

# 5th Sunday of Lent

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2nd	6:30pm	Vigil Mass - Mary Anne Jeyamani RIP
Sunday 3rd	10:15am 12 noon	<b>5th Sunday of Lent – 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny</b> Alexandra RIP–mother of Elena–grandmother of Anton
Monday 4th	10.00	Saint Isidore
Tuesday 5th	10.00	St Vincent Ferrer
Wednesday 6th	10.00	RIP Bishop Robert Coffin 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bishop of Southwark 1885
Thursday 7th	10.00	Saint John Baptist de la Salle
Friday 8th	7.00pm	
Saturday 9th	6:30pm	
Sunday 10th	10:15am 12 noon	<b>Palm Sunday</b> – Masses will start in the Hall Health and wellbeing of Veronica Hartigan Grace & Ben - engagement blessings

## Liturgy of the Word

Reading 1	Isa 43:16-21	See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink
Psalm	Ps 125 r.3	<b><i>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad</i></b>
Reading 2	Phil 3:8-14	Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ
Gospel Acclamation		<b><i>Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus</i></b>
Gospel	John 8:1-11	If there is one among you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her
Prayers of the Faithful		<b><i>Hear our prayer</i></b>

## The Knights of St Columba



The Knights of Saint Columba is an organised body of Lay Catholic men, one of the largest of its kind in Great Britain, whose purpose is to support the Holy See and the mission of the Holy Catholic Church.

The Knights perform a variety of good works to support the Clergy, Pro-life and help those in our community and overseas, that are less fortunate than ourselves. They have produced a new recruitment video which captures the essence of their work and seeks to galvanise a place in the heart of each parish that in which they serve.

To find out more please watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvqkVtIKUek>

We are pleased to welcome the Knights of St Columba to our parish this Sunday at 10.15 Mass to explain more about the Knights and present a recruitment drive for prospective members from our parish.

They will also have their new officers installed during the Mass. The installation is a pledge of commitment by the new officers to diligently serve the other for the next one year.

Our Readings and Prayers of the Faithful will be read by the Knights at this Mass

Please speak with them if you feel you could become a Knight of St Columba

## Lent

Lent is a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It's a time when we can prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's death. Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection. The six-week period is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for this great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum.



## Message from His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2022

Pope Francis has released his annual message, reflecting on St Paul's epistle to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up" (6:9-10).

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/20211111-messaggio-quaresima2022.html>

**Please see the poster at the back of the church for services in our church for Holy Week and Easter**

## "COME HOME"



Do you have a friend or family member who hasn't been back to Mass since the March 2020 lockdown?

Have you been praying for someone you know who has drifted from practising their Catholic faith? Free cards are available at the back of the church which can be used to issue a personal invitation back to Mass or any of the Holy Week and Easter services. Just take one and fill in your own details, and then hand/post to the person you think might need to hear those words of encouragement: **"come home!"**

## Prayer for 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. **Please donate to <https://cafod.org.uk/donations>**



## The Synod



Pope Francis has asked the whole Catholic Church worldwide to engage in a process of discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This process is called a synod. It involves everyone in the Church - clergy, religious, and lay Catholics, each participating according to the gifts and charisms of their vocation.

The word 'synod' comes from two Greek words 'sun' meaning together and 'hodos' meaning way. The English word synod, therefore, means making our way together, journeying together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The Synodal Process we are undertaking is guided by a fundamental question:

How does 'journeying together' take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? And, what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? (PD 2)

We are very grateful to John Woodcock and Ivanhoe Norona for being our representatives at this Synod

Please see the Diocesan Synthesis on our website <https://www.stjoseph-shootershillrcaos.org.uk/announcements>

For more information please visit <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/synod/>

**Please pray daily for the success of this Synod – it is an opportunity for all our voices to be heard**

## Parish Sacramental Programmes

### CONFIRMATION 2022

The next session in our will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 – 7<sup>th</sup> session followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents' meeting at 8.00 in the hall**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

The next session will be on **Sunday 25th April at 9.00 – 15<sup>th</sup> session – in the hall**

**Please keep both groups, their parents, family and their catechists in your prayers during their preparation and beyond**

**Both these groups will not be able to continue next year if people do not come forward NOW and walk alongside the Catechists to learn. There will not be enough Catechists to facilitate. Please pray this does not happen and for the continued vibrancy of your parish**

## Your Parish Needs You!!!



**What gift do you have that you could you share with your parish?**

**Do you know of an architect that could help with re designing the layout for our hall?**

**Do you know of a company that would be interested in building a brick wall?**

**Could you help with the maintenance of our church?**

**Could you help clean the church?**

**Could you become a welcomer at each Mass?**

Please give your details by emailing [shootershill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk) or speaking to Fr Seba

**MANY THANKS to the two people who have volunteered to take up vital rôles in our parish, you are so greatly appreciated BUT WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO RUN THE 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.

## General 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](mailto: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](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk)

### Collections

26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	
First Collection	£447.03
Second Collection <small>Hall Fund</small>	£131.08
Donation for our Paschal Candle <small>with grateful thanks</small>	£86.00
Baptism Candle	£5.00
Hall Hire	£90.00
RCAS donation	£40.00

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](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk)

**Our grateful thanks go to Julie Donnelly, our parish secretary, for bring our accounts up to date  
They are posted on the notice board**

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