

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st & 22nd August 2021



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

The week ahead

Confessions:

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



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



Saturday 21 st	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 22 nd	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass } 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 23 rd	10am	Mass
Tuesday 24 th	10am	St Bartholomew, Apostle
Wednesday 25 th	--	--
Thursday 26 th	10am	Mass
Friday 27 th	10am	Mass
Saturday 28 th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 29 th	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass } 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

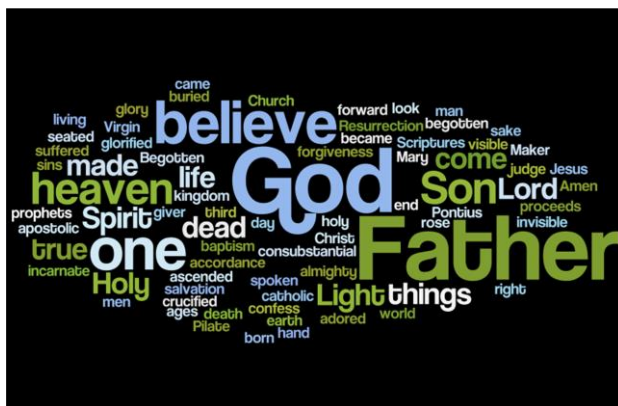
I think t's fair to say that most of us will experience a time in our journey of faith when, like some of the followers of Jesus, we feel let down and dispirited, our minds filled with disturbing doubts. We can find ourselves straining to maintain a semblance of faith in a world that seems bent on trivialising our real spiritual needs.

At moments like this, we can find ourselves echoing Peter's words, "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

We need to hold fast, to remind ourselves that in matters of faith we cannot always trust our feelings and emotion. Undoubtedly, times like these can be a real struggle. Nevertheless, they also present real opportunities to nurture our faith and to build confidence and hope, so that once again we can say with Peter, "you have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God".



*Come Home
By Cowan Watson*



Information

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme 2022

Registration for our First Holy Communion is now open. Children should be in Year 3, or above, at school. At this age, children should understand the difference between right and wrong and can take responsibility for their own actions.

It is important that children are properly prepared. By making their First Confession prior to receiving First Holy Communion they are fully prepared for this. First Holy Communion should be a memorable and joyful day. One to remember for the rest of our lives.

To register, please complete the online form on our website: –

<https://www.stjoseph-shootershillrcaos.org.uk/first-holy-communion>

Please enter all the information requested. Please also have a digital copy of your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate ready (a scanned copy or a photograph). It is part of the registration, and you will need to upload it before submitting the form. If you have any questions, please email shootershillwebsite@rcaos.org.uk.

We will be organising an information meeting to explain to parents how the programme will be run and the expectations of parents and children. We will email out details nearer the time.

Young Readers

There will be a meeting/rehearsal for all young readers, both current and new, on Saturday 28th August in the Church at 4pm.

All young people are invited to attend whether you have or haven't read in Church before.

You will be incorporated in the Readers Rota and asked if you would read regularly at Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning Mass.

It is a great privilege to proclaim the word of God at any time, but to be a part of our Masses is indeed a great honour.

This new procedure is in place until Sandra can take the lead of the young readers again.

Please keep Sandra, Nigel and their family in your prayers at this difficult time for them all.

Please call Mary D on 07985 360960 should you require any further information.

Saint of the day

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary is both a queen and a mother, but she is more mother than queen. Mary's Queenship and "motherhood," or motherhood, spark to life simultaneously. In the very moment Mary becomes a mother at the Annunciation, she also becomes a queen. The Archangel Gabriel tells Mary that her Son will sit on "the throne of his ancestor David" and that "He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end". Since Jesus is a king, and since He is conceived in the womb of Mary, and since in Israel the mother of a king was always a queen, (the daughter not necessarily so), Mary becomes a queen. Some texts from the early centuries of the Church call Mary the "domina," the female of "dominus," Latin for "master" or "Lord."

Liturgical Colour: White

General Information

Sick, Housebound, Anniversaries and Funeral Services

Please continue to keep the sick of our parish family in your daily prayers. We continue to remember those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

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 our church.

Reminder – safeguarding

Adults are reminded that children should not be running around in Church at any time. Not only for their safety, but the church is a sacred space, not a playground and so should be treated as such. Also, we ask that all children are encouraged to use the toilet at home before they attend Mass. If children do need to use the toilet, please ensure that they are accompanied by an adult at an appropriate time. NOT during the readings, the homily and the consecration. **No child should go to the toilet alone.**

Collections

15 th August 2021	
First Collection	£471.72
Second Collection (Hall Fund - Separate)	£60.79
Hall Hire	£90
Total	£622.51

We are a small parish and are heavily reliant on the kindness and generosity of our parishioners and local community. If you cannot attend mass, please visit our [website](http://shootershill@rcaos.org.uk), and click the **Donate** button, or scan the code with your phone, which will take you to our website (all details below). If you are a taxpayer, please remember to tick the 'Gift Aid' box. God bless Ave Maria



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