



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 9 th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 10 th	10:15am 12 noon	Sarah Walsh – welfare & speedy recovery Mr Stanislaus – Birthday Blessings
Monday 11 th	10am	Mass
Tuesday 12 th	10am	Mass
Wednesday 13 th	10am	Mass
Thursday 14 th	10am	Mass
Friday 15 th	11:30am	Funeral of Peter Mouat, RIP
Saturday 16 th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 17 th	10:15am 12 noon	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Three-quarters of prison inmates cannot read, write or count to the standard expected of an 11-year-old. They depend on some else to write letters on their behalf or to read out the messages from their families and friends.

The reoffending rate drops by 80% if the person leaves prison and goes straight into a job. How many return to crime because illiteracy limits their employment possibilities, so that once again, amongst the ‘bored-on-benefits’, there’s little hope of a hopeful, challenging future?

Catholic education has a wonderful tradition of helping children to reach for the stars even if the star for which they are reaching is as simple as being able to recite the alphabet or count to ten. Teachers in Catholic Schools have made a name for themselves because of their preparedness to go the extra mile on behalf of their pupils.

Some people are illiterate because their families had never learned to read and write, but how many only needed a Good Samaritan?



You cannot talk about paying a debt to society from a jail cell without windows. There is no humane punishment without a horizon. No one can change their life if they don't see a horizon. And so many times we are used to blocking the view of our inmates."

*Jesus needs YOU
By "a prison visitor"*

Liturgy

First Reading: - Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 89:13-17 Rv14 – Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second Reading: - Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Acclamation: - cf Matthew 11:25 – Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Gospel: - Mark 10:17-30

Notre Dame School News

Bless our school as we learn together. Nourish our lives with love and joy. Let this be a happy school always, where all are welcomed and respected. A place where we can pray, worship and work together. Amen.

This week we had the opportunity to have Black History workshops at Notre Dame. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 learnt about the Anansi Adventures, Years 3 & 4 had African storytelling and Years 5 & 6 learnt about HMS Windrush. The workshops were for approximately one hour and fully engaged the children at Notre Dame. The children were totally engrossed with the delivery of the sessions and gained insightful information about the subjects. The children were able to participate in the workshops, listen to the stories, re-enact them and participate in role play. It was a lovely way to engage the children in Black History Month at Notre Dame. The children will be completing follow up work on the workshops and producing a collective whole school display which will complement the Black Lives Matter displays already in the corridors of our school.

Year 6 had first aid training this week and were able to gain a certificate to prove their attendance and participation. The children learnt about how to save someone from choking, how to soothe burns, stop nose bleeds and even learnt about Doctor ABC and CPR. On recapping the following day, the children had retained all the knowledge and were commended on their behaviour and sensible attitudes towards the training. It is such an important skill, and I am so pleased they were able to participate in the training.

On Tuesday, Year 4 went to the Royal Courts of Justice as part of their History curriculum on crime and punishment. The children were able to view different parts of the courts and were able to participate in role play, acting out the different roles of the people that work in the courts. It was a lovely opportunity to hear about so many of the children excelling in an area that they wouldn't have the chance to in the school setting. On speaking to the children, it illustrated how the trip reinforced their learning and brought it to life and they were able to speak about the experience with enthusiasm and excitement.



Information

Wine Raffle

The draw will take place in the hall after the 10:15am Mass today. Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and find out who has won a case of 12 bottles of wine! Good luck!

Child and infant Baptism

If you would like your child to be baptised at St Joseph's, you will need to complete a Baptism Application Form (you can download the forms from our website – <https://www.stjoseph-shootershilrcaos.org.uk/baptism> or collect one from the back of the church). You will need to bring this completed form, and the documents specified on the guidance letter, to the Baptism Preparation class. The Baptism Preparation classes are held on the first Saturday of every month. It is important that you bring the form and all documentation with you. Without them, we will not be able to give you a date for the Baptism. Please contact Katrina, our Baptism Coordinator, on 07568 502 803 for details and more information.

First Holy Communion

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled their children on our First Holy Communion Programme. The Catechists will be meeting soon to discuss the way forward and prepare a programme that is informative and exciting. Please keep an eye on your emails and look out for dates of the Information evening, which will be near the end of October.

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.**

Saint of the day

St Paulinus of York



Paulinus was a Roman missionary and the first Bishop of York. A member of the Gregorian mission sent in 601 by Pope Gregory I to Christianize the Anglo-Saxons from their native Anglo-Saxon paganism, Paulinus arrived in England by 604 with the second missionary group. Little is known of Paulinus's activities in the following two decades. After some years spent in Kent, perhaps in 625, Paulinus was consecrated a bishop. He accompanied Ethelburg of Kent, sister of King Eadbald of Kent, on her journey to Northumbria to marry King Edwin of Northumbria, and eventually succeeded in converting Edwin to Christianity. Paulinus also converted many of Edwin's subjects and built some churches. One of the women Paulinus baptised was a future saint, Hilda of Whitby. Following Edwin's death in 633, Paulinus and Ethelburg fled Northumbria, leaving behind a member of Paulinus's clergy, James the Deacon. Paulinus returned to Kent, where he became Bishop of Rochester. He received a pallium from the pope, symbolizing his appointment as Archbishop of York, but too late to be effective. After his death in 644, Paulinus was canonized as a saint and is now venerated in the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Anglican Churches.

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. We especially remember Peter Mouat, RIP. His funeral will take place here at St Joseph's on Friday 15th October at 11:30am, with the committal at Eltham Crematorium at 1pm.

May Peter's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY MICHAEL PRAYER



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.

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 both exits of our church.

Home blessings

If you would like Fr Seba to visit your home to bless it, please call the Parish Office, send an email or speak to him after one of the Masses.

Collections

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First Collection	£290.57
Second Collection (Hall Fund)	£91.88
Votive Candles	£252.54
Total	£634.99

This week's second collection is for The Church Hall Fund

If you cannot attend mass, please visit our [website](#), and click the **Donate** button. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to tick the 'Gift Aid' box. God bless, Ave Maria.



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