

SS. Joseph & Swithun

Parish News 2018

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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Sunday Year B 24th June
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A Weekend of Jubilation

A huge thank you to the nearly one thousand people who gathered to celebrate with me a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the priesthood. The joy-filled and festive experience was for me superlative in every way.

Yes, indeed a weekend of jubilation, praise and thanksgiving; a weekend of sharing wonderful food, drink and story telling. A weekend of drama, music, song and dance.

It all began with the outstanding school assembly led by Year 4 and Miss Caroline Hughes. It was so moving and evocative in its presentation that I was taken by surprise. It unlocked deep emotions. I was in floods of tears—tears of joy and gratitude.

They ended their presentation with a song "Walk Beside Me" by Celtic Woman, the chorus of which I invite you to read and ponder. I believe it has deep significance for how we see ourselves as a community.

Don't walk in front of me
I was not born to follow
Don't walk behind me
We were all born to lead
Don't walk without me
I might need you tomorrow
Walk right beside me
Be the real friend I need.

For me these words point to Jesus and the way he chooses to be WITH us. Yes, he is alongside us as friend on our own unique road to Emmaus and back to Jerusalem. The abiding promise of Jesus is to be WITH us, freeing us from fear and enabling us to take responsibility for the direction of our life and choosing to walk in the company of his friends.

The great joy and delight of this weekend especially with the Jubilee Mass, sharing of excellent food and the entertainment was that I had no part in the bold vision that shaped it or the brilliant organisation and collaboration that delivered it.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Psalter Week 4

Saturday 23rd June

6.00 pm Helen Evans RIP (Bonnici)

Sunday 24th June

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8.00 am Kathleen O'Grady RIP

9.15 am UCM

11.00 am People of the Parish

2.00 pm

Baptism:

Plivino Rei Gomes Gama

5.00 pm Teresa Costello RIP

6.30 pm Syro Malabar Mass

Ryan & Reuben Thanksgiving

Monday 25th June

10.00 am Canon Patrick Pearson RIP

Tuesday 26th June

8.45 am Holy Souls

10.00 am Gaynor Rees RIP (Gilboy)

Wednesday 27th June

10.00 am Philip Jackson RIP (Spink)

Thursday 28th June St. Irenaeus

10.00 am Helen Evans RIP (Allatt)

7.30 pm* Peter Drinkwater RIP

Friday 29th June St. Peter & St. Paul

7.30 am* Holy Souls

10.00 am Bridget Patricia Crisp RIP

7.30 pm Holy Souls

Saturday 30th June

10.00 am John & Lily Robertson RIP

6.00 pm Sheila Ann Tarrant RIP
(Forsythe)

Sunday 1st July Thirteenth Sunday

8.00 am Helen Evans RIP

9.15 am People of the Parish

11.00 am Deceased members of the
Uyanneh Family

Baptisms: Thomas Dunlop

Eleanor Corbett, Tobias Barrett

Baptisms: Sienna Payne

Estela Kancyte

5.00 pm Int. Billie McPartlan (Catenians)

*Masses celebrated in Holy Trinity Chapel

This was an outstanding example of a parish at its best, individuals and groups taking responsibility for their own particular area of competence and expertise. Each contributed generously of their time, treasure and talent in full measure and with great love.

I will forever treasure this day. It has been and continues to be my great privilege to walk with you as friend and companion in all the vicissitudes of life encountering the Risen Lord as we share this graced journey.

I thank you with all my heart. Fr. Tom

St. Swithun's Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd June

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 24th June

10.00 am John Dempsey RIP

Monday 25th June

10.00 am Wellbeing of Fr. Tom

Attendance: 63 **Collection:** TBC

Volunteers required to join the SS Joseph & Swithun Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Please contact the parish office if you would like to join this team.

Friday 29th June is the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30am in Holy Trinity Chapel, 10.00am and 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.

Our Parish Faith Formation

First Holy Communion 2018-2019 Registration forms for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Prep for Year 2 children are available on the Parish Website and at the back of the church. Kindly complete your form and return to the priests during their surgery hours.

Confirmation Preparation 2018-2019 If your child is in Year 8 or older and wishes to prepare to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in 2019 please collect and complete the registration form from the back of the church, the parish website or contact the Parish Office. Candidates with parents, please return the completed form together to one of our priests during their surgery hours.

Warmest Congratulations to Garry Cullen who will be Ordained a Deacon on Saturday 7th July at 2.30pm at St. George's Cathedral. Please continue to pray for Garry as he starts his Ministry of Service in our community. **A celebratory drink will be served in the Club Room on Sunday 8th July after the 11.00am Mass. All welcome.**

Consolation Group will meet again on Thursday 28th June at 5.00pm in the Sanctuary of the Upper Room. If you, a relative or friend are suffering the loss of a loved one, no matter how recent or how long ago, you are invited to join us.

Parish News & Events

Newsletter Survey: To enhance the experience of Welcome in the Church we will be conducting a short survey this weekend. Forms will be available in the church. Please return at the end of Mass.

Dishes and Plates to collect. Thank you to all those who made food for the International Parish One Mass last Sunday. Please collect your dishes and plates from the parish office.

