



## SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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25th Sunday Year C

21st September 2025

Readings on Page 140 of the Parish Mass Book

### Walking with a First Holy Communion child

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the First Holy Communion Children and their parents who will celebrate the Rite of Enrolment at 9.15am this weekend. There are 43 children coming forward this year to celebrate their first Holy Communion in May 2026. I wish to congratulate the First Holy Communion Children and their parents for presenting them to the parish for this special journey to receive Jesus in the Holy Communion.

The First Holy Communion preparation among various things is a unique way of helping our children to become more aware of the spiritual richness and beauty of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Mass. During this preparation period, children will understand the importance of expressing reverence and acknowledge appreciation towards the Holy Eucharist. The methodology of learning about Holy Mass with their friends will assist them to understand more about it and to enjoy attending Mass with the wider parish community. Therefore it is important that parents provide the opportunity for their child to attend Mass every weekend in the Parish to see and enjoy the beauty of Holy Mass which they may probably struggle to comprehend at the First Holy Communion session. Indeed as part of your commitment, parents are requested to attend weekly the weekend Mass in the parish with their child. Parents can significantly accompany their child in his/her preparation for the First Holy Communion in the following ways.

-Parents may dedicate five to seven minutes each day to sit with their child in saying together the prayers they learn at the sessions.

- Similarly, please talk with your child after each session about what they have learned from the session they attended.

We as a parish community are reminded also that it is our responsibility to accompany these children in their faith journey. Our prayers and good examples will invite them to know Jesus more and to grow in a sense of belonging to the Parish community. The faith that we cherish in life should be handed over to the coming generation in order to enable them to face the challenges of life and to build up the faith community by inheriting the culture of faith transmitted to them in the parish. Let this special time in the parish be an inspiration and invitation for many to renew the faith.

Fr. Saju

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 20th September

##### St Andrew Kim Tae-gōn

10.00am Jason Paul Hearn RIP (Wilson)

12 Noon **Baptism: Olivia Gower**

6.00pm Maizey O'Hara &  
Michael Jansz RIP

#### Sunday 21st September 25th Sunday

8.00am People of the Parish

9.15am Sarah Magee RIP (Jones)  
*FHC Rite of Enrolment*

11.00am Ben & Jo White RIP

1.00pm **Baptisms: Maeve McCarthy**  
& Alfie Aylott

5.00pm George & Bernadette Ross RIP

#### Monday 22nd September

10.00am Tet Ken Chan RIP

#### Tuesday 23rd September St Pius

10.00am Milena Nemethova RIP

#### Wednesday 24th September

##### Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am Manuel Pillai Cecilia RIP  
(Merlyn)

#### Thursday 25th September

10.00am Augustine Matthew RIP

#### Friday 26th September

10.00am Maria Yacoub RIP

#### Saturday 27th September

##### St Vincent de Paul

10.00am Peter Gudge RIP

6.00pm Albert Norman &  
Emily Ida May Spink RIP

#### Sunday 28th September 26th Sunday

8.00am John & Lily Robertson RIP

9.15am Restoration of the Catholic  
Hierarchy in England

11.00am Int. Angela Callan (Clare)

12.30pm **Baptism: Cormac Ryan**  
5.00pm People of the Parish

## Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are requested to meet with one of our priests during surgery hours. Surgeries will be held from 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House:

**Monday:** Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan

**Wednesday by Appointment only:**

Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

**For Baptism and Confirmation**, please complete and print out one of our online Registration Forms. Please bring the form to meet with one of our priests/deacons during surgery hours to complete your child's registration. **You will not be able to submit your form online.**

**Baptism Preparation.** Please see below how to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course.

**First Holy Communion Rite of Enrolment** will be celebrated during the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 21st September.

