



# 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 5th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 6th	10:15am 12 noon	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Holy Souls</b>
Monday 7th	--	--
Tuesday 8th	--	International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking
Wednesday 9th	--	--
Thursday 10th	--	--
Friday 11th	--	World Day for the Sick
Saturday 12th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 13th	10:15am 12 noon	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Racial Justice Sunday

## Liturgy of the Word

Reading 1	Isa 6:1-8	Here I am, send me
Psalm	Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 r. 1	<b>Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord</b>
Reading 2	1 Cor 15:1-11	I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed
Gospel Acclamation	John 15: 15	<b>I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father</b>
Gospel	Luke 5:1-11	They left everything and followed him
Prayers of the Faithful		

## International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking

Every year, on February 8th, we are asked to observe the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Caritas Internationalis is co-organising and participating in the eighth edition of the **International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking in Persons**. On this day, the Catholic Church celebrates the liturgical memory of **Saint Bakhita**, a Canossian sister from Sudan who, as a child, was kidnapped and enslaved, becoming the universal symbol of the Church's commitment against trafficking.

This year will focus on the theme **The Power of Care – Women, Economics, Human Trafficking** – the member organisations are committed to raising awareness on the issue of trafficking, promoting collaboration, networking and advocacy, and amplifying the voice of women, who survived the trafficking. According to the **United Nations statistics** on trafficking in persons ("2020 UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons"), women and girls account for 72 per cent of trafficking victims, a percentage that increases dramatically when "trafficking for sexual exploitation" is included.

"Pope Francis – quotes **Aloysius John, Secretary-General of Caritas Internationalis** – said that human trafficking is a crime, and Caritas Internationalis joins the Holy Father in denouncing this injustice towards these innocent people and will address with determination the root causes of human trafficking. Caritas Internationalis will continue to receive, defend and accompany these migrants, especially at this moment of the pandemic. In joining this event, Caritas also supports this year's theme, which focuses on "power care" with a special focus on women. They are the first victims of human trafficking. Caritas also acknowledges the capacity of these women to be resilient and capable of taking their destiny into their own hands"

All indicators show that the COVID-19 pandemic has also increased the "business" of trafficking in persons, fostering the opportunities and socio-economic mechanisms behind this scourge: it has exacerbated the situations of vulnerability in which women and girls, those most at risk, already found themselves.

Human trafficking is modern slavery, translating into forced labour, marriage, prostitution, and organ removal. The United Nations estimates that between 20 and 40 million people fall victim to this modern slavery nowadays. Please light a candle or say a prayer on this day and raise awareness about the issue  
Caritas Internationalis - <https://www.caritas.org/>

Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born around 1869 in the village of Olgossa in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was a member of the Daju people and her uncle was a tribal chief. Due to her family lineage, she grew up happy and relatively prosperous. Sometime in February 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. For the next 12 years she would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times. She spent so much time in captivity that she forgot her original name. Eventually she placed her in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice. While she was in the custody of the sisters, she came to learn about God. According to Josephine, she had always known about God, who created all things, but she did not know who He was. The sisters answered her questions. She was deeply moved by her time with the sisters and discerned a call to follow Christ. When her mistress returned from Sudan, Josephine refused to leave. This caused the superior of the institute for baptismal candidates among the sisters to complain to Italian authorities on Josephine's behalf. The case went to court, and she was declared free. For the first time in her life, Josephine was free and could choose what to do with her life. She chose to remain with the Canossian Sisters. She was baptized on January 9, 1890 and took the name Josephine Margaret and Fortunata. (Fortunata is the Latin translation for her Arabic name, Bakhita). She also received the sacraments of her first Holy Communion and Confirmation on the same day. These three sacraments are the sacraments of initiation into the Church and were always given together in the early Church. The Archbishop who gave her the sacraments was none other than Giuseppe Sarto, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, who would later become Pope Pius X.



