



## 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 26th	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 27th	10:15am 12 noon	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> -Laetare Sunday – 2nd scrutiny Stephen Gadd RIP
Monday 28th	10.00	
Tuesday 29th	10.00	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Mass in Notre Dame School – all welcome
Thursday 31st	10.00	
Friday 1st	7.00pm	
Saturday 2nd	6:30pm	Mary Anne Jeyamani RIP
Sunday 3rd	10:15am 12 noon	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> scrutiny Grace & Ben - engagement blessings

## Liturgy of the Word

Reading 1	Josh 5:9-12	The People of God keep the Passover on their entry into the promised land.
Psalm	Ps 33:2-7 r. 9	<b><i>Taste and see that the Lord is good</i></b>
Reading 2	2 Cor 5:17-21	God reconciled us to himself through Christ.
Gospel Acclamation		<b><i>Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father I have sinned against heaven and against you' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus</i></b>
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Your brother here was dead and has come to life
Prayers of the Faithful		<b><i>Hear our prayer</i></b>

## Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those 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. **Please donate to <https://cafod.org.uk/donations>**



## Prayer request

For the dearly departed soul of Alexandra RIP – mother of Elena – grandmother of Anton

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

**Our Lenten Journey** Please join your parish marking out Lent every Friday evening at 7.00pm for our Lenten Service

## Lent

Lent is a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It's a time when we can prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's death. Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection. The six-week period is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for this great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum.



## Message from His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2022

Pope Francis has released his annual message, reflecting on St Paul's epistle to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up" (6:9-10).

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/20211111-messaggio-quaresima2022.html>



Also called Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, Mid-Lent Sunday, Mi-Carême, Mediana or Rose Sunday.

The day's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare is the first word — meaning "rejoice" — in the Latin text.

On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Rose — this change in colour indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the sombre days of Passiontide.

The joy of Easter being around the corner is symbolized in a few other interesting liturgical possibilities. During Lent, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal forbids flowers adorning the altar. But on Laetare Sunday (as well as solemnities and feasts within the season), there's a temporary halt to these penitential observations!

At one time, marriages were generally forbidden during Lent, but Laetare Sunday was often associated as a day when marriages could be celebrated during the penitential season. While marriages are now only forbidden on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Laetare Sunday is still a fitting day for those wishing to be married before Eastertide.

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us encouragement as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savour and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

## Happy Mothering Sunday

To all our birth Mothers, those who are fulfilling the Mother's rôle, Carers and Foster Mothers, dearly departed Mothers, Mothers of Angels, Want to be Mothers, About to be Mothers, Single parents trying to be Mothers and Fathers. May your life be filled with love and blessing today and everyday throughout the years. God Bless You

## Calling all Catechists/Readers/Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion/Liturgy Group members

Would you be interested in having a Retreat Day in Salesians of Don Bosco's House in Battersea in the near future (if take up is large enough)? It would be a parish expense, we would need to take our lunch and transport could be arranged. Of course any one would be most welcome to join us even if you are not in the above groups Please register your interest by emailing [shootershill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk) or speaking with Fr Seba

## Parish Sacramental Programmes

### CONFIRMATION 2022

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

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

The next session will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Your Parish Needs You!!!

**Do you know of an architect that could help with re designing the layout for our hall?**

**Do you know of a company that would be interested in building a brick wall?**

**Could you help out with the collections at each Mass**

**Could you help with our Sacramental Programmes?**

**Could you help clean the church?**

**Could you become a welcome at each Mass**

**What other gift could you share with your parish?**

Please give your details by emailing [shootershill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:shootershill@rcaos.org.uk)

**MANY THANKS to the two people who have volunteered to take up vital rôles in our parish, you are so greatly appreciated**



### 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

19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	
First Collection	£326.36
Second Collection <small>Poor Parishes</small>	£104.31
Flowers	£10.00
Candles	£115.57
Hall Hire	£90.00

**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 **'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:  
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