

## MASS INTENTIONS

Psalter Week 2

**Saturday 31st December** New Year's Eve  
6.00pm Patrick & Elsie Cunningham RIP  
Midnight Mass Int. of Dom McCarthy

**Sunday 1st January 2012** The Blessed Virgin Mary  
8.00 am Fr Patrick RIP (Woollett)  
9.15 am Speedy Recovery of Anne Richardson  
11.00 am Patrick McDonagh Liamin RIP  
5.00 pm People of the Parish

**Monday 2nd January** Basil & Gregory Nazianzen  
7.30 am\* Mary Ann Waller RIP  
10.00 am Neil Clark RIP

**Tuesday 3rd January**  
10.00 am Emily Ida May Spink (Spink)  
4.30 pm **Reception into Church :**  
**Roger Hammond RIP**  
7.30 pm Roger Hammond RIP

**Wednesday 4th January**  
10.00 am Wellbeing of Maureen Hanrahan (E. Forde)  
11.30 am **Funeral Mass: Roger Hammond RIP**

**Thursday 5th January**  
7.30 am\* Int. of Sisters HTC (Woollett)  
11.00 am **Funeral Mass: Olive Creak RIP**

**Friday 6th January**  
10.00 am Lady Lilian Amelia Grindle RIP  
(11.00 am Mass at St. Raphael's)

**Saturday 7th January**  
10.00 am Amber Lily Ayensu Knight RIP  
6.00 pm Derek Stace RIP (Joan Barrick)

**Sunday 8th January** The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ  
8.00 am Paul Grant RIP  
9.15 am Joan Richardson (Anne Richardson)  
11.00 am Ronald Smith RIP  
5.00 pm Welfare of Janice Cronk (Sassoon)

\*7.30 am Masses are at Holy Trinity Convent

## DIARY THIS WEEK

**Sunday 1st January 2012**

**Monday 2nd January**

**Tuesday 3rd January**  
3.00 pm Legion of Mary—Skip Appleton  
7.00 pm Circuit Training—Hall  
8.30 pm Zumba Fitness Class—Hall\*

**Wednesday 4th January**

**Thursday 5th January**

**Friday 6th January**  
5.00 pm Zumba for Kids—Hall\*

**Saturday 7th January**

**Sunday 8th January**  
10.15 am Coffee after Mass  
3.45 pm Baptism Preparation Session 1 in  
Upper Room

\*This is the re-start date we have been given.  
Please contact Beverly on 07722663995 to  
confirm .

## St Joseph's Catholic Church

Plaistow Lane, Bromley

(Presbytery: 1 Orchard Road, Bromley, BR1 2PR)



**Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Year B 1st January 2012**

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**Surgeries** [at Presbytery without an appointment]

Monday Fr. Saju : **No Surgery this week** Wednesday Fr. Tom: 5-7 pm

**Presbytery & Parish Office:** Tel: 020 8402 0459

Parish Secretary: Susan Allatt 9.00 am-1.00 pm weekdays  
(Church Hall Bookings: **Mon-Thurs mornings only**)

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## Every Joy & Blessing in 2012

### God with Us

Though our host at the table of life,  
He came among us as a stranger, asking us to be allowed  
to sit at the table He set for us.

Though our maker and the source of our life,  
He was born as a babe to be received by us,  
in the life He gave us.

The Almighty does that again and again  
each time a baby is born, or a stranger knocks  
at our door.

For the bread he provides, and the life He gives,  
we only can receive in the measure we give.

Just as the Christmas child could only give  
in the measure he was welcomed among us.

Amen

We wish all our parishioners and visitors the gifts of peace, joy and thanksgiving  
in 2012. Parish Team: Mary Crosby, Deacon Duncan and Fathers Saju and Tom.

*READINGS & PRAYERS for today are on page 105  
of the Parish Mass Book.*

**Rosary:** Daily, 10.30am.

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:** Saturdays 10.30am

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

**BAPTISMS:** One month preparation required . Please contact a Priest during Surgery.

**WEDDINGS:** 6 months notice required. Please contact your Parish priest

**Celebrating Your Child's Baptism -** Baptism preparation helps parents to enrich their understanding of the meaning and importance of the sacrament of Baptism in their own life and in the life of their child. It also helps to prepare for the day that their child will be baptised. Parents wishing to present their child for Baptism are requested to attend a four week course. Expectant parents are also invited to these courses before the birth of their baby. If you live and worship in the parish of St. Joseph's and would like to attend one of our Baptism preparation courses, please contact Fr. Tom or Fr Saju.

