

SS. Joseph & Swithun

Parish News 2019

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Sixth Sunday Year C 17th February

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Celebrating 13 years of Shared Pilgrimage as I retire

As I retire from parish ministry, I invite each and all of you to join me for the One Parish Mass on Sunday 30th June at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Primary School grounds. I want it to be an occasion of joyful praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings that we have been privileged to share. Together we have come to experience more intensely what it means to 'Love and Serve the Lord' becoming One Body, One Spirit in Christ.

While I will be retiring as your Parish Priest on 15th July 2019 I pray that each of us will be open to the next stage of our pilgrimage with joyful hope and grateful hearts.

Soon after I was appointed as Parish Priest here in Bromley nearly 13 years ago I asked Sam McCarthy to paint an image that expresses her experience of becoming a Catholic. It hangs now in the Upper Room. It depicts, in vivid colours, a terrain of hills and valleys that we traverse in life's journey. Running right through it is a stream of golden light. This stirs up in me a profound sense of the saving presence of Jesus who is our companion on the road with all our fellow pilgrims who share life's journey in the parish.

I thank Sam for this gift serving as an evocative image of our shared life in SS Joseph's & Swithun's.

Every year we gather on Monday evenings with a group of people who feel drawn to us in their search for the "Way" to "Truth" and "Life" - Jesus Christ. Week by week we explore the Gospel for the following week. We filter, in a prayerful way, our own experience of life through the lens of the Gospel story. We take time to share with one another the insights gained, understandings deepened and mercies received. For those adults who seek the sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, those we celebrate with them through the splendour of the Easter Liturgy.

This process of initiation for formation epitomises for me life in our parish. Renewing again and again what it is to be a priestly people, truth tellers and servants in a wounded world.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Psalter Week 2

Saturday 16th February

10.00 am People of the Parish
Anointing of the Sick
6.00 pm Cyprian Frois RIP

Sunday 17th February Sixth Sunday

8.00 am Van Chan RIP
9.15 am Victoria & Sunny Vallani RIP
(Stoner)
Baptism Rite of Welcome
11.00 am Pricilla Helene Achampong
3.00 pm **Baptism: Chiara Tira**
5.00pm Preis Wilski RIP

Monday 18th February

10.00am Fred Whitaker RIIP

Tuesday 19th February

No 8.45am Mass—Half Term
10.00 am Int. Thelma Malone
90th Birthday

Wednesday 20th February

10.00 am Calogero Ingelaco RIP (Orlando)

Thursday 21st February

10.00 am Int. Overton Family (Craddock)
7.30 pm* Sr. Claire Faurie RIP (HTC)

Friday 22nd February

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7.30 am* Mary Joyce & Family RIP
10.00 am Dhanya & Jinoy
10th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday 23rd February St. Polycarp

10.00 am Julia Holden RIP (Duncan)
First Holy Communion
Katie Morgan
6.00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 24th February Seventh Sunday

8.00 am Sheila Egan RIP (Cunniffe)
9.15 am UCM
11.00 am Family Tree Healing (Valentina)
5.00 pm Tess Glynn RIP (Burrage)
6.30 pm Syro Malabar Mass

* Masses held in Holy Trinity Chapel

What I have so briefly described captures the great joys and struggles we have shared together in the past 13 years.

Being pilgrims with you has enabled me to grow as a human being. I have learned so much from each one of you in ways that I can never fully or adequately express. My journey as a man, as a 'Christian with you' and a 'Priest for you' has been marvellously blessed. My heart now overflows with gratitude to God for the people of SS Joseph's & Swithun's.

Fr. Tom

St. Swithun's Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th February

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 17th February

10.00 am Aloysius & Antonia Miranda RIP

Monday 18th February

10.00 am People of the Parish

Attendance: 150 **Collection:** £311.00

St Swithun's Committee Meeting on Sunday 24th February directly after the 10.00am Mass in the Church Hall. All welcome to attend!

Our Parish Faith Formation

Baptism Preparation Session 3 to be held on Sunday 17th February at 10.30am in the Upper Room. The Rite of Welcome will take place during the 9.15am Mass.

First Holy Communion Session 4 will be held after half term on Saturday 2nd March at 4.15pm in the Upper Room, Sunday 3rd March at 10.30am in the Upper Room and Holy Trinity Convent and on Tuesday 5th March at 4.30pm in the UR.

Journey in Faith Group will meet again after half term on Monday 25th February at 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Upper Room. If you are interested in exploring what Catholics believe and why, or if you are a baptized Catholic who wishes to be Confirmed, please join us. You will receive a warm welcome.

Lent Reflection: Pope Francis 'A Man of his Word'. Film screening on Sunday 10th March in the parish hall. Tea and coffee will be served from 2.00pm. Film starts at 2.30pm. Followed by a discussion on *Laudato Si—Care for Our Common Home*. All are warmly invited to attend.

Walk with Me. A Lenten Journey of Prayer is available in the foyer priced £1.00. There is also a children's Calendar for Lent available for 25p.

Please place money in box on the wall marked 'Newspapers'. Thank you.

