

2ND SUNDY IN ORDINARY TIME – PEACE SUNDAY

15th & 16th January 2022



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 15th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass - Trong Le. RIP, Trugen Le. RIP and Vong Le. RIP
Sunday 16th	10:15am 12 noon	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Peace Sunday
Monday 17 th	--	--
Tuesday 18 th	--	--
Wednesday 19 th	--	--
Thursday 20 th	--	--
Friday 21st	--	--
Saturday 22 th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 23rd	10:15am 12 noon	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday of the Word of God

Wedding at Cana

Imagine! Jesus showed up at a wedding. No, I mean really imagine. Imagine the last wedding you went to. Imagine your own wedding. Look back through your album of memories. Where is Jesus? Sitting piously on the side-lines making polite small-talk or up on the dance-floor strutting his stuff, grabbing the mic at the karaoke, and propping up the bar telling jokes ...? It's a good test of who we think Jesus is and what we think we celebrated a few weeks back on December 25 – Emmanuel, God with us, the Word made flesh among us. But Jesus doesn't just turn up at the wedding reception. He shows up every day, in the best of times and the worst. In all the ups and downs, thrills and spills, angry words and hurts, splits and reconciliations that are family life, including all the misunderstandings and tensions that can come between the generations. He shows up when the wells run dry and someone whispers: 'They have no wine'. He shows up when, against all expectations, something shifts and those jars of worthless water provoke the exclamation: 'The best has been saved till last'. Miracles can happen. The interrupted party can be resumed; by grace, of course, but also by our own decision to cultivate trust rather than fear. So what is our response in our lives to Mary's words: 'Do whatever he tells you'? If our default position is hopeless cynicism, then we should fear for our domestic relationships – whatever pledges and promises we once made. Perhaps cynicism is the temptation of the old (or those with hearts prematurely aged by life). That is one special reason why the older ones among us need to listen to the young, as Pope Francis invites us on this Peace Sunday, and to work with them. We need to learn from them how to dream again. We need to hear their anger, too, at injustice, poverty and 'the robbing of their childhood' (as Greta Thunberg put it once) by ecological anxiety. What is true in family life is true also on the world stage. Politics cannot be divorced from these basic dynamics of human relationships. Nor can we, as Christians allow international relations to be left unaffected by our faith. That faith proclaims that we are all one human family living under one Abba Father. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate that even our enemy is our neighbour – and could turn out to be our friend. When Mary says in today's Gospel: 'Do whatever he tells you!' she means it. And what her son tells us is this: live the Beatitudes – be hungry for justice and actively work for peace; love your enemies and do good to those who hate you; break the cycle of violence, as I did on the Cross, and take seriously, mortally seriously! the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill!' That sounds naïve, doesn't it? But we all know that the atmosphere at home depends on our little decisions day by day. Either we choose to live hope-filled lives together, young and old, in friendship, or we are condemned to live together anyway in our resentment and hurt. The same is true of our life as a global family sharing this precious, fragile common home. On this Peace Sunday Pope Francis and our Bishops invite us to educate ourselves about the threats to peace and to our Common Home and to recommit once more to ensuring that all are invited to the great wedding banquet of God's Kingdom – because that's where Jesus put himself, at the heart of the party, rejoicing in human love, renewing our delight in the goodness of life and of each other.

Liturgy of the Word

Reading 1	Isaiah 62:1-5	
Psalm	Ps 95:1-3, 7-10 r. 3	<i>Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples</i>
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	
Gospel Acclamation	John 6:63. 68	<i>Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.</i>
Gospel	John 2:1-11	
Prayers of the Faithfull		<i>Hear our prayer</i>



Peace Sunday

Peace Sunday follows the International World Day of Peace and is celebrated in the parishes of England and Wales on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. In 2022 this falls on 16 January

The theme is taken from [Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace](#):

Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, takes the lead in providing resources for Peace Sunday. Its National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says:

"This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times."

Pax Christi provides parish resources, posters, podcasts, family activities, resources for children and more.

Visit the [Pax Christi website](#) for more.

Prayer

O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 – 18 – 25th January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 as the Octave of Christian Unity, and focused on prayer for church unity. This year's theme is '**We Saw His Star in the East**'. Please see <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/> for further details

Notre Dame School

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed the time together. Everyone at Notre Dame would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. The children came back well prepared for their learning and were pleased to see the staff and each other.

We have put an emphasis on the importance of school uniform, wearing the correct uniform and presenting themselves ready for school and their learning. I am pleased that so many children came in with all of their correct uniform and looked very smart ready to start the new term.

We have a busy half term ahead of us including, class liturgies, STEM workshops for upper Key Stage 2, Stay and Play for Reception, phonics and early reading sessions for EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents and movie nights!

We are excited for the half term ahead and continuing to move the school forward.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Mrs Julie Donnelly our new parish secretary

Julie's office hours will be Tuesday & Thursday 9-11am for the time being

Please send her an email of welcome to shootershill@rcaos.org.uk

Information

CONFIRMATION 2022

We will be Confirming our young people at the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 4th June 2022 - Pentecost weekend.

Any young people (or not so young) of school year 8 and above are most welcome to join us

We will need to see a CATHOLIC Baptism Certificate along with proof of receiving 1st Holy Communion.

Our next session in our will be on **Wednesday 19th January at 7 o'clock in the parish hall**

After that date the programme will be closed for registration

As normal, we are asking people for help to enable us to provide this programme.

Pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament and listen to see if the Lord is calling you to help, if so please contact Mary 07985 360960 or Fr Seba

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

The next session for our Holy Communion children will be on **Sunday 23rd January at 9.00 o'clock in the parish hall**

Please keep both groups of young people, their families and their Catechists in your prayers

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Our next meeting will on **Wednesday 26th January at 7.00 o'clock in the presbytery**

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



St. George's



Young Adults Group for 20s & 30s

Spring Series: Faith and Reason

13 Jan, 27 Jan, 3 Feb, 17 Feb, 3 Mar, 17 Mar, 31 Mar
Eucharistic Adoration

20 January: From science to God
Fr Matthew O'Gorman

10 February: What makes humans unique?
Fr Francis Murphy

24 February: Jesus Christ- Why follow Him?
Fr Dermott O'Gorman

10 March: The Church: Christ with us today
Rev Mark Wharton

24 March: Hard questions
Dr Pia Matthews

7 April: Prayer in a busy world
Fr Gerard Bradley

6:30pm on above dates at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark

Talk or prayer followed by pub/social

www.stgeorges.org.uk

HOLY MICHAEL PRAYER



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.

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

**Hiring our hall**

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

9 th January 2022	
First Collection	£478.20
Second Collection (Hall Fund)	£131.93
Flowers	£68.00
Candles	£84.21
Repository	£20.00
Total With thanks	£782.34

This week's second collection is for the Church Hall Fund

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

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