

St Joseph's Church Shooters Hill

The week ahead

Confessions:

Fr Seba is available to hear confessions. Please call the Parish office (020 3 105 8577) to book your appointment.



Saturday 22 nd	--	--
Sunday 23 rd	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass } Pentecost
Monday 24 th	10am	Mass
Tuesday 25 th	10am	Mass
Wednesday 26 th	10am	Mass
Thursday 27 th	10am	Mass
Friday 28 th	10am	Mass
Saturday 29 th	--	--
Sunday 30 th	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass } The Most Holy Trinity

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



Welcome back to St Joseph's Church

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to our parishioners. It is lovely to see so many people in the building for collective worship, with many of you returning – so much so that we are able to have a second Sunday mass. Thank you to all those who continue to make this possible. Please remember to maintain social distancing and always wear a facemask (unless you are medically exempt)

Pentecost

Pentecost, which we celebrate this Sunday, is the liturgical season after Easter. It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Pentecost begins the eighth Sunday, or 50 days, after Easter Sunday. The descent of the Holy Spirit ushered in a new era for the people of God.

In Acts 2:1-41 the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. This occurred ten days after Jesus' Ascension. Jesus had asked his Apostles to pray, and their nine days of prayer can be considered as the first novena.

When the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, they preached the Good News of Jesus Christ. Miraculously, people of many different languages and nations could understand the Apostles in their own languages. This miracle reflected God's desire for the Gospel to be preached to all, and for all the peoples of the earth to be united in faith. The Collect (opening prayer) of the Pentecost Mass prays:

Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days, grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name.

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.

Another wonder surrounding Pentecost was that tongues of fire appeared and rested on the Apostles. God left no doubt that Pentecost was an important event in the history of the Church and that the Holy Spirit was truly present.

Pentecost ushered in a new age of the Church through which Christ works in different means for our salvation. Although since his Ascension Jesus is no longer physically present on earth, Jesus has not left us alone. Indeed, he is still present to us in other ways. Jesus has left us the sacraments through which the Holy Spirit conveys the grace of God in a physical and tangible way. Pentecost marks the beginning of this new, sacramental era in which we live today. It does so because the ministers of the sacraments (usually priests and deacons) have the power to perform the sacraments because the Holy Spirit acts through them. The Holy Spirit conforms the minister to Christ.

Parish Pastoral Council

Within the next few months, we are going to set up a Parish Council for our parish of St Joseph. We will need representatives from all our groups within our community – Eucharist Ministers, Readers, Music Group, Altar Servers, Sacramental preparation, Children's Liturgy, Prayer group, Finance Committee, safeguarding and a few more. If you would like to put your name forward, please write a note with your details and give it to Fr Seba or send him an email – details below. Many thanks.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please either write your intention down with all the details together with the Mass stipend and put it through the Presbytery door, contact the parish office on 020 3105 8577 or email shootershillwebsite@rcaos.org.uk – Mass intention envelopes are available at both exits of our church

Collections - *Last week's collection: £339*

We are a small parish and are heavily reliant on the kindness and generosity of our parishioners and local community. 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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