



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Fr. Hyacinth Igwenagu Ogbodo CSSp

Assistant Priests:

Fr. Oliver Ejike Ugwu CSSp

Fr. Vincent Nnatuanya CSSp

Parish Secretary:

Miss Vijitha Alfred

Hall Manager:

Mrs Maggie Rea

Tel: 07885 353105

Safeguarding Rep Email:

shootershillsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

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: 21st DECEMBER-29th DECEMBER

21/11/2024 Saturday 6.30pm	People of the parish
22/12/2024 Sunday 10.15am	People of the parish
22/12/2024 Sunday 12noon	People of the parish
23/12/2024 Monday 10am	Holy souls
24/12/2024 Tuesday 6.30pm	Christmas blessings on Parishioners
24/12/2024 Tuesday 11.00pm	Christmas blessings on Parishioners
25/12/2024 Wednesday 10am	Birthday blessings on Noel Ackah
25/12/2024 Wednesday 12noon	Christmas blessings on Parishioners
26/12/2024 Thursday 10am	Holy Souls
27/12/2024 Friday 10am	Holy Souls
28/12/2024 Saturday 6.30pm	Holy Souls
29/12/2024 Sunday 10.15am	People of the Parish
29/12/2024 Sunday 12noon	Holy Souls

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION – DECEMBER

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

1 st reading	Micah 5:2-5a	'From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel'
Psalms	Psalms 80(79):2ac,3b,15-16,18-19 r. v 4	Bring us back O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be served.
2nd reading	Hebrews 10:5-10	'Behold I have come to your will'.
Gospel	Luke 1:38	Behold I am the handmade of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.
Acclamation	Luke 1:39-45	'Why is it granted me to me that the mother of my Lord shall come to me?'

NOTICES

ARE YOU ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS?

Nobody deserves to celebrate Christmas alone.

There will be a Christmas meal with the clergy of the parish for those who will celebrate Christmas alone. If you are interested in this innovation of love, please speak to Fr Hyacinth or any of the clergy. We need volunteers and donations.

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SCHOOL:

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

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

The next session of children's liturgy will
be on Sunday, December 1st during the
10.15am Mass.

COLLECTIONS:

14th/15th December

1st collection: £358.56

2nd collection: £1342.7

28th/29th December

100 CLUB:

The winner of the November draw is
Paddy Anigbo - CONGRATULATIONS!
The total amount to the parish in
November was £406. **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.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Frs. Vincent, Oliver, Hyacinth would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy
Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We also wish to express our profound
gratitude to you, our beloved parishioners for all your Christmas gifts, wonderful
wishes and prayers. May God bless you abundantly

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Please take note of the Masses during the Christmas period: Tuesday 24th Dec. –
Christmas eve -6.30pm, Midnight – 11pm Mass and Wednesday- 25th Dec.
Christmas day— 10.00am & 12.00pm.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6.30pm Tuesday, 24TH DEC

We invite **ALL** children to come to Mass wearing
APPROPRIATE NATIVITY costumes if possible. They will
be asked to come to the front of the church and lead
some hymns telling us the Christmas story. For further
details please contact Esther or Fr Hyacinth

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We shall start the exposition and adoration of the Blessing Sacrament in our
parish every Sunday from Sunday 1st December 2024. This will run between 9am
-10am before the 10.15am Mass.



PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR We are delighted to share that the
Parish Christmas Bazaar was a great success! We collected
£1126.68. We truly appreciate everyone's support and generosity
we wish you all a wonderful and blessed holiday season!

CROSSOVER MASS FOR THE NEW YEAR

There will be a Crossover Mass in our parish on the 31st of December 2024 to
welcome the New Year. The service will start with songs and praises at
11.00pm. There will also be a New Year Mass on the 1st January 2024 at 10.00
am. Everybody is invited.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office is closed for Christmas holidays until January 1st week.
Fr Hyacinth will be away from the parish for the month of January, in his
absence father Vincent will be in charge of the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS We have very few Mass Intentions in the register for 2025.
Do you have a special anniversary/birthday coming up or would you like to
remember a loved one who has passed away? Please complete a Mass intention
envelope back of the church or email the parish office with your intention.

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH DIARY

We want to build up the parish diary for 2025. Could any parish groups or individuals please email the parish office with any dates that you have planned for 2025.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

To all who feel called to join the Roman Catholic Church and to anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, come and join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Sessions of faith sharing, study and prayer. We will explore and discuss the teachings of the Catholic Church and its Tradition. The RCIA programme will commence in the first week of December 2024. If you would like to join this programme, please contact us through the Parish email or speak to Fr Hyacinth or any of the priests.

FROM THE CHURCH SAFEGUARDING TEAM

A gentle reminder to all church volunteers who hold a DBS for their role to please complete the online Safeguarding training by **4th December**. The link to the training was emailed to you individually from the Safeguarding Rep email address shootershill1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT

Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.com.

THE MANNA CENTRE

The parish recently donated £135 from the poor box in the church. The Aviva Community Fund have very kindly offered to MATCH ALL DONATIONS they receive (up to a maximum of £250 per donation) up until Christmas Day. If you would like to make a donation, which will be matched, please donate on their website <https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/>

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A DAY WITH MARY

A Day With Mary is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 14th December (10.15am to 5.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark Diocese, John Wilson. Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/>

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or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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/

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.

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. For more information, go to <https://foodcycle.org.uk/location/foodcycle-woolwich/>

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.

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

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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

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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