Barriers and Obstacles to the Eucharist. Workshop to take place on Saturday 30th June in the parish hall following the 10.00am Mass. The session will be led by Dr. Helen Costigan. All welcome to attend. **Catechists, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist especially please note.**

UCM 'Strawberry Teas' afternoon will take place on Friday, 6th July in the convent. More details later.

GDPR. These new data protection regulations are now in force. If you currently volunteer for the parish or did so in the past and have personal information at your home on paper and/or on a PC or laptop, you should have been contacted by the GDPR team to ask for details of what you hold. If you have not, please contact the Parish Office. The sooner your responses are received, the sooner we can let you know what actions you need to take to keep within the law. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your co-operation. The Diocese's Privacy Statements are on <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/finance.html>.

The next Seniors' Lunch will be on Monday, June 25th at 12.30pm at the Crown (Toby) Bromley Common. If you would like to be included, please let Zandra know at 020 8851 0173 or, 07929 401 807. Both phones record messages.

Parish Family Gatherings. The next gathering for all the parish groups will be **Saturday 30th June, 6-9 pm** at 8 Park Grove BR1 3HR. Tea, coffee, squash, cake, biscuits and crisps will be provided. A donation bowl will be available for a token.

Outing to Eastbourne this Wednesday 27th June. 24 seater coach will leave from St. Joseph's Presbytery at 9.30 am. We will depart from Eastbourne at 5 pm. Journey approximately two hours. Weather looks promising.

11th-18th October - Mediterranean cruise
Please contact **Gina Clark on 020 8464 3742.**

Mission & Outreach

Marriage Matters: Strong in faith and love. We hear of wars, disputes and arguments throughout the world. We are reminded that in spite of all this is happening, the Lord stands beside us to protect, encourage and guide. Can we in our marriage mirror the Lord in all His faithful actions so that we too become a 'sign' of His love for the entire world?

The St John Bosco Children's Summer Camp at Aldham Essex. This is a activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows :-

Week One Saturday 21st-28th July for Boys

Week Two Saturday 28th July -4th August 2018 for Boys

Week Three Saturday 4th-11th August 2018 for Girls.

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk> For any enquiries then please email the boys camp at boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk More information can be found on the poster at the back of the church.

Service of Remembrance for Bereaved Parents, their families and their friends. Losing a baby or a child of any age is one of the most painful experiences anyone may ever have to face. On Sunday 1 July you are warmly invited to a Service of Remembrance for Bereaved Families & Friends. It will take place at 3pm in St James' Community Centre, St James The Great, Lakeswood Road, Petts Wood BR5 1AY. The service will be a time of music, prayer, poetry and reflection. We do hope you will be able to join us & to stay afterwards for refreshments. All are most welcome.

Miscellaneous

School holiday childcare club. OFSTED registered. Monday to Friday 9am until 3pm. £35 per day bring packed lunch/£39 with lunch included. Early drop off / late collections available Limited availability. Booking required in advance. Childcare vouchers accepted. Please contact Vicci on 07572 581959.

Flower Rota. Volunteers are urgently required to join the flower rota. No experience necessary. Training will be given. Please contact the parish office.

Question of the Week

Adult: When has the Lord calmed the stormy seas of your life?

Child: What fear would you like to Lord to help you overcome?

PARISH FINANCES

We are the Parish and we all belong to God
Thank you for your generosity and for your support.

Last week the total contributed to the upkeep of the Parish was £2738.38. This is made up of the money collected during Masses (£1983.38) and the average weekly standing order contributions (£755).

This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Day of Prayer for Human Life.**

When making your Will you may wish to remember your Parish.

Diary of the Week



Sunday 24th June

10.30 am Coffee in Club Room
10.30 am Baptism Prep. Session 4—UR

Monday 25th June

12.30 pm Seniors' Lunch—Toby Carvery
5.30 pm Brownies—Hall
7.00 pm Guides—Hall

Tuesday 26th June

10.30 am Coffee in Club Room

Wednesday 27th June

8.00 pm Meditation—UR

Thursday 28th June

4.00 pm Rainbows—Hall
5.00 pm Consolation Group—UR
5.15 pm Beavers—Hall
6.30 pm Cubs—Hall

Friday 29th June

7.00 pm Scouts—Hall
7.00 pm Explorer Scouts—Club Room

Saturday 30th June

10.00 am Tea & Coffee in Club Room
10.30 am Workshop: Barriers & Obstacles to the Eucharist—Hall

Sunday 1st July

10.30 am Coffee in Club Room
10.30 am Baptism Prep. Session 1—UR

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 11 am -12 noon & 5.00—5.45 pm or on request.

Rosary: Monday to Saturday at 10.30am

Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Thursday 10.30 -11.30am and on Fridays 7.30-8.30pm.

Benediction on Saturday 10.30 -11.00am

Baptism: Parents & Expectant Parents—Kindly collect and fill in a Baptism Application form and bring this completed form to a Priest during Surgery hours. After registration one months preparation is required. Forms can be found at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact a Priest or Deacon during Surgery. **Six months notice required.**

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Surgeries (at Presbytery: no appointment needed)

Monday: Fr. Saju 5-7 pm Wednesday: Fr. Tom 5-7pm

St. Joseph's School: Tel: 020 8460 1976 | Website: www.st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk

St. Joseph's Playgroup Ltd: Monday to Friday in Church Hall. Enquiries please ring 07961 413694