bless your name for ever, O God my King</i>
2 nd Reading	Apoc 21:1-5a	God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.
Gospel Acclamation	John 13: 34	<i>Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'</i>
Gospel	John 13:31-35	I give you a new commandment: love one another.
Prayers of the Faithful		Lord God of Love: <i>renew our lives</i>

Congratulations to Fr Seba as he marks 4 years and 1 week since his arrival at St. Joseph's Shooters Hill. We have been blessed as a parish family to have him with us and thank him for his commitment and devotion to us and for his encouragement and leadership.

May we continue to give him our support and in doing so renew our commitment to continue to make St Joseph's as a thriving welcoming community where all of us can respond and play our part.

May St Joseph pray for him and his parish

First Holy Communion 2022 Saturday 14th May 12.00 noon

We wish our children every blessing for their First Holy Communion Day. We pray for them, their families, friends and Catechists on this special day. Thanks go to their parents who have supported them through the programme and will continue to do so throughout their continued faith life and **special** thanks go to their Catechists who have put in an amazing amount of work for this day to come to fruition. It is greatly appreciated by Fr Seba and the whole parish. We pray that they continue their ministry and they will receive all the future support they need.

Many thanks from Phil Pinnington – *'to everyone who sent their best wishes for our move to Suffolk and contributed to our gift. We have put it to good use buying kitchen goods. This will encourage more home cooking I am sure. I will miss all of my friends at St Joseph's but promise to keep in touch and visit when able. God Bless you all.'*

We wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season

Returning to Mass at Pentecost

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.



Vocations Webinar: 'Here I am Lord, Send Me' 24th May at 7.00am on line



God has a definite plan and purpose for all of our lives. The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding a Zoom webinar of Tuesday 24th May between 7 pm – 8 pm with the theme 'Here I am, Send Me'.

Some men receive a unique call to be a Catholic priest or deacon, and some women are also called to religious life. Join Fr Paul Kyne, seminarian Stephen Trafford, Sister Aelred and Fr Stephen Morrison to hear about vocations and following a religious life.

If you feel you may have a vocation or would simply like to find out a little more, please email Laura Dudhee in order to attend: lauradudhee@rcaos.org.uk

Spiritual Life for Catechists: A Day with Dr Ralph Martin

30th May 10.30am at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2 HJ - online and in person

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis have organised a seminar with Dr Ralph Martin, who is Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit, USA

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend the day with Dr Martin, either in person or online, being renewed in your spiritual life as a catechist.

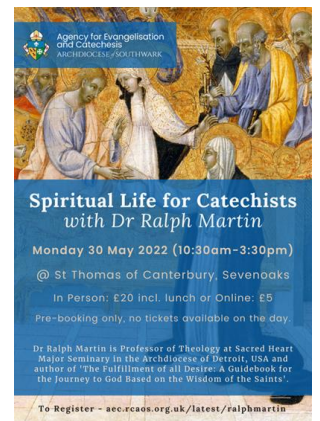
This will be an in-person event but there is also the option to join us online for the day.

In-person tickets are limited to the first 50 participants and cost £20.

If you would like to attend online, tickets cost £5. Once you complete the transaction via the link below you will receive a Zoom link in your confirmation email

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Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 9th at St George's Cathedral



If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible, and no later than May 31. Get in touch with us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Spaces are limited. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Shooters Hill and give us the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. We look forward to seeing you in July - **Marriage and Family Life South East**

Our Lady of Lugansk pray for all in Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



Councillor Ivis Williams who represents Shooters Hill Ward will be holding her surgeries in our parish hall on the 3rd Saturday of the month between 10-11am starting Saturday 21st May

Fr. Seba is going to be away from 19th to 30th of June so there will not be any week day Masses during that period but Father John O'Donoghue has kindly agreed to cover weekend Masses. We are very grateful to him.

Father John is celebrating his 60th anniversary of priesthood at St Thomas More, Bostall Park, Bexleyheath on **4th June at 12 noon**, all our parishioners who wish to join him are very welcome. We will get him a card for us all to sign

Contactless Machine

Please remember our contact machine in the porch. You can now use your debit/credit card to make your donations. Full instructions are on the wall next to the machine

Parish Sacramental Programmes

CONFIRMATION 2022

Wednesday 18th May – Session 9 – 7.00pm Hall

Please keep our Confirmandi, their parents, family and their catechists in your prayers during their preparation and beyond

The Sacramental groups will not be able to continue next year if people do not come forward NOW and walk alongside the Catechists to learn. There will not be enough Catechists to facilitate. Please pray this does not happen and for the continued vibrancy of your parish

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen



Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path not partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right
All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son forever and ever, Amen



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel



St Michael the Archangel. Defend us in the day of our battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits who wander around the world seeking the ruins of souls.

Sick and Housebound

Please continue to keep the sick of our parish family in your daily prayers and let Fr Seba know if they would like a home visit and to receive Holy Communion

Anniversaries

We continue to remember those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Please let Fr Seba know if you would a Mass said on the anniversary of someone death

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please write your intention down with all the details, together with the Mass stipend, and put it through the Presbytery door. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office on 020 3105 8577 or email shootershill@rcaos.org.uk – Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Home blessings

If you would like Fr Seba to visit your home to bless it, please email shootershill@rcaos.org.uk

Our Repository

Could anyone please help to run our Repository? Again if a few people volunteer, and create a team, it makes life easier and does not rest with one person. Times could be negotiated but it would be ideal to have the Repository opened before and after each Sunday Mass. This would also include stock taking and ordering.

Many thanks to Ann and Justine Zuhlke for all their hard work for many years running the Repository

Collections

	May 6 th /7 th
1 st collection	£488.89
2 nd collection – Priest Training Fund	£507.73
Holy Souls	£20.00
Candles	£67.89
Hall Hire	£220.00
Flowers	£22.00

This week's second collection is for the Hall Fund

If you cannot attend Mass, please visit our website and click the Donate button

If you are a taxpayer, please remember to 'Gift Aid' your donation – please contact

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If you would like to hire our hall on Paget Rise, SE18 3QQ please contact Maggie Rea:
Tel: 07885 353105
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Many thanks to Maggie for all her hard work managing the hiring of our hall



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