



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Fr. Hyacinth Igwenagu Ogbodo CSSp

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Fr. Oliver Ejike Ugwu CSSp

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MASS TIMES:

Daily at 10am

Saturday (Vigil) at 6.30pm

Sunday 10.15 & 12noon

1st Saturday of the month

Devotion/Confessions

ROSARY:

Mon-Fri 9.30am

Sun 9.20am

PARISH TEL:

020 3105 8577

PARISH E-MAIL:

shootershill@rcaos.org.uk

PARISH WEBSITE:

stjoseph-shootershillrcaos.org.uk

OFFICE HOURS:

Wed 10am-1pm

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/StjosephsSH>

MASS INTENTIONS: 22nd March 2025 – 30th March 2025

22/03/2025 Saturday 6.30pm	People of the parish
23/03/2025 Sunday 10.15am	Birthday thanksgiving for Ezimme Esther
23/03/2025 Sunday 12.00noon	Horoton Maria RIP
24/03/2025 Monday 10.00am	People of the parish
25/03/2025 Tuesday 10.00am	Holy souls
26/03/2025 Wednesday 10.00am	Holy souls
27/03/2025 Thursday 10.00am	25th birthday thanksgiving for Tolulope Banjo
28/03/2025 Friday 10.00am	Holy souls
29/03/2025 Saturday 6.30pm	People of the parish
30/03/2025 Sunday 10.15am	People of the parish
30/03/2025 Sunday 12.00pm	People of the parish

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION – MARCH

Families in Crisis Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

1 st reading	Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15	' "I AM " has sent me to you.'
Psalm	Psalm 103(102)1-2.3-4.6-7.8,11. R.8a	The Lord is compassionate and gracious.
2nd reading	1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12	'The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction '
Gospel Acclamation	Mathew 4:17	Repent says the Lord. For the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9	'Unless you repent you all likewise will perish '.

NOTICES

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH It depends on the generosity of all the parishioners to enable the parish to continue and flourish. We encourage parishioners to become involved by volunteering and contributing financially.

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SCHOOL:

Notre Dame Catholic
Primary School
Tel: 020 8854 0585
Website:
www.notredame.greenwich.sch.uk

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

The children's liturgy is suspended due to the hall closure.

COLLECTIONS:

15th/16th March

1st collection: £303.23
2nd collection: £145.13
(CAFOD)

29th/30th March

Hall fund

100 CLUB:

The winner of the February draw is
Ms. Patrycja Anna -CONGRATULATIONS!
The total amount to the parish in
January was £448. **THANK YOU**

PARISH BANK DETAILS:

Name: RCAS Shooters Hill
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account No: 36002445

PARISH NEWSLETTER

To save on printing costs, we only print a double-sided copy of the weekly newsletter. There is a longer version on the parish website with much more information – please take a look.

FR HYACINTH IS ON TRANSFER

We wish to inform our parishioners that Fr. Hyacinth Ogbodo who has been in our parish for six years is on transfer to St. Patrick's Dudley Road Birmingham. He will be replaced as parish priest by Fr. Vincent Nntuanyan who is currently with us. May God bless them as they take up their new assignments.

PATRONAL FEAST

March 19 is the feast day of our patron ST. Joseph. We shall mark it today the 23rd of march with a light refreshment after each mass. We request all parishioners to bring some food and drinks for this event.

Happy feast day to all our beloved parishioners



TEMPORARY PARISH HALL CLOSURE

With great sorrow we would like to inform that St Joseph's hall will be temporarily closed due to worsening wall cracks and falling plaster. The diocese's surveyors have advised it is unsafe to be used. They will assess it, and reopening will be decided later and updated soonest. Health and Safety comes first and the community's safety is paramount. Please inform everyone who uses the hall.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Our second collection this weekend is for Poor Parishes. Thanks for your generosity

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During this period of lent, we shall have stations of the cross every Friday after the morning mass.

