

9th/10th April 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 9 th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 10 th Palm Sunday	10:15am 12 noon	Masses will start in the hall in memorial of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem Health and wellbeing of Veronica Hartigan Grace & Ben - engagement blessings
Monday 11 th	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 12 th	10.00am	Mass – Adoration - Confession
Wednesday 13 th Spy Wednesday	11.30am	Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, SE1 6HR
Thursday 14 th Maunder Thursday	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of Feet – Watching
Friday 15 th Good Friday	10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross – Confession Solemn Liturgy of the Passion – Confession
Saturday 16 th Holy Saturday	10.00 7.30pm	7 Words of Jesus The Easter Vigil
Sunday 17 th Easter Sunday	10:15am 12 noon	The Resurrection of the Lord Julia Stopp

Liturgy of the Word

Procession	Luke 19:28-40	Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Reading 1	Isa 50:4-7	I did not cover my face against insult—I know I shall not be shamed.
Psalm	Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 r. 2	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Reading 2	Phil 2:6-11	He humbled himself, but God raised him high
Gospel Acclamation	Phil 2:8-9	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Gospel	Luke 22:14–23:56	The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
Prayers of the Faithful		Hear our prayer

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday the faithful will receive palm fronds, representing the palm branches which the crowd scattered in front of Christ as he rode into Jerusalem, and they will be carried in a ritual procession into church. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory. The palms are blessed and can be fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion and kept in bibles or prayers books for the coming year

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter



Triduum



The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum— The Easter Triduum is the holiest season of the Church year as we gather to celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Silence is used by the Church to remind us of the reverent awe appropriate during these most holy days. At the conclusion of the Mass on Holy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament will be processed to the repository.

We depart from Mass on Holy Thursday in silence, remembering the impending arrest and Passion of our Lord. On Good Friday, we gather and depart in silence in commemoration of the Lord's Passion. Finally, we gather in silence for the Easter Vigil, in joyful expectation of the Resurrection. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

Mass of the Lord's Supper

When we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper we remember the moment when Jesus instituted both the Eucharist and the ministry of the priesthood in his Church.

The tone of the liturgy reflects the tone of the event it celebrates, the Lord's Last Supper. It is the sombre tone of an intimate gathering of Jesus with his disciples; a gathering that Jesus knows is also a moment of farewell.

Jesus surprises his disciples. He get up from table and begins himself to wash the feet of his disciples. He himself take on the gesture of the ritual cleansing of the feet of those who are with him at table.

This farewell gesture of Jesus with his disciples sets a pattern that explains who Jesus is. Jesus is the one who humbles himself so that we can have life. Tomorrow in the Liturgy of Good Friday we will accompany Jesus further on this path of giving himself up for us, through his total self-giving on the Cross.

In washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus teaches us that being "Lord and Master" is not about power or money or popularity, or the ability to exploit people, much less about trying to control others through violence or extortion. Being a Christian means that through our lives we proclaim that "God is love".



Good Friday of the Lord's Passion



"It is accomplished; and bowing his head he gave up his spirit."

Today the whole Church mourns the death of our Saviour. This is traditionally a day of sadness, spent in fasting and prayer.

Good Friday is the one day in the year that no Masses are celebrated. In remembrance of Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross, we gather for a Communion service and to Venerate the Holy Cross.

Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59, unless fasting jeopardizes your health (for example, pregnant or nursing mothers, those with chronic illness like diabetes, etc.). When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well

as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. All Catholics from age 14 onwards should abstain from eating meat.

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter is the feast of feasts, the pure joy and gladness of all Christians.

In the very centre of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivalled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: "This is the day which the Lord has made." Throughout

the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.





Chrism Mass

at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, SE1 6HR at 11.30 am Maundy Thursday

(the 53 bus will take you directly outside the Cathedral)

During the service, the Archbishop John Wilson will bless and consecrate oils that will be used for anointing during the administration of sacraments - outward signs of inward grace - throughout the Diocese during the coming year.

The three oils are: The Oil of the Sick (oleum infirmorum), The Oil of Catechumens (oleum catechumenorum / oleum sanctorum), The Oil of Chrism, or Holy Chrism (sacrum chrisma) The first two oils will be used for anointing the sick (oleum infirmorum), and catechumens receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this Easter; both are plain olive oil which is blessed.

The Oil of Chrism consists of olive oil mixed with balsam - an aromatic resin - which the Archbishop will breathe on to invoke the Holy Spirit, and which will be duly consecrated using these words:

"May this oil be the Chrism of Salvation for those born of again of water and the Holy Spirit and may it make them partakers of eternal life and sharers of heavenly glory. Through Christ our Lord."

This special oil will be used in the anointing of those receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation or Ordination, including the anointing of a new Bishop.

The Chrism Mass is also when the priests renew their promises of ordination to serve God and his people.

The service is one of the most solemn and beautiful to take place during the year, and it offers an opportunity for clergy, religious and laity from all parishes in the diocese to join together in prayer.

These oils blessed at our Cathedral (our Mother Church) will be presented to our parish at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday

We wish you and yours a Blessed Triduum and Easter Season

Farewell, Many Blessings and Thanks

to Phil Pinnington as he, and his wife Michelle, move to pastures green. Phil has been in our parish for over 20 years and has worked *very hard* in various rôles including leading the choir and being the Chair of the Steering and Finance Committees, plus stepping in to many jobs to do with maintenance and health and safety, whilst remaining friendly and cheerful. He will be a great lost to our community **and all his rôles will need to be filled by other people** but more importantly his absence will create a void for the many people who have had the pleasure to know and work with Phil for several years. Keep in touch please Phil !!

If you would like to sign a card to thank Phil for all he has done please see Josephine

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.

Notre Dame School Primary School

It was so good this term to see the children attending the parish Mass on Tuesday mornings. The children were superb ambassadors for the school taking part in the Mass with such concentration and reverence.

Thank you for your support for Notre Dame Catholic Primary School and please keep us in your prayers.

**The staff, pupils and governors wish all members of the parish of St Joseph's
a happy, holy and peaceful Easter**

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

Please remember that Easter is one of the two occasions (Christmas is the other one) when your offerings are given to the clergy. Like all Catholic Clergy, Fr Seba does not receive a salary to rely on – please give generously – envelopes are available at the back of the church

	2 nd /3 rd April
First Collection	£673.44
Second Collection <small>Hall Fund</small>	£190.49
Holy Souls	£13.00
Candles	£119.91
Hall Hire	£80.00
Repository	£10.00
Flowers	£22.00

If you would like to hire our hall on Paget Rise, SE18 3QQ please contact Maggie Rea:
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**This week's second collection is for the Hall Fund
Good Friday's collection will be for the upkeep of
the Holy Places**

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



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