

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th & 5th December 2021



**St Joseph's
Catholic Church**
SHOOTERS HILL

The week ahead

Saturday 4 th	6:30pm	Vigil
Sunday 5 th	11am	International Mass & Reception Second Sunday of Advent
Monday 6 th	10am	Mass
Tuesday 7 th	10am	Mass
Wednesday 8 th	10am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 9 th	9:15am	Mass
Friday 10 th	10am	Mass
Saturday 11 th	6:30pm	Vigil
Sunday 12 th	10:15am 12 noon	Grazina Mazoniene dead family intentions Third Sunday of Advent

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



Second Sunday of Advent

During the second week in Advent, we spend time thinking about Peace.

In John 14:27, Jesus said:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Prince of Peace, reveal yourself to us today. We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world. Help us to slow down and seek out the peace you provide, so we may become peacemakers for ourselves and others. In your name, Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen



Liturgy

Our liturgy today is in line with our International Mass and food reception. We will have many different readings, along with readings and songs read and sung in a different language.

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, we had our first class Mass which was held by Year 4 in the hall. There were 24 parents! Although Fr Seba was unable to attend, due to a last-minute commitment, Mrs Rodrigues was able to provide assistance to support the children to hold a short service. The children read and sang beautifully. It was lovely to hear about how the parents and carers that attended were joining in with the singing and how much they appreciated being invited back into school to see their children. On speaking to the children, their excitement of seeing their parents and carers was clear. Thank you to the adults involved in the service and to the parents and carers that were able to attend.

This week, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Notre Dame. We started the week with a whole school assembly, via zoom, to celebrate the first week of Advent. The children listened to the message we were given through the Gospel when Jesus asks us to stand tall. They listened to scripture and an inspirational story of a father and son. The son, Rick Hoyt, was born with cerebral palsy and was inspired by others to raise awareness and funds for others in need. The father and son competed together in various athletic endeavours, including marathons and Ironman Triathlons. They both stood tall. We lit the first purple advent candle on our advent wreath and prayed together for the strength to stand tall. Two large Christmas trees were also delivered to school this week. The children spent some time in one of the afternoons making decorations to decorate them. There are stars, trees, presents and candy canes on them. The children were excited to see them, and all looked out for their decorations.

There was also a CAFOD National assembly this week, where the children thought about how they could shine the light of Jesus during the season of Advent. Hearing the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sing and practise for their Christmas nativity has filled Notre Dame with a true feeling of Christmas.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development



Information

Holy Communion Programme

Last week we talked to the children about the true meaning of being sorry and instances when we really do need to apologise and make things right.

Lighting our Advent wreath

Would you like to take part in this simple ceremony by lighting a candle on each weekend Mass in Advent? It would be good to have different people at each Mass. One person, a couple or family could do this. Please sign your name in the box on the date you would like to take part in this celebration on the chart in the church porch

Advent Reflections

Over the weeks of Advent the Archdiocese of Southwark's Stewardship Team, in collaboration with the diocesan Spirituality Commission, will send daily reflections featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer direct to your email inbox - <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk> - sign up for free

Wine Raffle

We will be raffling the wine at our International Food Reception after 11am Mass on Sunday 5th December.

International Mass and Reception

Join us today (Sunday 5th December) for our International Mass, followed by an international reception in our hall, where you will find an array of food dishes and traditional wear. Entrance and food are on a donation basis, so please leave your money in an envelope. If you are a taxpayer and have signed up to Gift Aid, please write your Gift Aid number on the envelope.

Christmas Eve Mass

We need children volunteers (from 3.5 years to 8 years) for the Christmas Nativity on Friday 24th December at 6:30pm Mass. 2 readers, 4 narrators and children from 3.5 years to 8 years to play the parts of Mary, Joseph, kings and shepherds. If you are free, please come to the church on Saturday 11th December at 5pm so that we can allocate parts and start the rehearsals. We also need parent helpers to help with getting the children ready, dressing them in costumes etc.

Advent Service

There will be an Advent Service and confession, in the church, on Friday 17th December at 6:30pm

Saint of the day

Blessed Philip Rinaldi



Philip met Don Bosco at age 5, and apparently instinctively understood the importance of the future saint. Though he felt a call to a religious vocation, Philip was torn, and was seriously considering marriage when he decided to become a disciple of Don Bosco at age 22. The Christian Brothers immediately saw something in him and made him an assistant novice master even before he took his vows as a Salesian on 13 August 1880. Though he had no intention to become a priest, his superiors, who saw his potential better than he did, ordered him to study and take the tests, and he was ordained on 23 December 1882. Rector Major of the Salesians on 24 May 1922, the third successor to Don Bosco, and the last one to have been personally trained by him. From that position he worked to bring Don Bosco's vision to the 20th century, and the 20th century to the vision, doing all he could to spread Salesian spirituality and trust in God. He sent many young Salesians to learn foreign languages and customs so they would become more effective missionaries, and he asked Pope Pius XI to grant the "indulgence for sanctified work". He travelled extensively, preaching, encouraging vocations and the spiritual life of the laity. During his tenure the number of Salesians went from 6,000 to 10,000, there were 250 new houses and centres opened, and his teacher Don Bosco was recognised as a saint.

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 all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

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 the back of the church.

Collections

28 th November 2021	
First Collection	£600.83
Second Collection (Hall Fund)	£217.88
Hall Hire	£120.00
Flowers Box	£20.00
Repository	£10.00
Donation	£300.00
Total	£1268.71

This week's second collection is for the Hall Fund.

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.

Donate

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.

Hiring our hall

If you would like to hire our hall, on Paget Rise, SE18 3QQ, please contact Maggie Rea:
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