

SS. Joseph & Swithun

Parish News 2018

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*An Introduction to Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation
'Gaudete et Exsultate'*

Spiritual Pilgrimage, Vigilance and Discernment

Chapter Five of Gaudate et Exaultate explores the need for discernment in our world today. To know what is truly right we have to taste it, savour it and be nourished by it. Discernment also helps us to recognise and avoid those things that may be attractive but have the capacity to destroy us.

We should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities. 'Like a roaring lion, he prowls around, looking for someone to devour'.

For this spiritual pilgrimage, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary outreach.

The gift of discernment has become all the more necessary today, since contemporary life offers immense possibilities for action and distraction. Without the wisdom of discernment we can easily become prey to every passing trend. Even though it includes reason and prudence, it goes beyond that, it gives us a glimpse of that unique and mysterious plan that God has for each of us.

Prayerful discernment must be born of a readiness to listen: to the Lord and to others, and to reality itself, which always challenges us in new ways. God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to diminish them but to bring them to fulfilment.

Ponder this question: How do we know if something is right and what resources do we draw on in the process of knowing?

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Psalter Week 3

Saturday 11th August St Clare

6.00 pm Donna May RIP (Harrington)

Sunday 12th August Nineteenth Sunday

8.00 am Maria Jose Proenca Periera RIP & Pedro Pepe Periera RIP

9.15 am People of the Parish

11.00 am Deceased members of Uyanneh Family

Baptisms:

Mia-Rose & Alyssia Hayles

5.00 pm Seamus Hughes RIP

6.30 pm Syro Malabar Mass (People of the Syro Malabar Community)

Monday 13th August

10.00 am Helen & Brendan French
60th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday 14th August St Maximilian Kolbe

10.00 am S Anthony Pillai RIP

Wednesday 15th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

7.30 am

10.00 am Int. Agnes Achampong

7.30 pm

10.00 am At St. Swithun's

Thursday 16th August

10.00 am Claud & Annie Murdon RIP
(Spink)

Friday 17th August

10.00 am Franco Gulinelli RIP

Saturday 18th August

10.00 am Franco Gulinelli RIP

6.00 pm Bernadette Grealy RIP (Doran)

Sunday 19th August Twentieth Sunday

8.00 am Wellbeing of D.C.

9.15 am UCM

Baptism Rite of Welcome

11.00 am Kennedy Uyanneh RIP

5.00 pm Umberto Ferrando RIP
(O'Sullivan)

St. Swithun's Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th August

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 12th August

10.00 am Seamus O'Mahony RIP

Monday 13th August

10.00 am People of the Parish

Wednesday 15th August Holy Day of Obligation

10.00am The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses at St. Joseph's:

7.30am, 10.00am & 7.30 pm

Attendance: 129

Collection: £334.73

We welcome Fr. Amandus Kapele Cssp to SS Joseph & Swithun. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his Ministry in our Parish. His name **Amandus** means "one who is to be loved". May we show him our love and a warm welcome. Fr. Tom.

Holy Day of Obligation. Wednesday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.30pm at St. Joseph's and at 10.00am at St. Swithun's.

Our Parish Faith Formation

Baptism preparation—Session 2 today after the 9.15 am Mass in the Upper Room.

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.

Funeral: Julian Gardener R.I.P. died on 28th July. His funeral will take place at St Joseph's at 12 noon on Wednesday 29th August. We send our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Parish News & Events

Gift Aid Envelopes are available to collect from the foyer. Please take your personally addressed white envelope. *If you pay your weekly Mass offering by banker's order you will still need to collect your small pack of envelopes which you can use for Christmas & Easter Offerings and any additional collections or contributions you may wish to make. Thank you.*

Two additional Ministers of the Word are required for the 8.00am Mass. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.

One Mass Memories Video. During the International Parish One Mass photographs were taken and a video has been prepared. If you do not wish your likeness or that of your child to be distributed in the form of a link to a video slideshow it is important that you inform the Parish Office.

Outing to Worthing, Tuesday 28th August. Depart 9.30 am from church. Please sign on clipboard in foyer. £20 fare required by 20 August to Gina or Parish Office.

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, August 20th at 12.30pm at the Crown, Bromley Common. If you would like to be included, let Zandra know at 020 8851 0173 or 07929 401 807.

Mission & Outreach

Marriage Matters: To love as God loves. When we married we became a flesh and blood sacrament. Today, Jesus says *"I am the bread of life"*. We are 'food and drink' for each other. Let us continue to nourish one another in our marriages, in all those little ways, with tender words and loving actions and become more a 'sign' of God's love for the world.

Ageing well in Bromley. Bromley Council and NHS Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are working together to consider how the borough can better support local residents to live well in their later years.

To help us do this we will be working together with local residents, professionals and partners to develop a new joint Strategy for Ageing Well in Bromley. The strategy will look at current and future population trends and needs across the borough and consider how best to support people to live happily, healthily and independently.

We know that the numbers of Bromley residents who are 65 and over are increasing and that people are living longer.

We have already spent some time with local residents and professionals to understand what it is like to get older in Bromley and we will be visiting dozens of community and faith groups over the summer.

We have developed a survey which will run until 26 August and we want to hear your thoughts and experiences. **You can get involved by completing our Ageing Well in Bromley Survey at <http://www.bromley.gov.uk/ageingwell>.** Or attend our **Public Meeting Friday 24 August at 10am at Bromley Civic Centre.**

We have received the following appeal from our local foodbank: *The foodbank urgently needs supplies of the following: Long life fruit juice, squash, jam, cold meat, custard, rice pudding and cooking sauce.* Please help if you can by donating items from the list above. Thank you very much! **Please leave your donations in the Presbytery porch. Thank you.**

Starter Pack Scheme in Bromley. Single bedding and towels in good condition urgently needed for the Starter Packs scheme. Donations may be delivered to **St.Peter and St.Paul's** (also known as 'The Parish Church', and located behind off the High Street behind Primark) during office hours Monday – Thursday 9.00am -12noon or out of office hours by appointment.. The telephone number is 020 8464 5244. There is parking available for drop off. **(Please note that we are unable to accept starter pack donations here at St Joseph's).**

How Relevant is Religious Education in the 21st Century? A talk on the role of RE in our increasingly secularised culture with speaker Professor Trevor Cooling. On Wednesday 10th October from 6-8pm in The Light Café, Ethelbert Road, Bromley. Free entry. Refreshments available. RSVP clare@spinnaker.org.uk.

Miscellaneous

Carer required for elderly lady parishioner for an hour and a half (Monday to Friday) each morning. Please contact Helen on helenm.arnott@gmail.com.

Question of the Week

Adults: When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

Children: What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?

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 £1940.98. This is made up of the money collected during Masses (£1185.98) and the average weekly standing order contributions (£755).

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

Diary of the Week

Sunday 12th August

10.30 am Baptism Prep. Session 2—UR

Monday 13th August

12.30 pm

Tuesday 14th August

10.30 am Coffee in Club Room

Wednesday 15th August

8.00 pm Meditation—UR

Thursday 16th August

Friday 17th August

Saturday 18th August

Sunday 19th August

10.30 am Baptism Prep. Session 3—UR
Rite of Welcome to take place
during 9.15am Mass



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: No surgery

Wednesday: Please contact Deacon Barry

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