

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th & 29th August 2021



St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

The week ahead

Saturday 28 th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 29 th	10:15am 12 noon	Joseph Nguen Thang (10:15am) Pradeep, Reshma, Reevean Menezes - Thanksgiving Mass (12pm)
Monday 30 th	10am	Mass
Tuesday 31 st	10am	Mass
Wednesday 1 st	10am	Mass
Thursday 2 nd	10am	Mass
Friday 3 rd	10am	Mass
Saturday 4 th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 5 th	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass } 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever have doubts? Is your faith sometimes a bit shaky? Don't forget that those disciples who knew Jesus, who listened to his teaching, walked away. If those who actually met Jesus left him, then it is not surprising that those of us who have "not seen and yet believe" have periods of doubt and uncertainty, or even times when we also "walk away" from Jesus.

Following Jesus is not a one-off event: it's an ongoing commitment to follow his example and live out his teachings in our daily lives. All of us know, deep down, that the material things of this world can never truly satisfy the deepest spiritual longings of our heart – to love and to be loved – the route to inner peace. When we see the world as Jesus sees it, our rather humdrum, predictable life becomes filled with hope and surprise.

We either follow the crowd or follow Jesus. In Jesus we find our home – and he finds his home in us.



"Jesus is our hope. Nothing - not even evil or death - is able to separate us from the saving power of his love."

Pope Francis

*Follow Jesus
By Paul Higginson*

Information

COVID-19

As from **Sunday 5th September 2021**, following the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, we are pleased to announce that our Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will return to their ministry. We will not be required to social distance so the black and yellow tape on the pews will be removed. Tea and coffee will also be served after the 10.15am Mass on Sunday mornings.

Whilst we welcome this relaxation, please also be aware of your personal responsibilities. Remember to continue to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church and, if possible, please still wear a mask. Ventilation is vitally important so the doors of the church may be left open. Please hold any conversations outside of the church building where possible.

New Pews

Fr Seba has a very kind benefactor that has offered to buy new pews for our parish, which has been very overdue for many years. To the organisers of services in our church it is 'a dream come true'.

Six designs have been selected but the final one chosen will be up to **YOU**. All parishioners are entitled to get one vote. Pictures and the means of selection will be in the hall from Sunday 5th September. The voting will continue for a couple of weeks.

100 Club

As we all know St Joseph's – Shooters Hill relies heavily on the generosity of your good selves and, due to the pandemic, collections have fallen dramatically. To try and raise some much-needed funds we are going to resume our 100 Club. This means we need 100 people (or as many as we can get) to buy a number each month for £10.00 and that number will go in a draw. If your number is selected, you will win £200.00, with the rest of the money going into Church funds. For this to be a success, we will need **YOU** to participate. More information will be available shortly.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme 2022

If you have children in year 3 or above at school who have not make their First Holy Communion, please remember to register them using the online form on our website: - <https://www.stjoseph-shootershillrcaos.org.uk/first-holy-communion>

Please enter all the information requested. Please also have a digital copy of your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate ready (a scanned copy or a photograph). It is part of the registration, and you will need to upload it before submitting the form. If you have any questions, please email shootershillwebsite@rcaos.org.uk.

Saint of the day

The Passion of St John the Baptist



Saint John the Baptist's head was, indeed, the wage rendered by an older man for the satisfaction of watching a young girl dance at his birthday party. More remotely, however, John's beheading was not caused by a suggestive dance. He paid with his head for poking the bear. John denounced King Herod Antipas, to his face, for divorcing his lawful wife and taking as his own Herodias, his sister-in-law, the wife of his still living half-brother Philip. Herod is to John the Baptist what Pilate is to Jesus. Neither Herod's nor Pilate's first choice was to order an execution. But cowardice and fear coalesced until commanding the death of an innocent man was more expedient than braving the ridicule and threats of subordinates. According to Saint Mark, "Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man...When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him". "[Herod] was deeply grieved" that he had to order John's death. But he didn't have to. If he were truly grieved, he could have stood up amid the happy crowd, said "I made a stupid promise which I now regret," and granted Salome (her name is not found in the Bible) some other handsome gift instead of a blood-splattered plate. Herod beheaded a man to save face, to avoid embarrassment, and to avoid having to say, "I made a mistake."

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 their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

Music

As you all know, due to the pandemic, we had to close the church. On reopening, numbers were limited, and we were not allowed to have live music. For the last two weeks, at the 10:15am Sunday Mass, it has been a joy to welcome back the choir. Thank you to Phiona, Josephine, Tina, Phil and the children for returning and helping to slowly bring things back to some semblance of 'normal'.

Invitation

PLEASE come and join us on Sunday 5th September in the hall after to 10.15 Mass to have a cup of tea/coffee/juice, catch up with the conversation that we have all missed/join our 100 CLUB and make sure you have your vote of our new pews. Of course, the information will be there for anyone that attends the other Masses over the weekends

Collections

22 nd August 2021	
First Collection	£527.65
Second Collection (Hall Fund - Separate)	£94.63
Flowers	£81
Total	£703.28

If you cannot attend mass, please visit our [website](#), and click the **Donate** button, or scan the code with your phone, which will take you to our website (all details below). If you are a taxpayer, please remember to tick the 'Gift Aid' box. God bless Ave Maria



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