

2nd Sunday of Easter– Divine Mercy

23rd/24th April 2022



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for April

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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 23rd	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 24th	10:15am	Uche Chijioike – Thanksgiving and God's protection
Monday 25th	10.00	Mass - St Mark, Evangelist
Tuesday 26th	10.00am	Mass - St George, Martyr, Patron of England Solemnity – Transferred from 23rd
Wednesday 27th	10.00am	Mass
Thursday 28th	10.00am	Mass - St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
Friday 29th	10.00am	Mass - St Catherine of Siena, patron of Europe
Saturday 30th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st	10:15am 12 noon	Bob and Cath Gravells - health and wellbeing

1 st Reading	Acts 5:12-16	The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord steadily increased.
Psalm	Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 r.1	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end
2 nd Reading	Apoc 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19	I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.
Gospel Acclamation	John 20:29	Alleluia, alleluia Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia, alleluia
Gospel	John 20:19-31	Eight days later, Jesus came.

Easter Season/Eastertide



Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter.

Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach (פסח) and the holiday of Shavu'ot (שבועות). In the Jewish tradition, the 49 days between these holidays are known as Counting of the Omer (ספירת העומר).

The first eight days constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. Every day in the Octave of Easter is so important that

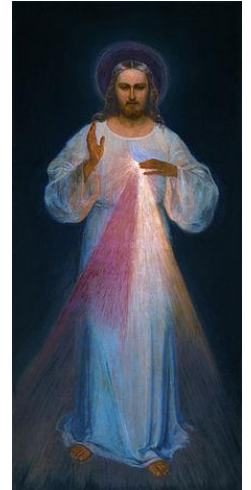
it is treated as a continuation of Easter Sunday itself. For that reason, no fasting is allowed during the Octave of Easter (since fasting has always been forbidden on Sundays), and on the Friday after Easter, the normal obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays is waived.

The Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday. The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day of Eastertide (a Thursday). The nine days from that feast until the Saturday before Pentecost (inclusive) are days of preparation for the Holy Spirit to descend again. For the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further, until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost.

Divine Mercy Sunday

is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. The feast day is observed by Catholics as well as some Anglo-Catholics of the Church of England. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, a Polish Roman Catholic Nun, canonised in 2000, reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.

The feast of Divine Mercy, according to the diary of St Faustina Kowalska, receives from Jesus the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy, in particular that a person who goes to sacramental confession (the confession may take place some days before) and receives Holy Communion on that day, shall obtain the total expiation of all sins and punishment. Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers.



St George's Day – Patron Saint of England

Saint George's Day is celebrated on 26th April this year within the church. The day is usually celebrated on 23rd April but this year the 23rd was in the Easter Octave

Our Lady of Lugansk pray for all of 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.

Many thanks for your generous Easter offering to Fr Seba

We wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season

Contactless Machine

We are delighted to draw your attention to our contact machine in the porch and many thanks go Julie Donnelly for all the hard work setting this up. It is very simple to use and just by being in a week £83.00 was donated via the machine.

You can now use your debit/credit card to make your donations

Select where you want your money to go (offertory, hall fund, or repository)

Just select the amount you want to give on the contactless terminal

Present your card to the card reader.

Select whether you want your **donation** to be gift aided and complete the details.

You only need to do this the first time you donate as the terminal will remember your card next time you donate.

Full instructions are on the wall next to the machine

Congratulations

to Father Michael Branch, present parish priest of St Peter the Apostle in Woolwich, has accepted the role of Dean of St George's Cathedral which will be effective from September. We wish him every blessing for his future ministry

Rev. Victor Darlington accepted the role of Episcopal Vicar for the South East, as Bishop Patrick Lynch has retired, and will take up this role in September.

Welcome back to our Altar Servers

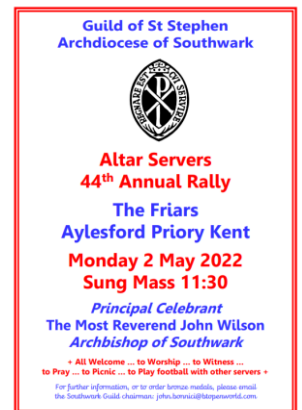
and well done to the young people who have taken up this ministry and particularly to those who are willing to train the younger servers. They certainly enhanced our Easter services. Also very many thanks to Noel and John who have very kindly taken up the task of helping the young people to move their ministry forward. Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion can join our servers. It is a brilliant way to get your child more involved with the services which leads to a better understanding of their faith. Please see Fr Seba, Noel or John for further details

Altar Servers Rally Bank Holiday 2nd May 2022

at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. We are delighted Archbishop John Wilson is the principal celebrant

As usual servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and those already in the Guild may renew their promises. The annual rally gives the servers a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the Church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith, so helping to build God's kingdom. – HELP NEEDED

Please see posters in the porch



Parish Sacramental Programmes

CONFIRMATION 2022

The next session in our will be on **Wednesday 27th April at 7.00 – 7th session followed by the 2nd Parents' meeting at 8.00 in the hall**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

The next session will be on **Sunday 27th April at 5.30pm - Reconciliation - Church**

Please keep both groups, their parents, family and their catechists in your prayers during their preparation and beyond

Both these 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.

Information

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

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

Collections

April 16 th /17 th	
Easter Offering to Fr Seba – with thanks	£1250.59
Good Friday – Upkeep of the Holy Places	£99.00
Baptism Donation	£40.00
Candles	£109.75
Flowers	£22.00
Contactless	£83.00

This week's second collection is for the Maintenance of our Cathedral

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 shootershill@rcaos.org.uk

If you would like to hire our hall on Paget Rise, SE18 3QQ please contact Maggie Rea:
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