## Racial Justice Sunday - One in Christ: Sunday 13th February 2022



10 am Mass in St George's Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson  
Archbishop John Wilson created the Archdiocesan Commission for Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion in 2021, appointing Fr Victor Darlington, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish in Camberwell, as Episcopal Vicar. The primary purpose of the Commission is to engage with the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Southwark, stating the key message of God's love for everyone, and that there is no place for racism in our parishes, schools and churches. Highlights in 2021 have included working with Southwark schools to address racism, alongside the Education Commission, and giving presentations to St Thomas Academy Trust in Birmingham and the Education Commission of Westminster Diocese: this is a vision that will be driven further in the years ahead.

All parishes are invited to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday, and in particular, to give thanks for this new Southwark Commission and their work. It is the aim of the Commission to remind everyone of our Christian vocation to follow Jesus' Great Commandment to 'love

one another', and to live as one in our diversity. Clergy and Parishioners are warmly invited to attend 10 am Mass in St George's Cathedral on Racial Justice Sunday, to celebrate the fact that we are all 'One in Christ'.

Cultural Dress is very welcome.

Please let the Commission know if you plan to attend: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

View the livestream: <https://youtu.be/62sluHPSbIU>

## A day with Mary

The next days will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham, SE9 4ST on 12<sup>th</sup> February and St Anselm, Dartford DA1 2HJ on 26<sup>th</sup> February

Starting at 9.30 with an Entry Procession of our Lady and finishing at 5.00 after Benediction and enrolments of the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal – Please see poster in the porch with a list of other dates and venues

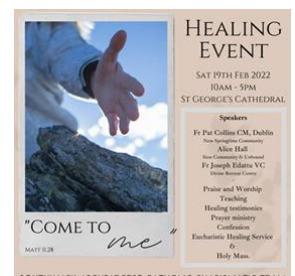
## "Come to Me"

**Day of Healing at St George's Cathedral, Southwark - Saturday 19th February between 10 am-5 pm**

All are warmly invited to a healing event that has been organised by the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic Team.

The day will incorporate praise and worship, teaching, healing testimonies, prayer ministry, Confession, a Eucharistic Healing Service with the operation of charisms and Holy Mass.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/events>



## Information

### CONFIRMATION 2022

Our next session in our will be on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00 in the hall**  
**Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> Enrolment Mass 10.15am in the Church**

**The programme is now closed for registration**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

The next session will be on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 in the hall**

**Both of these programmes are in need of your help. The Catechists are committed to their tasks and work very hard but this level cannot be sustained. If the work is shared by more people it becomes less demanding.**

**PLEASE pray and ask God how you can help with these programmes. You may be surprised at the answer!!**

**Please speak to any of the Catechists of offer help and find out just how rewarding it is to walk with our young people as they take their next steps in their faith journey**

## Your Parish

Like all Parishes ours needs people to function. It **CANNOT** be left to the same few people doing all the work to keep it going. If you feel you can give a small amount of time to your parish with regards to welcoming people into your church, singing in your choir, taking the collection at Mass, cleaning your church, joining your Finance Committee, joining your Safeguarding Team or helping to set up our Parish Council – the tasks are endless and all of them need **YOUR** help. Please give your details by emailing [shootershill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk) MANY THANKS

## Personal Assistant

For a wheelchair user who has Cerebral Palsy every Friday from 9am to 4pm and fortnightly on a Sunday night from 6pm to 11pm. The rate of pay is £10.85ph that increase to £11.05ph next month with 4 weeks holiday and sick pay. The applicant must be flexible to cover holiday and sickness.

The role includes getting the person up, preparing breakfast, helping with medication and eye drops, general assistance with day to day living for example, cooking, going out, help with the computer, a bit of housework, help with looking after three cats and reading to the person as they are partially sighted

Training will be given on the job. Please contact Joanne Thompsett on 07761975476

## Help needed

Can anyone help please with the closing of our parish hall after it has been hired out?

It will never be later than 6.30pm on a Saturday. If you feel you can help please contact Maggie on 07885 353105

### 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

29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	
First Collection	£336.11
Second Collection - St Francis Leprosy Guild	£74.07
Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society	£69.00
Mass Offering	£10.00
Flowers	£11.00
Holy Souls	£40.00
Hall Hire	£80.00

### 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 tick the 'Gift Aid' box. God bless you

If you would like to hire our hall on Paget Rise, SE18 3QQ please contact Maggie Rea:  
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Email: [shootershill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk)

## Parish School

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