

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

16th/17th 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.

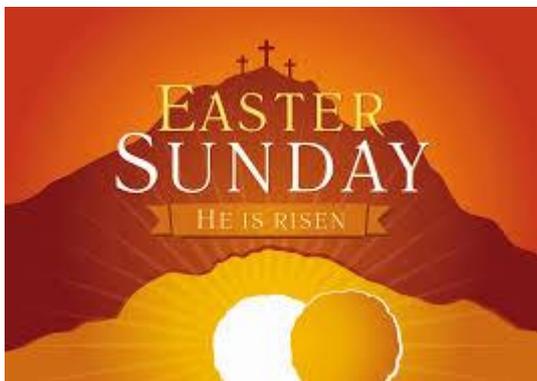


Lectionary Cycle - Sunday - Year C - Weekday - Cycle II		
Saturday 16th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 17th	10:15am	Julia Stopp
Easter Sunday	12 noon	Jidenna & Onyinye – Birthday Thanksgiving
Monday 18 th	-	Octave of Easter week
Tuesday 19th	10.00am	Mass
Wednesday 20th	10.00am	Mass
Thursday 21st	10.00am	Mass
Friday 22nd	10.00am	Mass
Saturday 23rd	1.30pm	Marriage of Matilda and Dominic – God's Blessings
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 24th	10:15am	Uche Chijioike – Thanksgiving and God's protection
	12 noon	

Liturgy of the Word

Reading 1	Acts 10: 34. 37-43	We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.
Psalm	117: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 r. 24	<i>This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.</i>
Reading 2	Col 3: 1-4	You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.
Sequence		Victimae paschali laudes Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise
Gospel Acclamation	1 Cor 5:7-8	<i>Alleluia, alleluia</i> <i>Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;</i> <i>let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord.</i> <i>Alleluia, alleluia</i>
Gospel	John 20: 1-9	He must rise from the dead
Prayers of the Faithful		<i>Hear us we prayer</i>

Easter Sunday



On the third day after his Crucifixion and Death, after the Shabbat, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. They found the tomb empty and the stone rolled away and they proclaimed: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said....". (Mt. 28:6).

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the

unleavened bread and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed.

The Resurrection of Christ is the fruit of his perfect obedience to God's will. St Paul write: "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:8-11).

Easter Season/Eastertide

Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter.

Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach (פסח) and the holiday of Shavu'ot (שבועות). In the Jewish tradition, the 49 days between these holidays are known as Counting of the Omer (ספירת העומר).

The first eight days constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. Every day in the Octave of Easter is so important that it is treated as a continuation of Easter Sunday itself. For that reason, no fasting is allowed during the Octave of Easter (since fasting has always been forbidden on Sundays), and on the Friday after Easter, the normal obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays is waived.

The Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday. The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day of Eastertide (a Thursday). The nine days from that feast until the Saturday before Pentecost (inclusive) are days of preparation for the Holy Spirit to descend again

For the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further, until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost.

Many thanks

to all who have help to make our Holy Week and Easter services wonderful. Thanks to the Altar Servers, the readers, the extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the choir, the sacristans, the flower arranger, church cleaners, Peter for the gardening and covering the Crucifix and images, along with his many other roles the MCs and to everyone one else not listed but especially to all who have participated in all our services reverently and pray fully – THANK YOU

We wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season

Congratulations

to Father Michael Branch, present parish priest of St Peter the Apostle in Woolwich, has accepted the role of Dean of St George's Cathedral which will be effective from September. We wish him every blessing for his future ministry

Rev. Victor Darlington accepted the role of Episcopal Vicar for the South East, as Bishop Patrick Lynch has retired, and will take up this role in September.

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 or Maggie

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 the parish of St Joseph's a happy, holy and peaceful Easter Season**

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 in the porch

Welcome back to our Altar Servers

and well done to the young people who have taken up this ministry and particularly to those who are willing to train the younger servers. Also very many thanks to Noel and John who have very kindly taken up the task of helping the young people to move their ministry forward. Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion can join our servers. It is a brilliant way to get your child to get more involved with the services which leads to a better understanding of their faith. Please see Fr Seba, Noel or John for further details

Altar Servers Rally 2022 Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. We are delighted Archbishop John Wilson is the principal celebrant. As usual servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and those already in the Guild may renew their promises. The annual rally gives the servers a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the Church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith, so helping to build God's kingdom. Please see poster in the porch

CAFOD

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

Parish Sacramental Programmes

CONFIRMATION 2022

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

The next session will be on **Sunday 25th April at 9.00 – 15th 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

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 9 th /10 th	
First Collection	£504.73
Second Collection <small>Hall Fund</small>	£165.91
Hall Hire	£60.00
Repository	£15.00
Flowers	£22.00

**This week's second collection is for the Hall Fund
Next Sunday – Maintenance of our Cathedral**

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

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