



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

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 29th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 30th	10:15am 12 noon	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 31st	--	--
Tuesday 1st	--	--
Wednesday 2nd	--	--
Thursday 3rd	--	--
Friday 4 th	--	--
Saturday 5th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 6th	10:15am 12 noon	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Leprosy Day 2022

World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January every year to raise the awareness of leprosy.

This date was chosen by the French humanitarian, Raoul Follereau, as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi who had great compassion for people with leprosy. Gandhi was assassinated on 30 January 1948.

Leprosy, which is also known as Hansen's disease, is a complex, chronic neglected tropical disease caused by a bacterium, *Mycobacterium leprae*. Leprosy can affect anyone, at any age but 95% of most populations have natural immunity. The remaining 5% become vulnerable, mainly through poor nutrition and living conditions, a lack of clean water and sanitation and a weakened immune system

This year, St Francis Leprosy Guild, is asking the Catholic community to reflect upon and pray for the work of Catholic nuns who dedicate their lives to caring for people with leprosy. Throughout the world, working in remote or impoverished locations, Catholic nuns, with hearts of compassion and dedication, are caring for people with leprosy, visiting those that are alone or isolated and restoring dignity.

In addition to their patron, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, they have the support of Bishop Declan Lang, in his capacity as Lead Bishop on International Affairs.

He has offered to lend his voice to our goal of raising awareness of leprosy within the Catholic Church this year.

"We are inspired by the work that St Francis Leprosy Guild and the sisters carry out in Sri Lanka, and in other countries across the world" said the Right Reverend Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton and Chair of the Department of International Affairs in the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. "In the communities that you support, there must be great loneliness and hardship. I know that the visits and care you provide have a transformative impact on people's lives."

"The Church has a long tradition of supporting our brothers and sisters living with the effects of leprosy. We have a duty to see that they are included and valued." "I am mindful of Pope Francis' call to world leaders last World Leprosy Day, to ensure that people are cured from leprosy and can thrive in their communities. I too hope that the leaders of nations will unite in their efforts to treat those with leprosy and promote their social inclusion." "I share the Holy Father's encouragement to nuns, health workers, and volunteers committed to this work and hope that Catholics in England and Wales will pray for and support their mission. It is through such kindness and generosity that people with leprosy can receive medication, provisions and assistance in the most difficult circumstances."



We remember those who are permanently marked by the disease and all who care for them.
May we follow the example of your Son, Jesus, and St Francis of Assisi and show them love and compassion.

Prayer for people with leprosy from St Francis Leprosy Guild

Lord, we remember the many people around the world afflicted by leprosy.

May we follow the example of your Son, Jesus, and St Francis of Assisi and show them love and compassion.

We pray that they may be freed from the disease and its stigma.

We give thanks for those who have been cured.

We give thanks for every Catholic nun who is caring for people with leprosy.

We pray that you will bless them with all that they need to serve those in their care and sustain them in their mission. Amen.

If you would like to make a donation - <https://stfrancisleprosy.enthuse.com/donate>



Liturgy of the Word

Reading 1	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19	I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations
Psalms	Ps 70: 1-6, 15. 17 r. 15	My lips will tell of your help
Reading 2	1 Cor 12:31-13:13	There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:5	I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me
Gospel	Luke 4:21-30	Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only
Prayers of the Faithful		May your will be done

Racial Justice Sunday - One in Christ: Sunday 13th February 2022



10 am Mass in St George's Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson
Archbishop John Wilson created the Archdiocesan Commission for Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion in 2021, appointing Fr Victor Darlington, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish in Camberwell, as Episcopal Vicar. The primary purpose of the Commission is to engage with the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Southwark, stating the key message of God's love for everyone, and that there is no place for racism in our parishes, schools and churches. Highlights in 2021 have included working with Southwark schools to address racism, alongside the Education Commission, and giving presentations to St Thomas Academy Trust in Birmingham and the Education Commission of Westminster Diocese: this is a vision that will be driven further in the years ahead.

All parishes are invited to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday, and in particular, to give thanks for this new Southwark Commission and their work. It is the aim of the Commission to remind everyone of our Christian vocation to follow Jesus' Great Commandment to 'love one another', and to live as one in our diversity. Clergy and Parishioners are warmly invited to attend 10 am Mass in St George's Cathedral on Racial Justice Sunday, to celebrate the fact that we are all 'One in Christ'.

Cultural Dress is very welcome

Please let the Commission know if you plan to attend: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

View the livestream: <https://youtu.be/62sluHPSblU>

Pray for the Ukraine

Our Archbishop, John Wilson, joined his brother bishops, priests and laypeople at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Family to be in spiritual solidarity with the Ukrainian Catholic Church praying for peace in the Ukraine

The Holy Father called for a day of prayer for peace in Ukraine

Please join him by saying the Our Father now and throughout the day

'May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogued may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interest. Please not more war' - Pope Francis



Information

CONFIRMATION 2022

Our next session in our will be on **Wednesday 2nd February at 7.00 in the hall**

There is also the first meeting for parents on Wednesday 2nd February at 8.00 in the hall

The programme is now closed for registration

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

The next session for our Holy Communion children will be on **Sunday 30th January at 9.00 in the hall**

Help needed

Can anyone help please with the closing of our parish hall after it has been hired out?

It will never be later than 6.30pm on a Saturday evening

If you feel you can help please contact Maggie on 07885 353105

PERSONAL ASSISTANT NEEDED

For a wheelchair user who has Cerebral Palsy every Friday from 9am to 4pm and fortnightly on a Sunday night from 6pm to 11pm. The rate of pay is £10.85ph that increase to £11.05ph next month with 4 weeks holiday and sick pay. The applicant must be flexible to cover holiday and sickness.

The role includes getting the person up, preparing breakfast, helping with medication and eye drops, general assistance with day to day living for example, cooking, going out, help with the computer, a bit of housework, help with looking after three cats and reading to the person as they are partially sighted

Training will be given on the job.

Please contact Joanne Thompsett on 07761975476

Guidance for Churches

Please see the new Guidance for Churches from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on Covid 19 - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/01/Covid19-Guidance-for-Churches-January-2022.pdf> - copy in the porch

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.*

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 the souls of all 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 the 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

23 rd January 2022	
First Collection	£347.16
Second Collection (Pax Christi)	£136.46
Holy Souls	£81.00
Donation towards Wine, Hosts and Candles	£500.00
Total With thanks	£1064.62

This week's second collection is for St Francis Leprosy Guild

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 you

If you would like to hire our hall on Paget Rise, SE18 3QQ please contact Maggie Rea:
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Email: shootershill@rcaos.org.uk



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