

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021



# St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

### The week ahead

#### 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



Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	--	--
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Josephine birthday blessings Sunday Mass } 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Mass
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Feast of St Mary Magdalene
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Mass
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	--	--
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass } 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

We often imagine that life in the past was slower than it is today. Children strolled home from school and stayed home for the evening. Fewer people endured long commutes to work. Shops closed on Sundays, and there was a distinctive "Sunday feel" – quiet, unrushed, even reverent.

Today's Gospel tells us that even the disciples were so busy they had no time to eat, and Jesus told them they needed to retreat to some lonely place and rest for a while. Some of us were forced into that situation with the arrival of COVID-19 in 2020. Yet, despite the terrible circumstances, the break gave many of us the space in our "busy-ness" to reflect on what mattered in life. Some of us vowed never to become so rushed again, even if that is easier said than done. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that we all need "some lonely place".



*Space in busy-ness  
Grainne Treanor*

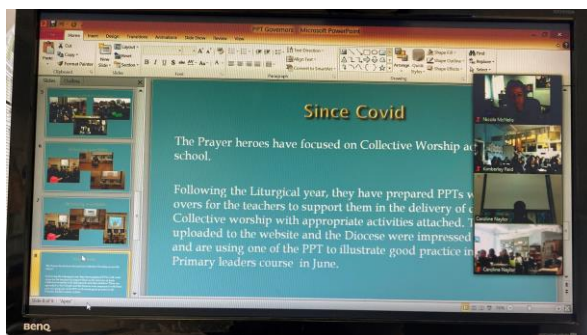
## Notre Dame School News

**Bless our school as we learn together. Nourish our lives with love and joy. Let this be a happy school always, where all are welcomed and respected. A place where we can pray, worship and work together. Amen.**

This week the Prayer Heroes held a meeting with the Governors at Notre Dame. They began the meeting with a Collective Worship session. They prayed, read parts of the Gospel, and provided opportunities for reflection. The Prayer Heroes then went on to discuss their role this year. They spoke about how their role had changed this year due to COVID. They spoke about what their role was before COVID and what they had undertaken since COVID. They were very mature in their delivery and the Governors enjoyed talking to them and asking them questions. One governor commented that all the work that the Prayer Heroes are doing is reported in the Parish Newsletter, so their good work is being read about in the wider community. They were all delighted. Another reason for them to be proud is that their PowerPoint presentations have been seen by the Diocese. The Diocese was extremely impressed with the creativity and relevance of the content. So much so they have asked for our permission to use these presentations in conferences as a training aid for 'best practise'. To say that we are 'over the moon' is an understatement!

The Prayer Heroes also led a session with children in Year 4 and Year 5 via Zoom. Here, they were able to clearly articulate the mission they were supporting Notre Dame to achieve and what qualities were required to become a Prayer Hero. Children have been completing application forms for the position and next week the current Prayer Heroes will be short-listing those children who have been successful.

Finally, this week, we celebrated the Year 6 Leavers with a mass. The parents were able to join the children via Zoom and heard them read, pray and sing. They were presented with cross badges, which were blessed by Father during the mass. They behaved beautifully and it was a lovely way to end their time here at Notre Dame. I would like to wish them luck for their future and ask God to keep them safe in the next part of their journey.



### Message from Pat Peters – Chair of Governors

Dear Parishioners,

Notre Dame Catholic Primary School will be finishing for the summer holidays on Wednesday. It has been quite a year! All members of the school community have worked hard to ensure the children have had a good learning experience as well as remain COVID secure.

We wish everyone a restful and peaceful summer break.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the school.

Pat Peters

**Chair of Governors**

**Notre Dame Catholic Primary School**

## Information

### The Lesnes Hundred

**The Lesnes Hundred** celebrates ordinary people - ordinary (or rather extraordinary) people who have done good things without seeking recognition.

**The Lesnes Hundred** by Eric MacLennan is a socially engaged piece of art offering members of the public the opportunity to name a tree after someone important to them. We have always given names to important things in our life, so why not give trees individual names too? Not the names of celebrities or the famous, but the unsung of the community. The people that matter to us.

As well as celebrating our 'unsung', **The Lesnes Hundred** will give focus to the importance of the environment for our future. Named trees will be more cherished. Trees have always been important to us, we need them now, more than ever, to combat the climate crisis. They have inspired poets and painters around the world, and they can even improve our happiness. We care about our trees, so by naming them we will show how we value them.

From January to May 2021, Artist Eric MacLennan interviewed a hundred members of the public (people of all ages and backgrounds) who all came forward to name a tree in Lesnes Abbey Woods after someone important to them... an unsung hero(ine).

Our own Maggie Rae was nominated for this great accolade and has a tree named after her in Lesnes Abbey Woods - tree number 78. It is a Sweet Chestnut tree, and it is very near a path so we can all go and visit it and say thanks to Maggie for all her hard work, dedication, friendship and the fact she is always around to help people throughout all the spheres of her life - THANK YOU MAGGIE!

Further details of this wonderful project can be found on <https://www.lesnesabbeywoods.org/explore/the-lesnes-hundred> along with a road map to enable you to visit Maggie's tree.

All details of others who were nominated can be found here along with the interview that Eric MacLennan had with the people that nominated Maggie.



## 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.*

#### 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.

### Esther's 10K Challenge

As you all know, Esther had set herself a challenge of walking / running 10K to raise much needed funds for St Joseph's Church. This week, she completed her challenge and has raised £1000 for us. [Visit the website](#) for more information and videos of Esther during her journey. Congratulations Esther. God bless you for your hard work and dedication. If anyone has any ideas of how to raise money, please get in touch.



### Step 4 Guidance for Communal Worship during COVID-19 Pandemic

Two statements have been given from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales as the country moves into Step 4 of the Government's COVID-19 Response Roadmap. Both can be read on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship> and a copy is available in the church porch.

### Collections

11 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
Collection	£606
Esther's 10K	£255
Flowers	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>£861</b>

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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