

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27th & 28th November 2021



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

The week ahead

Saturday 27 th	6:30pm	Mass
Sunday 28 th	10:15am 12 noon	Kemm Ryan Amalaman Birthday blessing Gerard Batty - RIP
Monday 29 th	10am	Mass
Tuesday 30 th	10am	St Andrew, Apostle / Ann O'Hara, RIP
Wednesday 1 st	10am	Mass
Thursday 2 nd	10am	Mass
Friday 3 rd	10am	St Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday 4 th	6:30pm	Hasina Carroll RIP & all the Carrol Family
Sunday 5 th	11am	International Mass & Reception

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.

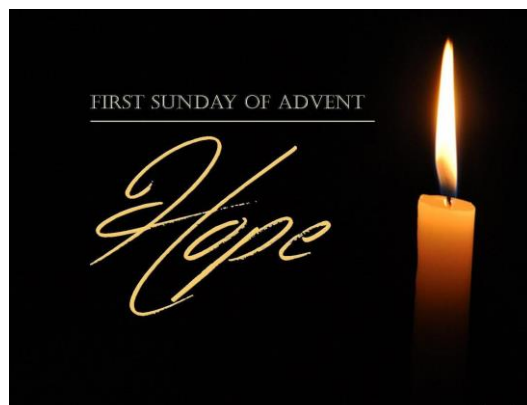
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen



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Here are a few suggestions for special gifts:

A firm handshake to a shaky soul,
A kind word to lonely person,
A warm smile to the disheartened,
A sincere concern for someone troubled,
A feeling of compassion for the neglected,
A comforting thought for the bereaved,
A respect for the dignity of others,
A defence of the rights of individuals,
A word of witness to help a seeking soul,
A Merry Christmas to all



*Preparing for Christmas
by Unknown*

Liturgy

First Reading: - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: - Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 Rv1 – To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading: - 1 Paul 3:12-4:2

Gospel Acclamation: - Ps 84:8 – Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Gospel: - Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

International Mass & International Food Reception

AFTER 11.00am MASS SUNDAY

5TH DECEMBER 2021



On Sunday 5th December 2021 our parish will have an International Mass at 11am followed by a Reception of International Food in the hall

We are asked to provide a dish, of our heritage, or anything else you would like to share with the parish community. Mass will have an international 'flavour' in the liturgy.

We need help to set up and clear away - please give your name to Fr Seba or Maggie. **We need raffle prizes** - please give your name to Fr Seba or Mary Gadd. **Would anyone like to read in their own language** - please give your name to Fr Seba or Josephine. **We need people to take gifts up in the Offertory connected with their country** - we have salt, rice, fruit and flowers so far. **We would love for people to dress in their traditional outfits**

Entrance and food will be on a donation basis, so please put your money in an envelope with your gift aid number on it if possible.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to this truly inclusive celebration.

Information

Holy Communion Programme

Our theme is still 'Being Sorry'. Last week, we talked to the children about reconciliation and what it means to God, ourselves and others. We also had their Enrolment Mass where we introduced them all to the Parish. They put candles on the map of the world sending love and light to that country. We have also placed their prayers in the fishing net display at the front of the altar. If you would like to add your own prayers, please leave them in front of the net and we will add them to the display.

Confirmation 2022

We will be Confirming our young people at the 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 4th June 2022** - Pentecost weekend. Any young people (or not so young) of school Year 8 and above are most welcome to join us. We will need to see a CATHOLIC Baptism Certificate along with proof of receiving 1st Holy Communion. Details of the course and registration will be available throughout December after 10.15am Mass or contact Father Seba for a registration form. Dates of the programme will be available soon. The first session will be on Wednesday 12th January 2022 in the parish hall at 7.00 for Confirmandi only. It is vitally important that all the programme is completed. The sessions will not be every week so there will be plenty of time to fit it in between exams and school work. As normal, we are asking people for help to enable us to provide this programme. Pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament and listen to see if the Lord is calling you for help, if so please contact Mary 07985 360960 or Fr Seba. Whilst recognising the important of parents and relations on a young person faith journey it is not suitable for them to be engaged as catechists in the programme. Their role is to journey with their young people and to continue their calling as the first educators of the faith. There will be 4 sessions for parents/guardians during the programme.

Wine Raffle

Our next wine raffle will take place on Sunday 19th December and tickets will be sold over the next 2 weekends – 4th & 5th and 11th & 12th December.

Holy Souls

This month we are still remembering the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For those whom you wish to be prayed for, please put their names in an envelope marked HOLY SOULS, together with your offering, and place it in the basket at the foot of the altar, where there is a supply of envelopes.

Saint of the day

Saint Anrê Tran Van Trông



There were 117 Catholics martyred in Vietnam from the years of 1625-1886. They were either crucified, flogged, beheaded, or starved and in the 1886 they were shot to death. There were many of our brothers and sisters that were killed for loving the Virgin Mary, Christ and adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Anrê Tran Van Trông was raised Catholic, but he kept quiet about it in public. Lifelong layman, career soldier and officer, he worked to help the missionaries of the *Paris Foreign Mission Society*. In 1834 authorities discovered Anrê's Catholicism; he was stripped of rank and imprisoned for his faith. He was given the opportunity to gain his freedom by renouncing Christianity; he declined. One of the *Martyrs of Vietnam*.

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 both exits of our church.

Collections

21 st November 2021	
First Collection	£479.29
Second Collection <i>(Catholic Youth Fund)</i>	£183.35
Candles Boxes	£31.20
Flowers Box	£32.80
Total	£726.64

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, please contact Maggie Rea:

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