

## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021



# St Joseph's Catholic Church

SHOOTERS HILL

### The week ahead

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Eileen Kelly, RIP
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Nigel Jean-Baptiste, RIP
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	St Matthew, the Apostle / Holy Souls
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Mass
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Mass
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	26 <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



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

"Get off me!" James, 14 and Edgar, 12, have never come to blows, but it was getting close. "What are you arguing about? GO..." I shouted at one, "...and sit in the kitchen. And you, go and sit in the front room. Now!" They did. And sobbed.

I stood in the hallway and took a deep breath. "What is this about?" I asked. "I haven't got any socks. He's taken all of them. He always takes my socks, and don't tell me off for hurting him, I didn't hurt him. Why would I hurt him? I love him!"

There can be arguments and rivalries about the smallest of things, although often it is the smallest things that mean the most. But in the end, there is love. And that is what truly matters. Once all was calm, I went to the shops and bought ten pairs of black socks!

*Mission in the Home  
By Lucy Russell*



May we always care for our children, not counting the cost, so that they may never believe themselves to be mistakes, but always know their infinite worth. Let us ask the Lord for these graces: that our hearts become free and filled with light, so that we can rejoice as children of God.

Pope Francis

## Liturgy

**First Reading:** - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** - Ps 53:3-6, 8 Rv6 – The Lord upholds my life.

**Second Reading:** - James 3:16-4:3

**Gospel Acclamation:** - John 8:12 – I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Gospel:** - Mark 9:30-37

## 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, classes have been choosing their favourite school value from love, faith, forgiveness, friendship, honesty, respect and compassion. They created a design to represent that value and then mirrored it onto a pebble. The pebbles will be placed in our new prayer garden around our new statue of Our Lady of Notre Dame. This provided the children with the opportunity to reflect on the values, what they mean to them and how they are able to live out that value both at school and at home. They are beautiful and will be a great contribution to the new prayer garden.

The children also watched the CAFOD national assembly called Go Green. The children learnt about the important meeting in Glasgow this November about the climate crisis, the future of our planet and its people. They learnt about people in the Amazon and how CAFOD helped them after fires destroyed their crops and trees. CAFOD helped them to replant their crops using sustainable methods so they will have food to eat and sell. The children then wrote prayers to help the leaders make good choices regarding the environment, which have now been displayed around the prayer areas.

Two of our Prayer Heroes created the first collective worship PowerPoint of the academic year. They created the collective worship PowerPoint on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Prayers, images, elements of the Gospel, Gospel reflections and activities were included. A fantastic start to collective worship this year. The PowerPoints can be found on our school website here - <https://www.notredame.greenwich.sch.uk/Prayer-Heroes/>

### Opening Prayer

God of love, help us to recognise the importance of all children no matter where in the world they come from.  
Amen.



## Information

### Wine Raffle

We are going to restart the very popular wine raffle. From next weekend, for two weeks, raffle tickets will be sold in the porch at the end of every Mass. Tickets will cost £2 each. On 10<sup>th</sup> 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. The voting process will continue for a couple of weeks.

### 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

St Januarius



Patron Saint of Naples. Little is known about the life of Saint Januarius. An extant letter from 432 mentions him as if he were already well known. It states that a nearby bishop, a friend of Saint Augustine named Saint Paulinus of Nola, had a vision of Januarius just before Paulinus died, and that Januarius was a bishop and martyr and a well-known member of the Church of Naples. It is believed that our saint was beheaded during a persecution under the reign of Diocletian, in the decade before Christianity was legalized in the early 300s. Perhaps the most interesting thing about the liquifying of Saint Januarius' blood is that it occurs for no specific purpose. No sick person is healed, no sacrament is celebrated, no bishop is elected. It is a divine folly. It occurs to edify, to entertain, and to inspire, as if religion were a theological sport, with God simply putting His talents on display for all to behold the spectacle from the pews to gaze, mouth agape, at a wonder that can neither be explained nor be resisted.

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

*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. If you haven't already, sign up soon. **The first draw will be taking place next week Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September, after the 10:15am Mass, in the small hall.** Ann will 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.

### Parish Website

Please have a look at the Parish website. It has a wealth of information about what's going on in the parish, news and events taking place, information about our Parish School, a section where you can download previous newsletters and a fantastic article on the history of St Joseph's.

### Collections

12 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
First Collection	£499.41
Second Collection <i>(Catholic Education Service)</i>	£116.24
Repository	£36
<b>Total</b>	<b>£651.65</b>

**This week's second collection is for The Support of Home Mission**

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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