

## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021



# St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

### The week ahead

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Lorraine Lee, RIP
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Fr Seba's Birthday
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass } 24 <sup>th</sup> 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



#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the scene of an accident, those casualties who are the most in need of urgent care and attention are those who are still and silent. If someone is making a great deal of noise, then they can safely be left for a while until after the neediest have received the appropriate care.

A young lad in his late teens recently tripped over a tree root and fell to the ground, where he made a great show of his trauma. Within seconds, five girls of about his own age surrounded him all offering copious advice and moral support. The only injury had been to his vanity – a hurt which the girls quickly soothed – and he soon continued jauntily on his way.

What about those people who suffer in silence, perhaps afraid to ask for help, perhaps reluctant to "make a fuss"? Do we notice them? Do we look more deeply, see things differently? What would Jesus have done?

*Suffering in silence  
By Katie Knight*

Dear Lord, bless those who suffer in silence never wishing to burden others. Give them your strength and courage. Make all things new.  
*Spiritual Inspiration*

## Information

### Liturgy:

**First Reading:** - *Isaiah 35:4-7*

**Responsorial Psalm:** - *Ps 145:7-10 Rv1 – My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** - *James 2:1-5*

**Gospel Acclamation:** - *1 Samuel 3:9, John 6:68 – Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.*

**Gospel:** - *Mark 7:31-37*

### Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible & invisible.

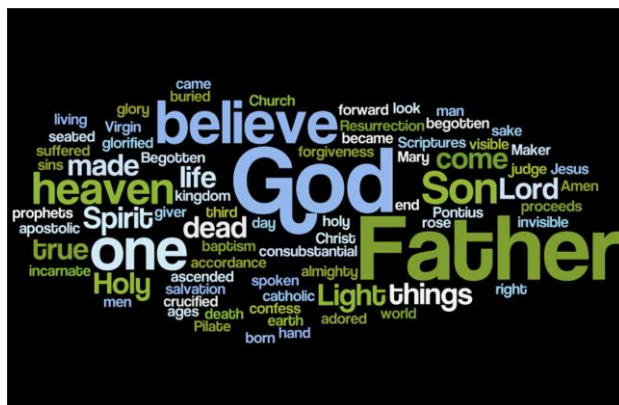
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried.  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son he is adored and  
glorified,  
he has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## Information

### Our Finance Committee

We are appealing again for anyone that has a finance background to come and help us run the finances of our parish. A couple of people came forward last time we made an appeal, and they have been contacted already, but to ease the load we need a couple more. It will only mean a meeting four times a year. If you feel you can help in anyway, please give your contact details to Fr Seba and you will be invited to a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the presbytery

### Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

This is a reminder to all our Catechists that the Safeguarding Reps have still not received the details of their referees. Without the references the DBS cannot be processed and without a DBS they cannot continue as a Catechist. Please return the forms already sent out with two referees' details on so they can be contacted ASAP. Please let Mary Doolan know if you have mislaid the form and need them again. The Catechists that already have a DBS will need to have their DBS renewed. Please look out for further details – Many thanks

### Welcomers

Even though Covid 19 restrictions are starting to ease it was thought that it would be a good idea to keep our Welcomers group active. If anyone would like to join you would be very welcome. We have Welcomers for the 10.15 and 12.00 Masses, but we need people for the 6.30 Saturday Vigil. Please give your name and phone number to Fr Seba or Eileen if you would like to join in at any of the three Masses across the weekend. Please see the rotas in the porch – you will only need to be a Welcomer every 3 to 4 weeks. Many thanks

### 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](mailto:shootershillwebsite@rcaos.org.uk).

### Saint of the day

#### Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



#### **Patron Saint of Calcutta, India**

Anjezë (Agnes) Gonxha Bojaxhiu was a tiny Albanian woman whose strong-as-iron faith served as a fulcrum to budge the world closer to God. She was born into a devout family in Skopje, in present day Macedonia. Her parent's marriage had been arranged and was happy and fruitful. The family was prosperous and regularly helped the poor and abandoned. Agnes benefited from the then recent reforms of Pope Saint Pius X lowering the age of First Holy Communion and thus received the Eucharist for the first time at the very young age of five and a half. After her father died, Agnes' firm, loving, and religious mother had the greatest influence on her. The vibrant life of her local parish also impacted her faith. The priests talked about the missionary work of the Church in faraway lands. Agnes internalized every word they spoke. Mother Teresa was a contented nun doing important work for the Church. Her youthful zeal had been fulfilled. But then something happened to alter her life's course, something entirely unexpected. In 1946, while riding on a train to her annual retreat, Mother Teresa received her "call within a call." Jesus told her, by mysterious means, that He desired her to serve Him in the poorest of the poor, who were so ignorant of Him and of His love. She must start a religious order. After her death it was revealed that she struggled to feel God's presence for much of her life but persevered in prayer and sacrifice, nonetheless. She was constructed of steel, in perpetual motion, and operated on almost no food or sleep. She was canonised by Pope Francis in 2016.

**Liturgical Colour: White**

## 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.*

### 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.

### Invitation

**PLEASE** come and join us today (5<sup>th</sup> 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

29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	
First Collection	£501.76
Second Collection (Hall Fund - Separate)	£80.70
Candles Box	£157.30
Total	£739.76

**Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Education Service.**

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, Ave Maria.



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### HOLY MICHAEL PRAYER



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.



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