**Confirmation Preparation 2025-2026.** If your child is in Year 8 or above and would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June 2026, please complete and print out our

**Confirmation Registration Form:**

[https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Confirmation-Registration-Form\\_July-2025.pdf](https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Confirmation-Registration-Form_July-2025.pdf)

**First National Mass Count will be taken this weekend at all Masses.**

**St Joseph's Primary School Open Days.** For dates and times, please see posters in foyer of the church.

**Journey in Faith Group will meet on Monday 22nd September at 7.45 for 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House.** For further information please email Matt Gibbs at [bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk](mailto:bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk)

## Season of Creation

The 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation', celebrated (1 Sep-4 Oct) is the 'Season of Creation', a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

**Pope Leo** on 7 September at the canonization said, **St Carlo Acutis** (1991-2006) "for his part, encountered Jesus in his family, thanks to his parents, Andrea and Antonia — who are here today with his two siblings, Francesca and Michele — and then at school, and above all in the sacraments celebrated in the parish community."

**St. Pier Giorgio Frassati** (1901-1925) "Pier Giorgio encountered the Lord through school and church groups, Catholic Action, the Conferences of St. Vincent, the FUCI, the Dominican Third Order, and he bore witness to God with his joy of living and of being a Christian in prayer, friendship, and charity."

**Christian Meditation on Thursdays at 7.00pm in the Upper Room.** Open to everyone. Meditation will be guided by a skilled and experienced person. Refreshments available.

**Mass and Anointing of the Sick** will be held on Saturday 18th October at 10.00am. The SVP Group will serve refreshments in the hall after the Mass.

**If you would like one of our Pastoral Team to visit a sick or housebound relative please contact the parish office.**

**Please pray for all those who are sick in our Parish, in nursing homes, in hospitals and the housebound, remembering,** Baby Angelo, John Dias, Gina Clark, John Aumundsen, Robert Straker, Stella Ludlum, Catherine Rideout, Emma Constantinides, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, Faith Millar, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Simon Franks, Paul Emans, Veronica Alanemo, Bernadette Murray, Maria Lopes, Billie McPartlan, Fr Bob Mercer, Ann Hoolihan, Patricai Lefkaridi, Fr. David Peck and Gail Mortimer.

**Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends, remembering,** Kuni Forbes, Gerry & Joan Leonard, Valerie Zandre, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Maizey O'Hara, Michael Jansz, Sarah Magee, Ben & Jo White, George & Bernadette Ross, Tet Ken Chan, Milena Nemethova, Manuel Pillai Cecilia, Augustine Matthew, Maria Yacoub, Peter Gudge, Albert Norman & Emily Ida May Spink and John & Lily Robertson

**May they rest in peace.**

## Jubilee Year 2025

**Jubilee Year: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the Jubilee Year:** Dates: 7th – 11th October 2025.

**As part of celebrating the Jubilee Year, the third Night Vigil will be held on 21st/22nd November 2025.** The Night Vigil will commence with Mass at 7.00pm and conclude with Mass at 6.30am.

### **Family Mass on Sundays at 9.15am.**

21st September	Uniform Groups & Appeal
28th September	Children's Liturgy
5th October	Children's Liturgy
19th October	Uniform Groups
2nd November	Children's Liturgy

**Tea and Coffee on Sunday mornings** will be served in the church hall after the 9.15am Mass.

**Cafod Harvest Fast Day.** Members of our Cafod Group will be making a short appeal at the end of all Masses on 27th & 28th September. The Cafod collection will take place on 4th & 5th October.

**Bromley Homeless:** Thank you to those who attended the talk by Simon Jeal on Sunday evening (14/09/25). If you were unable to attend the talk but would like to volunteer or support the charity please email either John Warren ( [jrwarren@gmx.co.uk](mailto:jrwarren@gmx.co.uk) ) or Teresa Adams ( [tessie.m.adams@gmail.com](mailto:tessie.m.adams@gmail.com) ).

### **Funerals:**

**The funeral of Valerie Zanre RIP** will be held on Monday 29th September at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace.

**The funeral of Kuni Forbes RIP** will be held on Tuesday 21st October at 12.30pm May she rest in peace.

## Supporting the Parish

### Parish Finances for last week

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

#### **Standing Orders:**

Average weekly contributions: £1400.

