

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

25th & 26th December 2021



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

The week ahead

Saturday 25 th	10:15am	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 26 th	10:15am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Monday 27 th	10am	St John, the Apostle
Tuesday 28 th	10am	The Holy Innocents
Wednesday 29 th	10am	5 th Day of Christmas Octave, St Thomas a Becket
Thursday 30 th	10am	6 th day of Christmas Octave
Friday 31 st	10am	7 th Day of Christmas Octave
Saturday 1 st	6:30pm	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday 2 nd	10:15am 12pm	2 nd Sunday after Christmas

Confessions:

Fr Seba is available to hear confessions. Please call the Parish office (020 3105 8577) to book your appointment.



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



The Nativity of the Lord

Just a little donkey, but on my back I bore
the one and only Saviour the world was waiting for.
Just a little donkey, but I was strong and proud;
I gladly carried Mary through the chaos of the crowd.
I brought her to a stable where she made a tiny bed...
a place for Baby Jesus to lay his little head.
I pray the world remembers that special Christmas night,
when just a little donkey carried Heaven's precious light.

*Just a little donkey
Unknown*



Liturgy

Christmas Eve Nativity of the Lord

First Reading: - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 88(89):2-5, 27, 29 – I will sing forever of your love, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation: - Morning star, radiance of eternal light, sun of justice, come and enlighten those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Gospel: - Luke 1:67-79

Christmas Vigil

First Reading: - Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 88(89):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Second Reading: - Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel Acclamation: - Tomorrow there will be an end to the sin of the world and the saviour of the world will be our King.

Gospel: - Matthew 1:1-25

Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord

First Reading: - Isaiah 9:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 95(96):1-3, 11-13

Second Reading: - Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: - I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord

Gospel: - Luke 2:1-14

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

First Reading: - 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 83(84):2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Second Reading: - 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel Acclamation: - Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Gospel: - Luke 2:41-52

Wishing our parishioners and community a joyous
and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year. May
this season bring love and happiness to all!



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.** Details of the course and registration will be available throughout **December** after 10.15am Mass or contact Father Seba for a registration form. Dates of the programme will be available soon. The first session will be on **Wednesday 5th January 2022** in the parish hall at 7.00 for **Confirmandi only**. It is vitally important that all the programme is completed. The sessions will not be every week so there will be plenty of time to fit it in between exams and schoolwork. 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 for help, if so, please contact Mary 07985 360960 or Fr Seba. Whilst recognising the important of parents and relations on a young person faith journey it is not suitable for them to be engaged as catechists in the programme. Their role is to journey with their young people and to continue their calling as the first educators of the faith. There will be 3 sessions for parents/guardians during the programme.

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



Fr Seba away

Fr Seba will be away from 3rd January until 15th February. Fr John will be looking after the parish in his absence.



Saint of the day

St Stephen



Patron Saint of deacons, altar servers, stonemasons and headaches

Stephen is described as "a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5) who is one of the first seven deacons of the Church, ordained into Holy Orders by the very hands of the Apostles to assist them in their priestly ministry. Stephen was "full of grace and power" and performed "great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8). But his success provoked jealousy and hatred among his former fellow Jews, who slandered and distorted his words so grievously that Stephen was arrested by the Sanhedrin. What the Jewish leaders could not accomplish by argument, they would accomplish by force. Stephen gave a long and impassioned speech to the Jewish Council explaining how his belief in Christ fulfilled God's plans for the Jews as foretold by Abraham and Moses and as embodied in Solomon's temple. As Stephen's words poured out, they spilled like fuel on his enemies' burning rage. Stephen's death was not the result of a pogrom or mob violence. The Acts of the Apostles describes it as a quasi-judicial capital case presided over by Jewish authorities, perhaps in the power vacuum between Pontius Pilate leaving Palestine and the replacement governor's arrival.

Liturgical Colour: **Red**

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 all the souls of 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.

Request

Please can you bring in your used stamps from your letters and Christmas cards. Please pop them in the box at the back of the church. They will be collected by a charity.

Collections

19 th December 2021	
First Collection	£430.76
Second Collection (Hall Fund)	£52.78
Total	£483.54

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 tick the 'Gift Aid' box. God bless, Ave Maria.

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.

Hiring our hall

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