



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for June

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

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 28th	11.30 6:30pm	Reconciliation Service for our Confirmandi Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th	10:15am 12.00 noon	World Communications Sunday Mass - David Leahy RIP Mass
Monday 30th	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 31st	10.00am	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass – Chris Dunbar RIP 1st Anniversary
Wednesday 1st	10.00am	Mass – St Justin
Thursday 2nd	10.00am	Mass – Her Majesty the Queen
Friday 3rd	10.00am	Mass – St Charles Lwanga + Companions
Saturday 4th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – Pentecost - Confirmation
Sunday 5th	10:15am 12 noon	Pentecost Sunday – Day of Prayer for the Church Mass Mass

1 st Reading	Acts 7:55-60	I can see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.
Psalm	Ps 96:1-2, 6-7, 9 r.1.9	<i>The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.</i>
2 nd Reading	Apoc 22:12-14, 16-17, 20	Come, Lord Jesus!
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:18	<i>I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and you hearts will be full of joy.</i>
Gospel	John 17:20-26	May they be completely one.
Prayers of the Faithful		Come to us, Father : our hope and our joy

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.



We wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season



Mass to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II at the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass on 28th May 2022 at 12.30 pm to mark the 40th Anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II in May 1982. During the Pope's six-day tour of the UK, he visited the Cathedral to anoint the sick, stating:

"I want you to know how I have looked forward

to this meeting with you, especially with those of you who are sick, disabled or infirm. I myself have had a share in suffering and I have known the physical weakness that comes with injury and sickness."

Archbishop John will also anoint the sick, just as Pope John Paul did 40th years ago. The Cathedral has invited two representatives from each parish to attend the Mass, but all are welcome and the service can also be viewed online. There is also exhibition about the Pope's visit at the Cathedral between 16th - 30th May



Life in the Spirit Seminars

All are warmly invited to prepare for Pentecost with a series of seminars presented jointly by the Archdiocese of Southwark Catholic Charismatic Renewal Team and the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis.

Deepen your understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life by participating in the Life in the Spirit Seminars, organised by the Southwark Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis with the support of the Southwark Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion.

This free seminar series will take place online over five Tuesday evenings between 10th May-14th June 2022 from 8 pm-9.30 pm

In addition, a Pentecost Retreat Day will take place at Aylesford Priory Saturday on 4th June. Places will be limited so booking in advance is essential. Participant's booklet £4.50 incl p&p available from www.godnewsbooks.co.uk

Tuesday 10th May 2022	God's Love	Allegra Mutanda
Tuesday 17th May 2022	Salvation	Michelle Moran
Tuesday 24th May 2022	New Life	Fr Peter Morris
Saturday 4th June 2022	RETREAT DAY (in person)	Fr Paschal Uche
Tuesday 7th June 2022	Growth	Joan Fernandes
Tuesday 14th June 2022	Transformation	Gerard Pomfret
Tuesday 21 June 2022	Bonus Session	Details to be announced

More details from <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk>



Confirmation on Pentecost weekend at the 6.30pm vigil Mass 30 young parishioners will receive the sacrament of Confirmation and we will welcome Fr David O'Malley – Rector of the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB) in the UK to administer the sacrament, along with Brother Steven Lloyd who is in priestly training. The Salesians are a religious congregation in the Catholic Church, founded in the late 19th century by Italian priest Saint John Bosco to help poor children during the Industrial revolution. The Confirmandi spent their retreat day with the Salesians whose mission it is to be signs and bearers of the love of God for young people, especially those who are poor.

Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers as their preparation for this day draws to an end but their faith journey to spread the Good News continues.

Without the dedication of our two Catechists this Confirmation would not have been possible.

Please ask the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament if this is the next obligation in **your** faith journey to fulfil the promises of your Baptism and to take up the call to help your fellow young parishioners in their mission in the years to come

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



7th Sunday of Easter

Queen's Platinum Jubilee The Bishops' Conference establishes that, at all Sunday Masses on 4-5 June 2022, each parish prays for Her Majesty the Queen to mark her Platinum Jubilee by including an intention in the Prayer of the Faithful and by reciting at the end of Mass (after the Prayer after Communion and before the Final Blessing) the *Prayer for the Queen*.

World Meeting of Families The **tenth World Meeting of Families (WMOF)** celebrating family life will take place between June 22-26. Held every three years in a different city across the world each time, the WMOF was originally launched in 1994 by Pope St John Paul II. That year was declared 'International Year of the Family' by the United Nations. Although centred on Rome, the main focus of WMOF 2022 will be on dioceses around the world, each with their own programme of local events taking place in churches across the globe.



Here in the Archdiocese of Southwark, individual deaneries and parishes will be organising their own family-orientated events and celebrations to mark WMOF 2022

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life/the-marriage-and-family-life-team>

Our Repository Very many thanks go to Lyn for volunteering to take over the running of the repository

Job Vacancies

Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education

This is initially a 12 month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position which requires someone with considerable previous secretarial experience and excellent organisational skills. Must be very self-motivated.

Diocesan Central Services Administrator

Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as covering reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities.

Full details of both jobs are available on [The Diocesan website](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) www.rcsouthwark.co.uk or by contacting the [Spirituals Archdiocese of Southwark](mailto:spiritual@rcsouthwark.co.uk)

Also see notice in the **Prayer to St Joseph** who represents Shooters Hill Ward will be holding her surgeries in our parish hall on the 3rd Saturday of the month between 10-11am

God entrusted his only Son; in You Mary placed her trust, 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

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.

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

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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

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

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

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

Collections

May 21 st /22 nd	
1 st collection	£495.99
2 nd collection	£168.65
Holy Souls	£10.00
Flowers	£98.16
Candles	£76.10

This week's second collection is for the World Communications Sunday

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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