

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 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 24 <sup>th</sup>	--	--	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Deborah Ibeh birthday blessings Sunday Mass	} 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of St James
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Deborah Ibeh Birthday Thanksgiving	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	--	--	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:15am 12 noon	Mary O'Shea RIP Sunday Mass	} 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

In today's Gospel miracle, the multiplication of loaves and fishes grabs our attention as the finale to Jesus' teaching of the multitude. The question could be asked as to why so many were following Jesus. Was it because they wanted to be fed loaves and fish?

The boy who brought with him his packed lunch of five loaves and two fish reminds us that at least he was looking for something else. He was attracted by Jesus' message and wanted to be fed spiritually by his words.

Potentially, the familiar miracle overshadows Jesus' teaching. It detracts from the hunger the people had, enabling them to receive his and become whole.

The young boy stands as a vivid reminder in the Gospel of one who came to receive Jesus' words and exemplified what he had received in his willingness to share. In so doing he became Christ to his brothers and sisters.



**Hungry for Wholeness**  
*Canon Paul Douthwaite*

## 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 final three days of the school year have been full of fun at Notre Dame.

All the children at school participated in sports day, with relay races, obstacle races and egg and spoon races being some of the races the children joined in with. They stayed within their bubbles and cheered their own class friends and those within their partner year group too. Blue team were the winning team overall! Well done to all the children for trying their very best and for showing great sportsmanship.

This week, the children have been completing transition activities in class and preparing for the next stage in their journey at Notre Dame. It has been an important part for their successful transition into their new classes with their new teachers. Also, our Year 6 finished their time at Notre Dame. They had the chance to sign shirts and leavers books. There were tears and laughter. It is the end of an era for them but the start of a new and exciting part of their life. We would like to wish them well in their new schools. Also wishing you and your families a happy and restful summer break.



### Saint of the day

St James, Apostle



Patron Saint of Spain. Also known as James the Great to distinguish him from the Apostle James the Less, with 'greater' meaning older or taller, rather than more important. He was the older brother of John the Apostle. James is described as one of the first disciples to join Jesus, distinguished as being in Jesus' inner most circle and the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament (Acts 12:2). James witnessed the raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead, the Transfiguration and Jesus' agony in Gethsemane. James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I of Judea; according to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela where his shrine attracts Christian pilgrims from all over the world.

**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.

### Step 4 Guidance for Communal Worship during COVID-19 Pandemic

Two statements have been given from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales as the country moves into Step 4 of the Government's COVID-19 Response Roadmap. Both can be read on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship> and a copy is available in the church porch.

### 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

18 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
Collection	£246
Esther's 10K	£210
Hall Hire	£120
<b>Total</b>	<b>£576</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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