



St Joseph's Catholic Church SHOOTERS HILL

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

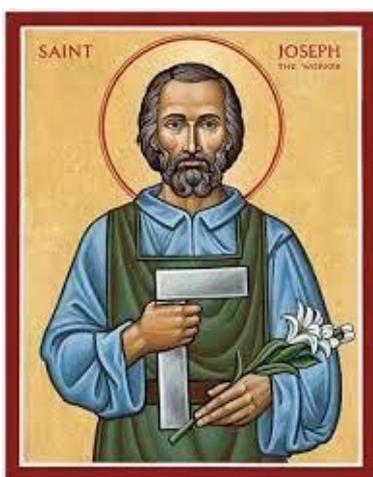
Confessions:

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 | | |
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| Saturday 30th | 6:30pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 1st | 10:15am | Feast of St Joseph the Worker Day of prayer for God's blessing on human work Bob and Cath Gravells - health and wellbeing Confirmandi Service Project Mass |
| | 12.00 noon | Mass |
| | Monday 2nd | 10.00am |
| Tuesday 3rd | 10.00am | Mass – Saints Philip and James |
| Wednesday 4th | 10.00am | Mass – English Martyrs |
| Thursday 5th | 10.00am | Mass |
| Friday 6th | 10.00am | Mass - Saint John Paine |
| Saturday 7th | 6.30pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 8th | 10:15am | World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life Mass |
| | 12 noon | Mass |

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| 1 st Reading | Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 | We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit. |
| Psalm | Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 r. 2 | <i>I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.</i> |
| 2 nd Reading | Apoc 5:11-14 | The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power |
| Gospel Acclamation | Luke 24:32 | <i>Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.</i> |
| Gospel | John 21:1-19 | Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. |
| Prayers of the Faithfull | | Teach me how to be of service |



Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, the dying, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, social justice and working people.

St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker. In 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1.

Pope John Paul II had once said. "Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God,"

There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture but still, we know that he was the chaste husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, a carpenter

and a man who was not wealthy. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

We wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season

Confirmation 2022 – Service Project

The 10.15 Mass today is the Service Project Mass for our Confirmandi. They will present their promises of service in the offertory procession. They have promised to be of more of service to themselves, their family, friends and people around them. They are also deciding on a project that the whole group can do to be of service to others i.e. sponsored event or offering help to those in need.

Priest Training Fund Second Collection 8th May

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 6 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of Church



Ethnic Chaplaincies



The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood invite parishioners to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on **Monday, 2nd May 2022, at 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral** Banner procession starts at 2pm. The Mass will be live streamed. The celebrant is Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. All are kindly invited to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses.

The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Hartley in Kent takes place from **3.30pm on Saturday 7th May 2022** - Justice and Peace for the Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark - Tel no. 020 7928 9742 - Mobile no. 07938 486722

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 and for all the world. Amen.



Mass for new Catholics [Neophytes' Mass]

All those received into the Church at Easter 2022, 2021 and 2020 are very warmly invited to this special Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson at St George's Cathedral **Saturday, 21 May 2022 at 12:30pm**

This event is especially important as it enables all those who have received the Sacraments of Initiation to gather again, but this time for Mass, to receive Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist together.

Godparents, sponsors, relatives, clergy, catechists, parishioners and friends are also invited to attend.

Fr. Seba is going to be away from 19th to 30th of June so there will not be any week day Masses during that period but Father John O'Donoghue has kindly agreed to cover weekend Masses. We are very grateful to him.

Father John is celebrating his 60th anniversary of priesthood at St Thomas More, Bostall Park, Bexleyheath on **4th June at 12 noon**, all our parishioners who wish to join him are very welcome. We will get him a card for us all to sign.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.



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

Parish Sacramental Programmes

CONFIRMATION 2022

Wednesday 4th May – Session 8 – 7.00pm Hall

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Saturday 7th May Rehearsals 12.00 noon - Saturday 14th May 1st Holy Communion 12.00 noon

We wish our children every blessing for their First Holy Communion Day. We pray for them, their families, friends and Catechists on this special day, may be a day to remember by all and be the continuation of their faith journey supported by their parish and loved ones

Both these groups will not be able to continue next year if people do not come forward NOW and walk alongside the Catechists to absorb the programmes. There will not be enough Catechists to facilitate these vital parish procee dings

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 23 rd /24 th | |
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| 1 st collection | £431.87 |
| 2 nd collection - Maintenance of our Cathedral | £104.46 |
| Holy Souls | £20.00 |
| Repository | £25.00 |
| Hall Hire | £90.00 |

This week's second collection is for the Hall Fund

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

Many thanks for your generous Easter offering to Fr Seba

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