



# St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL



## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

### 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 21st	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd	10:15am 12.00 noon	Mass - David Leahy RIP Mass - Chris Brooks RIP
Monday 23rd	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 24th	10.00am	Mass - David Leahy RIP
Wednesday 25th	10.00am	Mass – St Bede the Venerable
Thursday 26th	10.00am	<b>The Ascension of the Lord - Holyday</b> Mass - Monica Owens - Get Well
Friday 27th	10.00am	Mass – St Augustine of Canterbury
Saturday 28th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th	10:15am 12 noon	World Communications Sunday Mass - David Leahy RIP Mass

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.
Psalm	Ps 66:2-3, 5-6. 8 r.4	<b>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23	He showed me the holy city coming down from heaven.
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:23	<b>Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.</b>
Gospel	John 14:23-29	The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.
Prayers of the Faithful		Unchanging Father: <b>give us your peace</b>

**Confirmation** on Pentecost weekend at the 6.30pm vigil Mass 30 young parishioners will receive the sacrament of Confirmation and we will welcome Fr David O'Malley – Rector of the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB) in the UK to administer the sacrament, along with Brother Steven Lloyd who is in priestly training. The Salesians are a religious congregation in the Catholic Church, founded in the late 19th century by Italian priest Saint John Bosco to help poor children during the Industrial revolution. The Confirmandi spent their retreat day with the Salesians whose mission it is to be signs and bearers of the love of God for young people, especially those who are poor.

Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers as their preparation for this day draws to an end but their faith journey to spread the Good News continues.

Without the dedication of two Catechists this Confirmation would not have been possible.

Please ask the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament if this is the next obligation in **your** faith journey to fulfil the promises of your Baptism and to take up the call to help your fellow young parishioners in their mission in the years to come

**We wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season**

## Returning to Mass at Pentecost

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

***This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)***

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.



## Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 9th at St George's Cathedral



If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible, and no later than May 31. Get in touch with us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Spaces are limited. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Shooters Hill and give us the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. We look forward to seeing you in July - **Marriage and Family Life South East**

## World Meeting of Families The tenth World Meeting of Families (WMOF)

celebrating family life will take place between June 22-26. Held every three years in a different city across the world each time, the WMOF was originally launched in 1994 by Pope St John Paul II. That year was declared ‘International Year of the Family’ by the United Nations.

Although centred on Rome, the main focus of WMOF 2022 will be on dioceses around the world, each with their own programme of local events taking place in churches across the globe.

Here in the Archdiocese of Southwark, individual deaneries and parishes will be organising their own family-orientated events and celebrations to mark WMOF 2022 – <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life/the-marriage-and-family-life-team>



## All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group – Pentecost Celebration

At St Andrew's RC Church, 45 Brook Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 7RD on 5<sup>th</sup> June from 1.00pm to 7.00pm – Contact 07947 493683

Principal celebrant – His Grace, Archbishop Emeritus, Most Reverend Kevin McDonald  
Please see poster at the porch for further details

## Our Lady of Lugansk pray for all in Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those who are 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.



## Our Repository

Could anyone please help to run our Repository? Again if a few people volunteer, and create a team, it makes life easier and does not rest with one person. Times could be negotiated but it would be ideal to have the Repository opened before and after each Sunday Mass. This would also include stock taking and ordering. PLEASE give your name to Fr Seba

**Many thanks to Ann and Justine Zuhlke for all their hard work for many years running the Repository**

## Job Vacancies

### Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education

This is initially a 12 month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position which requires someone with considerable previous secretarial experience and excellent organisational skills. Must be very self-motivated.

### Diocesan Central Services Administrator

Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as covering reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities.

Full details of both jobs are available on the Diocesan website: [Vacancies: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://rcsouthwark.co.uk)

**Councillor Ivis Williams** who represents Shooters Hill Ward will be holding her surgeries in our parish hall on the 3rd Saturday of the month between 10-11am starting Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

## Parish Sacramental Programmes

### CONFIRMATION 2022

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Session 9 – 7.00pm Hall**

**Please keep our Confirmandi, their parents, family and their catechists in your prayers during their preparation and beyond**

**The Sacramental 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.

### 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*

**Plases let Fr Seba know if you would a Mass said on the anniversary on the death of someone**

### 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)

## Contactless Machine

Please remember our contact machine in the porch. You can now use your debit/credit card to make your donations. Full instructions are on the wall next to the machine

### Collections

May 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup>	
1 <sup>st</sup> collection	£904.67
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	£161.64
Holy Souls	£10.00
Flowers	£59.08

**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)

If you would like to hire our hall on Paget Rise, SE18 3QQ please contact Maggie Rea:  
Tel: 07885 353105  
Email: [shootershill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk)

**Many thanks to Maggie for all her hard work managing the hiring of our hall**



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