#### **Cashless contributions last week:**

Mass offerings: £350.00

Building Fund: £32.00

#### **Offertory Collection last week:**

St. Joseph's: £978.63 St. Swithun's: £180.44

#### **Catholic Education Services:**

St Joseph's: £482.95 St. Swithun's: £47.46

#### **Gift Aid and Standing Order Enquiries:**

Please email the Gift Aid Co-Ordinator at: [bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk) or call the Parish Office on 020 8402 0459.

Please see below the **Cashless Giving QR code**. Please scan the code with your smart phones to make cashless contributions.



#### **Bank transfers for Offertory**

#### **contributions can be made to the account below:**

Short bank account name: **St Josephs Parish**

Bank sort code: **60-04-02**

Account number: **84093595**

Reference: **Please show your surname and initials (eg. Bond J)**

#### **Second collections:**

**This weekend:** Home Mission Sunday

**4th & 5th October:** Cafod Harvest Fast Day

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 10.30-11.30am and 5.00-5.45pm and on request.**

**Rosary:** The Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be prayed in Holy Trinity Chapel between 10.30-11.30am from Monday to Friday. On Saturday it will be in the Church and Confession will be available.

**Baptism:** You are invited to register for your child's baptism on line: [https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Baptism-Registration-Form\\_July-2025.pdf](https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Baptism-Registration-Form_July-2025.pdf) Please complete and print the form and bring to one of the surgeries on Monday evening in the Parish to meet a deacon/priest in the Holy Trinity House for the completion of the application. The next Baptism Preparation Course will begin in November.

**Marriage:** Please contact a priest or deacon. **Six Months notice is required.**

**St Swithun's Church**  
**9 Fashoda Road, BR2 9RE**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 20th September**

6.00pm God's Blessing for  
Miriam and George

**Sunday 21st September**

10.00am Mary Scanlon RIP (Childs)

**Monday 22nd September**

10.00am Plant Family: Living & Deceased

**Saturday 27th September**

6.00pm Mary McLean RIP

**Sunday 28th September**

10.00am Patrick John Doherty RIP

**Monday 29th September**

10.00am Debbie Doherty RIP

*For Mass Intentions please see Nelson*

**St Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402-0459**

**Tea & Coffee** will be served in the church hall on  
Sundays after the 10.00am Mass.

**Confession** will be available in St. Swithun's Church  
on Saturdays between 5.20-5.45pm.

**Parish Social**

**Cancer Café and Prayer Support Group at 1.30pm in the Upper Room.**

1st Tuesday of month: Prayer Support Group

3rd Tuesday of month: Cancer Café

Refreshments will be served. For further  
information contact Parish Office.

**The Dad's Group** will meet again on  
Wednesday 15 October at 7.30pm at Papadom  
Palace, Letchworth Drive BR2 9BE. This is open  
to all dads who still have a child at school.  
Contact: Richard Barrett on 07729 392936 or  
email: rgtbarrett@gmail.com.

**Seniors Lunch.** The next Seniors Lunch will  
be held on **Tuesday 14th October** from 12  
noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please  
let the parish office know if you would like to  
attend.

**Rosary in the Park.** Peter Bull will be  
completing a recital of the Rosary whilst walking  
2 circuits of Norman Park on Saturday 27th  
September at 11.30am. Followed by coffee in  
the Trackside Café. For further information  
please ring Peter on 07596 684926 or just turn  
up at 11.30am (Hayes Lane entrance).

**Presbytery & Parish Office**

**Presbytery:** 15 Marian Gardens, Bromley BR1 3FH Tel: 020 8402 0459

**Parish Office is open from 8.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday**

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**Surgery Times: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House**

**Monday:** Fr Saju and Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan.

**Wednesday:** Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry by appointment only

**St Joseph's and St. Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402 0459**

**St. Joseph's School:** Tel: 020 8460 1976 | Website: [www.st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk)

**Head Teacher: Mrs Cribben**

**St. Joseph's Playgroup Ltd:** Monday-Friday. Term time only. For enquiries please ring:  
Caroline O'Brien on 07961 413694.