

## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 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



Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Paulinus, Vitalis, Desmond & their parents Martha & Damien Njoku
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Wildfires raged through many tree-covered areas of the world during the hot summer months and severe drought of 2020. Hosepipe bans and standpipes became a daily event for thousands of householders as fire brigades heroically tried to extinguish flames and, paradoxically, to keep their use of water to a minimum. Farmers watched helplessly as huge cracks appeared in their dry fields and thirsty crops withered and died.

Many television documentaries covered not only the drought and wildfire experiences but also flooding, hurricanes and earthquakes, all possibly effects of climate change.

Time and again, seemingly "ordinary" people showed themselves capable of extraordinary courage, generosity and self-sacrifice. Their Calvary was a beginning not an end.

All was not lost. Within days of the first rainfall, following devastating wildfires, blackened woodland started to turn green. Tiny blades of grass emerged through the parched soil. Bit by bit, the world started to change. In seeing endings, we discovered new life.



*Calvary is a beginning  
By Phil Ferguson*

## Liturgy

**First Reading:** - Isaiah 50:5-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** - Ps 114:1-6, 8-9 Rv9 – I walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Second Reading:** - James 2:14-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** - John 14:5 – I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

**Gospel:** - Mark 8:27-35

## Notre Dame School News

This week we had our first Mass of the school year. Year 5 & Year 6 led the Mass in the hall, with singing and reading, whilst the other classes attended virtually as did Governors, parents and carers. It was so lovely to have more than one class together and to be able to start the journey towards worshipping as a school, in person again. The children sung beautifully and read with such confidence!

At the end of the Mass, Fr Seba congratulated and blessed the new Prayer Heroes on their new venture at Notre Dame. They have already met with Mrs Naylor and have started to undertake their first area which is to work with her to design and create a prayer garden in our Key Stage 2 playground.



### ***Letter from Pat Peters, Chair of Governors of Notre Dame School***

Dear Parishioners,

The staff and pupils were back at Notre Dame Catholic Primary School last week. In your prayers, please ask for a successful year for the school and a swift return to normality.

On Wednesday, we had the privilege of attending the first Mass of the year in the school using Zoom. The children were a delight. We look forward to returning to the Church for our Masses in the near future.

The religious life of the school is thriving despite the current circumstances. The Prayer Heroes are an inspiration and contribute so much to the prayer life of the school. The Diocese has even used their work to support other schools in the Diocese!

Thank you for your continued support.

Pat Peters

## Information

### Our Finance Committee

We are appealing again for anyone that has a finance background to come and help us run the finances of our parish. A couple of people came forward last time we made an appeal, and they have been contacted already, but to ease the load we need a couple more. It will only mean a meeting four times a year. If you feel you can help in anyway, please give your contact details to Fr Seba and you will be invited to a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the presbytery

### 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

#### Holy Name of Mary



Today the Church commemorates a name, as much as the person who bears it. The holiness of the name of God, which the Second Commandment forbids man to take in vain, is reflected in the holy names of all the saints and holy things and holy places dedicated to Him. The name of the Mother of God, the Holy or Blessed Virgin Mary, should be safe in our mouths. This feast falls during the Octave of the Birthday of the Virgin Mary and was inserted into the Church's universal calendar just after the triumph of the Christian army over the Turks at the Battle of Vienna in 1683. The feast was suppressed after Vatican II but once again placed in the calendar by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2002. Mary's name evokes tenderness and maternity. All Christians should call upon the blessed name of the Mother of God as the most powerful intercessor before the throne of Her Son in heaven. Her name puts us in relationship with her. She is not far away. She is close to us, as a mother should be, and she wants to be called upon by her children who are so in need of her.

**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. *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.

### 100 Club

As we all know St Joseph's – Shooters Hill relies heavily on the generosity of your good selves and, due to the pandemic, collections have fallen dramatically. To try and raise some much-needed funds we are going to resume our 100 Club. This means we need 100 people (or as many as we can get) to buy a number each month for £10.00 and that number will go in a draw. If your number is selected, you will win £200.00, with the rest of the money going into Church funds. For this to be a success, we will need **YOU** to participate. 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 at the 6:30pm Vigil Mass, please contact Ann – 07713 021 641. Thank you.

### Join us

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying catching up with each other in the hall after 10:15am Mass. Join us every week in the hall for a cup of tea/coffee/juice, and have a chat about events over the past week!

### Collections

5 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
First Collection	£437.60
Second Collection (Catholic Education Service)	£156.93
Hall Hire	£40
<b>Total</b>	<b>£664.53</b>

**Next 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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