

# St Joseph's Church Shooters Hill

## The week ahead

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	--	Feast of St Thomas, Apostle
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass } 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Sunday Mass } Ordinary Time
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Funeral Mass – Chris Dunbar RIP
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	--	--
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Sunday Mass } 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Sunday Mass } 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



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

Today's reading from Mark's Gospel describes Jesus on a visit home and the fact that his old friends and neighbours think he has got above himself. He is, after all, just a carpenter albeit, it would appear, a wise one. I find the end of the account rather ironic. On what might have been regarded as an "off day" because of local opposition, he could only cure a few sick people.

I suppose that the lesson for us all is not to make assumptions about people because of their background, their appearance, or the way they speak. Holy wisdom can sometimes be found in children as well as clerics.

I am reminded of a conversation with a toddler some years ago who asked why the bells of the local cathedral were ringing. I told him that the people were inside singing and saying prayers. He suggested that churches were places where God holds meetings. I agreed.

*Bridie Stringer*



*The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.*

*Pope Francis*

## 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, one of the Year 6 Prayer Heroes created a presentation for Collective Worship. The PowerPoint was based on how Jesus taught with great wisdom, but people found it hard to believe in him. It contained relevant scripture, prayer, a Gospel reflection, images and a follow-on activity. Whilst the children are provided with a theme for the Collective Worship PowerPoints, they are solely created by the Prayer Heroes. Another beautiful example of pupil led Collective Worship at Notre Dame.



We are constantly developing ways in which we can educate the pupils, using real life experiences. During the lockdown, pupils that still attended school, planted potatoes. Last week, we harvested them, cooked them, and made a potato salad. This covered multiple areas of the curriculum – planting the potatoes and watching them change and grow (Science) and harvesting, preparing and cooking them (Food Technology). In addition, the pupils learnt about ways they can contribute to creating a sustainable world (Religious Education (RE) and Relationships and Health Education (RHE)). They thoroughly enjoyed the experience...especially eating their crop!



*Mmmmmmm,  
home-grown  
potatoes...*

## Information

### Attending mass

The congregation will be limited to 40 places so please arrive early. Once this capacity has been reached, the door will be closed. Please always wear a mask (unless exempt) and sanitise your hands on entering and leaving church.

### St Thomas the Apostle

There is very little about the apostle Thomas in the Gospels; one text calls him the "twin." Rarely during Jesus' lifetime does he stand out among his colleagues. There is the instance before the raising of Lazarus, when Jesus was still in Perea, and Thomas exclaimed: "Let us also go and die with Him." Best-known is his expression of unbelief after the Saviour's death, giving rise to the phrase "doubting Thomas."

In the Breviary lessons Pope St. Gregory the Great makes the following reflections: "Thomas' unbelief has benefited our faith more than the belief of the other disciples; it is because he attained faith through physical touch that we are confirmed in the faith beyond all doubt. Indeed, the Lord permitted the apostle to doubt after the resurrection; but He did not abandon him in doubt. By his doubt and by his touching the sacred wounds the apostle became a witness to the truth of the resurrection. Thomas touched and cried out: My Lord and my God! And Jesus said to him: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Now, if Thomas saw and touched the Saviour, why did Jesus say: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed? Because he saw something other than what he believed. For no mortal man can see divinity. Thomas saw the Man Christ and acknowledged His divinity with the words: My Lord and my God. Faith, therefore, followed upon seeing."



### 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 Dunbar family in your thoughts. Chris' Mortal Remains will be received into the church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm where a short mass will be said. His Funeral Service will take place at 10am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

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

### Saint of the day

#### St Elizabeth of Portugal



Patron Saint of widows and victims of adultery. Also known as Elizabeth of Aragon, she was born into a royal Spanish family. She loved the Lord & all that it meant to be Catholic. She involved herself in matters of politics, state and war, but she was more concerned with her own soul, the poor and the sick. Founder of the Poor Clares in Coimbra, Portugal.

**Liturgical Colour: White**

## General Information

### Fundraising for the church

Esther, one of our parishioners, has kindly signed up to walk and run 10K, to financially support our church. She will need our prayers and donations to achieve this project. Please make donations using the [Donate](#) button on the website – enter *10K walk* as a reference. Alternatively, you can place donations in an envelope marked with *10K walk* and put it in the offertory basket when leaving church. Thank you!

### Baptism Registration

If you would like your child to be baptised, here, at St Joseph's, you will need to complete a Baptism Application Form (you can download the forms from the Sacraments page on our [website](#) or collect from the back of the church) and attend a Baptism Preparation class. These classes are held on the first Saturday of every month. Please contact Katrina, our Baptism Coordinator, on 07568 502 803 for details and more information.

### 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 both exits of our church.

### Collections

27 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
Collection	£514
Candles	--
Flowers	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>£514</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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### 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.

## Parish School

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