

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th & 26th September 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



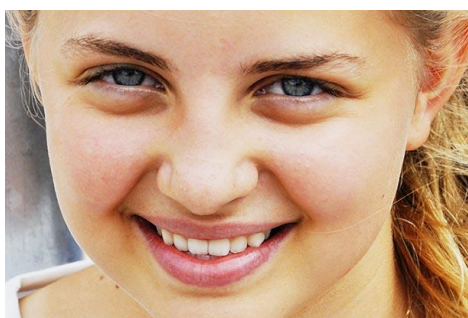
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| Saturday 25 th | 6:30pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 26 th | 10:15am 12 noon | 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday 27 th | -- | -- |
| Tuesday 28 th | -- | -- |
| Wednesday 29 th | -- | Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael |
| Thursday 30 th | 11:30am | Nigel Jean-Baptiste, Funeral Mass |
| Friday 1 st | -- | -- |
| Saturday 2 nd | 6:30pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 3 rd | 10:15am 12 noon | 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Her visit to A&E with a feigned illness gave the young woman the excuse to search for safety and distance from an abusive husband. Once there, she shuddered, went down on her knees, and convulsed with sobs, begged to be admitted, even if only overnight. "My husband will beat me again if I go home. I cannot go home. Please let me stay in the hospital".

Police and social workers can be afraid of 'interfering' in cases of domestic violence lest they accidentally make a bad situation worse. Frequently the church is a refuge, offering support in ways beyond the capabilities of statutory bodies. A listening ear, an open heart, an encouraging smile might be all that is needed for someone to take the first step towards safety. A smile might make the difference between fear and courage, between abuse and freedom.

A parish filled with smiling and compassionate faces can offer help and hope. A smile can make a difference.



*Be Merciful
By Katie Knight*

Liturgy

First Reading: - Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14 Rv9 – The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second Reading: - James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: - cf John 17:17 – Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel: - Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.

The week started at Notre Dame with a Chinese dance workshop. Every year, we ensure we expose the children at Notre Dame to dance in different cultures. In previous years, the children experienced Indian and African dance. This year, the focus was on Chinese dance. The children were taught about the origins of Chinese dance and then had the opportunity to learn a dance with the dragon dance costume. The children were actively engaged and enjoyed learning about and participating in Chinese dance.

This week we also held car free day at school, children were encouraged to walk to school and learnt about the importance of walking to school regarding the environment, their physical and mental well-being. We hope this continues to raise the importance of walking, riding bikes and scooters to school.

Finally, this week we had the first class trip for 18 months! Year 6 went to visit the Imperial War Museum in London. They made documentaries using digital equipment and presented, filmed and edited the whole experience. They were very well behaved and represented the school beautifully whilst in London. We look forward to other trips in the coming year.



Information

Wine Raffle

Remember, raffle tickets are being sold in the porch at the end of every Mass. Tickets cost £2 each. On 10th October, the draw will take place in the hall after the 10:15am Mass, where we will find out who has won a case of 12 bottles of wine! Good luck!

Voting for our new pews

Remember to vote for your favourite pew – the one you'd most like to see in our church. Six designs, for you to choose from, are displayed in the church hall. If you haven't already, come and have a look and place your vote after each Mass. Voting will be coming to an end soon.

Head Teacher Vacancy

Applications are invited from practising Catholics for the post of Headteacher at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School in Eltham. Application Packs may be downloaded from the advert on the TES website <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/headteacher-greenwich-1488311> or obtained by emailing headship@epm.co.uk. The closing date for completed application forms to be submitted is 4th October 2021.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme 2022

This is the last week to complete applications

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.

Saint of the day

Sts Cosmas & Damian



Patron Saints of doctors, barbers and pharmacists. Like Saint George, legends about Saints Cosmas and Damian far outrun any verifiable historical details about their lives. Upon a slender bed of long-lost documents is constructed the narrative that Cosmas and Damian were twins and natives of Saudi Arabia who studied medicine in Syria. They became known as the "moneyless ones" for refusing to accept payment for their healing services. They were likely martyred north of Antioch in the early fourth century. In the fifth century, a church was built to their memory in Constantinople and, in the sixth-century, a pagan temple in the Roman Forum was rededicated as a Basilica in their honour. The bright apse mosaic of Rome's Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian still shines and shows Saints Peter and Paul presenting the twins to the glorified Christ.

Liturgical Colour: **Red**

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. Please also keep the Jean-Baptiste family in your thoughts. **Nigel's funeral Service will take place this Thursday, 30th September, at 11:30am.**

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

100 Club

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the 100 Club. **The first draw will be taking place today, Sunday 26th September, after the 10:15am Mass, in the small hall.** If you didn't get a chance to sign-up this month, there is time to sign up and be a part of future draws. Ann will still be at the back of the church at the beginning and end of 10:15 am Mass and at the beginning of 12pm mass for you ask any questions and sign up! If anyone can volunteer to sign people up at the end of the 12pm Mass and the 6:30pm Vigil Mass, please contact Ann – 07713 021 641. Thank you.

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 – Mass intention envelopes are available at both exits of our church.

Collections

| 19 th September 2021 | |
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| First Collection | £443.86 |
| Second Collection <small>(The Support of Home Mission)</small> | £108.94 |
| Total | £552.80 |

This week's second collection is for The Church Hall Fund

If you cannot attend mass, please visit our [website](http://shootershill@rcaos.org.uk), 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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