**Baptism Preparation 2012:** First of four sessions will begin on Sunday 8th January at 3.45pm in the Upper Room.

**Journey in Faith Group.** We resume our Monday meetings on 9th January 2012 at 7.45pm for 8.00pm in the Upper Room, and look forward to continuing our journey together. We would also like to welcome anyone wishing to find out more about Catholic Christianity.

**Journey in Faith 'Rite of Welcome' Celebration of the Word and Blessing of the Catechumens and Candidates.** Saturday 28th January 2012 during 6.00pm Mass followed by Journey in Faith Social in the Upper Room.

**The Rite of Welcome:** The First Step: is a grace filled celebration since Catechumens and Candidates clearly express their desire publicly to become full members of the Church and this marks their welcome and first blessing by the Church. Our entire community are asked to help the Candidates and Catechumens throughout this process by praying for them, supporting them and encouraging them on their journey in faith.

**First Reconciliation:** Review Session on Saturday 14th January 10.00am-11.00am. Sunday groups will meet in the usual rooms. Tuesday's group will meet in the Parish Club Room.

**Parents Confirmation Session 3** on Saturday 14th January 2012 will be held in Holy Trinity Convent at 3.30pm-5.00pm. The focus will be the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Candidates Confirmation Session 4** will be held in the Church Hall at 3.30pm on Saturday 14th January 2012. Followed by the Rite of Choice and Blessing during 6.00pm Mass.

**Fr. Saju** will not be holding his surgery on Monday 2nd January.

**Mr Roger Hammond's** funeral will be held on Wednesday 4th January 2012 at 11.30pm. Reception into church will be on Tuesday 3rd January at 4.30pm and Mass at 7.30 pm.

**Mrs Olive Creak's** funeral will be held on Thursday 5th January 2012 at 11.00am.

**Mr John Padden's** funeral will be held on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 11.30am.

We offer the support of our prayers, with deepest sympathy to the families.

**Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: 25 June 2012.** Led by Fr. Saju in collaboration with Vapour Travels. 5 nights half board. Price £689.00 per person. £170.00 single supplement. 3 nights in Rome and 2 nights in Assisi. Contact Brian Daley on 0208 857 5260. Also see poster in foyer for further details. **All bookings to be received by end January 2012.** Thank you.

**Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist.** Your new rotas starting 31st December are now available. Please pick up your copy from the servers' sacristy.

**Orpington Food Bank Appeal.** Many thanks indeed for all donations. Please note that this is an ongoing appeal and not just for the Christmas period. **All food items should be left in the porch of the Presbytery.** Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with taking the food down to the Food Bank in Orpington. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards** can be collected from the boxes at the back of the church.

**Cleaning Rota.** The new cleaning rota is on display in the foyer.

**Educating Young People in Justice and Peace.**

*Abstract from the message of his holiness Pope Benedict XVI for the celebration of the World Day of Peace: 1st January 2012.*

My message is also addressed to parents, families and all those involved in the education and formation of young people. Attentiveness to young people and their concerns, the ability to listen to them and appreciate them represents a primary duty for society as a whole.

The family is the first place where true education in peace and justice takes place. Within the family children learn the human and Christian values which enable them to have a constructive and peaceful co-existence. It is within the family that children learn solidarity between the generations, respect for rules, forgiveness and how to welcome others. The family is the first school where we are trained in justice and peace.

The recognition that life is a gift and to recognise the Creator's image in man and learning to have a respect for every human being. In order to exercise his freedom man must come to know the truth about good and evil. Its voice calls him to love and to do what is good, to avoid evil. Consequently it forms the basis for just and peaceful coexistence.

**Olympics 2012: More Than Gold.**

As we move into 2012 and the days to the Games decrease the excitement towards the start begins to increase with intensity. I am involved with recruiting Games Pastors especially those who can speak other languages. You are very welcome at all our main railway stations and if you don't wish to travel to London stations then Ebbsfleet is also a main station where you will be welcomed with open arms. Contact me as soon as possible if you want to be part of the Christian response in welcoming visitors from abroad. Deacon Duncan.

**Vacancy: Clerk to Governors, Bishop Challoner School.**

The Governors of Bishop Challoner School are seeking to appoint a new Clerk to the Governors. For further details please see notice in the foyer or contact the School Office on 020 8460 3546 or visit the website on [www.bishopchallonerschool.com](http://www.bishopchallonerschool.com).

Could Mr R E Hawksley please contact the Parish Office. Thank You.

**The Christmas Offerings** were your personal gift to the priests of the parish. Thank you very much.