REPOSITORY The repository is open after Sunday masses. Please get your sacramentals.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD 7

JUNE 2025. Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centrepiece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). **The event itself is free.** Our parish is putting on a coach for the day itself, so to join our parish coach, please contact shootershill@rcaos.org.uk We shall get back to you on the cost of the coach.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK: Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Sign up today <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

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MASS INTENTIONS

We have very few Mass Intentions in the register for 2025. Please book your masses.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION

A booklet on this has been handed out to us after mass few weeks back. This booklet outlines six key themes for reflection, I appeal to our parishioners to gather in small groups as works best in our community. Please let us come together prayerfully to reflect on these and share your insights with the called to bear fruit team. Thanks to our parishioners who have started meeting.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Our Sunday first collection has been all time low for some time now, we appeal to our parishioners to keep supporting their parish financially.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL is working with Songs of Praise for their Easter programme on Saturday 15 March 2025 from 1-4pm. To apply for free tickets, click here <https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359>

THE SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION will be sending daily reflections during Lent to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus. These reflections will allow us to hear the readings a new, looking at where they resonate in our own lives and how they can draw us nearer to God. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning here [https:// www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/lent2025-reflections/](https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/lent2025-reflections/)

THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE.

A walking pilgrimage for England & Wales for the 2025 Jubilee with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas in Nottingham. Read more <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-pilgrims-of-hope-walking-pilgrimage>

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH will take place from 10th to 18th March 2025 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society's Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are at 10am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11am. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website <https://millhillmissionaries.com/novena/> Evening Prayers at 7pm daily available on Mill Hill Missionaries – YouTube

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is on Friday 14th March. It is a day when we are asked to pray and make a Lenten sacrifice by eating simply and giving

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generously. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Lent is a way for us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' this Jubilee Year, by giving practical help to people affected by war, poverty and climate change, so they can build hope for their future. Collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave Mass to gift aid your donation, or give on the CAFOD website—<https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/virtual-envelope>

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EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish every Sunday, between 9am -10am before the 10.15am Mass.

PARISH LEAD INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parish Lead supports the renewal and growth of their parish by intentionally accompanying the volunteers within their parish. Last year we had online sessions sharing about the role and giving some training. We have now scheduled some further sessions for February 2025 11 February 12:30pm, 12 February 7:30pm, 18 February 12:30pm, 19 February 7:30pm
To sign up click here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/parish-lead-info-sessions>

GIFT AID DONORS

If you have recently started donating via standing order or are putting loose cash into the collection and you are able to gift aid your monthly offering, please complete a gift aid form online on forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Please do not put foreign coins or other tokens in the weekly collection as this causes problems for our counting team and when banking cash.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The charity FoodCycle run a Community Kitchen out of Woolwich Common Community Centre each Friday where they serve a free 3-course meal to anyone who comes in. With large amounts of people in the area struggling to afford food or feeling socially isolated, they find it a really good way to support the community. They are currently looking to get more volunteers to keep the service running.

Prayer for the repose of the boy's soul

We heard about the tragic fatal stabbing of a 14-year-old boy on a Bus in Woolwich this afternoon. Bishop Cutting the Bishop of Woolwich had a

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telephone conversation with Rev Jesse van der Valk Rector of St Mary Magdalene Church in Woolwich. Rev Jesse informed the meeting that his Church will be open tomorrow evening Wednesday 8th January between 7pm and 8pm. All are invited to pray for the repose of the boy's soul and that God in His infinite mercy may comfort and console his grieving family and friends. St Mary Magdalene Church address is 1 Greenlaw Street Woolwich London SE18 5AW

GOVERNOR VACANCY

Christ the King Sixth Forms are currently seeking new volunteers for their Governing Body, particularly applications from practising Catholics. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more information.

CONTACTLESS MACHINE

Recently, the wire to the terminal has been pulled out which means people cannot use it. ***PLEASE DO NOT LET CHILDREN TOUCH THE MACHINE.***

THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is **4th November 2024.**

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are using gift aid envelope numbers 52 or 59, please make yourself known to Mary Gadd (Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator) or email the office.

PARISH DIGITAL TEAM

Our new digital team will manage the Parish's website and digital channels including the new screen displays. We are inviting our young people to join the new digital team. If you have an interest in technology, do join the team by contacting Paddy on 07361-621-953 (WhatsApp) or 07957-143-856 (SMS). You can also contact our Parish Priests or any of the Parish Teams.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH

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The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has re-launched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork



WELCOMERS GROUP

Would anyone like to join our existing Welcoming Group? It is hoped to start a rota again so all Masses during the weekend will have at least 2 people to welcome people, answer queries and **smile** before and after Mass. They will be expected to arrive 15 mins before Mass and leave approx. 15 mins after and have a basic understanding of our parish. **If you feel you can help with this please give your details on the form on the notice board.**

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