A Day Retreat Led by Pat Gaffney of Pax Christi:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice on Saturday 23/02/2019 10:00am – 4:00pm. At Aylesford Friary, Kent ME20 7BX. The day will explore the essential link between peacemaking and working to build justice in today's world. 11.45am for Mass at 12.00 noon for those who wish to attend.

Online Lent Retreat organised by the Jesuit spirituality network 'Walking together with Christ', with daily prayer material on Bible readings or pictures. For more information see:

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/> There are different ways of living the retreat, one is to encourage small groups to share and support each other. One group will be meeting weekly at the Sisters of St Andrew's 99 Belmont Hill, welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com 0208 852 1662.

Please see poster in the lobby.

Consolation Group next meeting 28th February 5pm—6pm. in the Sanctuary of the Upper Room, at St Joseph's. Please join us—you will receive a warm welcome.

Parish News & Events

Talk on Family Life in Thailand by Rev. Dr. Anne Townsend, a medical missionary. You are invited to this talk in our Upper Room on Tuesday 19th February at 2 pm. All welcome. Organised by the UCM.

Alpha Course at SS Joseph & Swithun Parish from 1st May—10th July 2019 - Volunteers Needed. For Hospitality, setting up the Hall or clearing up. Prayers for the success of our parish Alpha Course starting on Wednesday 1st May 2019 and every Wednesday until 10th July. (Excluding Half Term Week 29th May) Alpha is a series of 10 sessions exploring the Christian faith, and is a tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. **If anyone would like to volunteer to help create this experience, or participate** please get in touch with Andrew Yacoub (andrewyacoub@icloud.com) or Mary Crosby (bromleya@rcaos.co.uk).

One Parish Mass—Our annual One Parish Mass will be celebrated this year on Sunday 30th June in St. Joseph's School grounds. Please contact the parish office if you wish to be involved in helping to organise this event or if you wish to be involved on the day. The next Group Planning Meeting will be on Thursday 28th February at 7.30pm in the UR.

Parish Family Gathering on Friday 22 February at 19 The Chase, BR1 3DE from 7-9 pm. Please call Glevys on 07914164145 if you intend to come.

Marie O'Brien has requested that no more food should be delivered to her home. Any food for the Foodbank should be left in the porch of the presbytery. Thank you.

Social Life of the Parish— Cheese & Wine on Shrove Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. All new parishioners, Catechists and members of our parish community are invited to come and meet each other over a glass of wine. Kindly RSVP to the Parish Office for catering purposes.

The next Seniors' Lunch will be on Monday, February 25th at 12.30pm at the Crown, Bromley Common. **If you drive, be sure to type your registration number into the electronic pad opposite the bar, even if you have a disabled badge** otherwise you will incur a hefty fine! If you would like to be included, let Zandra know at 020 8851 0173 or 07929 401 807.

Mission & Outreach

Marriage Matters: Our calling is to love one another. Does *'the world speak well of me'*? God wants us to use our talents to fulfil His plan, not for our own glory. His plan for marriage is that we love each other before everything else, which means listening deeply. When I focus on doing any job I need to ask: 'How do you need to be loved just now?'

The St. John's Lent Lecture: God and Laughter. The Sacred Art of Joking. To be held on Friday 8th March at 8.00pm at St. John's Church, Park Road. Free admission. For further details please see poster in outside cabinet.

Churches Together in Central Bromley Lent Course. The Messiah in Words and Music. To be held on Tuesday evenings from 12th March to 9th April at 7.30pm at St Peter & St. Paul's Church Bromley BR2 0EG. Free admission. All welcome. For further details please see poster in outside cabinet.

Waitrose Burnt Ash Lane have selected LATCH as one of the three beneficiaries of their Waitrose Community Matters Green Token scheme. Please would all shoppers at that branch of Waitrose place their green tokens in the LATCH box. Thank you.

Youth News

Bromley Youth Net. St Joseph's is putting on a Sunday Youth Club with other local churches. Each church takes turns to host on every 3rd Sunday of the month. This Sunday 17th Feb 6.30-8.30pm at St Mark's in Westmoreland Rd (nr Bromley South) £2.00 for an observational quiz, hotdogs and juice. If you'd like to help out as an adult volunteer or have children wanting to come along please RSVP to Lolly at snyclubs@gmail.com

Question of the Week

Adult: In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did?

Children: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

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 £1950.00. This is made up of the money collected during Masses (£1195.08) and the average weekly standing order contributions (£755).

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. There will be a second collection. Please collect a prayer card from the foyer.

When making your Will please remember the future needs of your Parish.

Diary of the week:



Sunday 17th February

10.30am Coffee in Club Room
10.30am Baptism Prep Session 3—UR

Monday 18th February

Tuesday 19th February

10.30am Coffee in Club Room
2.00pm Talk in Upper Room
'Family life in Thailand'

Wednesday 20th February

8.00 pm Meditation—UR

Thursday 21st February

Friday 22nd February

7-9 pm Parish Family Gathering at
19 The Chase BR1 3DE

Saturday 23rd February

Sunday 24th February

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

Benediction on Saturday 10.30 -11.00am and every First Friday from 3pm—4pm

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. Matthew 5-7pm 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