

# SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

28th April 2024

Readings on Page 264 of the Parish Mass Book

This weekend we will be saying good-bye to Fr Peter and wait the arrival of Fr Saju this coming Wednesday. Looking back to September 2019 when we met Fr Peter for the first time, we did not realise the extent of the challenges that we would face together. Probably the greatest challenges that the recent Church has faced outside of war. I am of course referring to the Covid pandemic, the closing of churches, having to conduct services over zoom with no congregation. We were not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament our very life-blood and the life-blood of the Church itself.

Fr Peter steered us through these troubled waters just as Jason steered the argonauts away from the rocks and siren voices calling in different directions. They were not easy times for any of us; funerals with just a handful of mourners all sat apart; weddings with just the bride and groom and four others allowed. When churches were opened half of the pews were roped off so that we could not sit or interact together. Lists were produced and the pastoral team endeavoured to regularly call every person registered on the Church Suite database.

We are now in much happier times and thank Fr Peter for all that he has done for the parish. Those of you who have joined the parish in the past ten or so years will be wondering what will Fr Saju be like? Many of us will remember him from his time with us as our Assistant Priest. He will be different! Just as Fr Peter was not Fr Tom who was not Fr Pat who was not Monsignor Daly etc. etc. Each priest brings his own unique gifts and charisms but they all have one thing in common: Like branches that cannot survive, let alone bear fruit when severed from the vine, all their spiritual lives have a deep and sustaining connection to Christ through prayer. It is not about individual accomplishments but about contributing to the flourishing of the whole community.

We are all called to embrace boldness in our proclamation and living of the Gospel, to foster a community grounded in love and service, and to bear fruit that brings glory to God. We bid a fond farewell to Fr Peter and welcome Fr Saju with joy.

**Deacon Barry**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 27th April

10.00am In Hon. of Our Lady  
6.00pm Fr Peter & Our Parish  
Community (Gina)

### Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Helen Evans RIP  
9.15am Princess Esther Edohen RIP  
*Year 2 School Mass*  
11.00am Int. Fr Peter  
5.00pm Lucia Holder RIP

### Monday 29th April

10.00am Cecilia, Patrick & Padraic  
Dolan RIP (Cunniffe)

### Tuesday 30th April

10.00am Int. Wayne Seidel

### Wednesday 1st May

10.00am Augustine Thomas RIP

### Thursday 2nd May

10.00am Eric & Ellen Green RIP  
(Spink)  
12.30pm **Funeral:**  
Mary MacNamara RIP

### Friday 3rd May St Philip & St James

10.00am Paul Flynn RIP (Cunniffe)

### Saturday 4th May The English Martyrs

10.00am Int. A Lohan  
11.00am First Holy Communion  
6.00pm Int. Ryan & Amanda  
Gramaglia (Leary)

### Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am People of the Parish  
9.15am David Thorogood RIP  
(Jones)  
11.00am Maximino Hidalgo Bárcena  
& Ascensión Arribas  
Gonzalez RIP  
12.30pm **Baptism: Fiorella Federico**  
5.00pm Anne Elizabeth Lister RIP  
(Wilson)

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Farewell to Fr Peter and Welcome to Fr Saju Pinakkattu**

Fr Peter will be moving to Rainham Parkwood Parish this week. Fr Peter will celebrate the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 28th April followed by a 'Farewell Party' in the hall afterwards. All parishioners are invited to attend. **Donations of cakes and biscuits would be most welcome.**

Fr Peter has served us as our parish priest for the past 4½ years. To show our appreciation to him we are having a Leaving Collection. Thank you to all those who have already given to this collection. Further donation envelopes are available in the foyer. We wish Fr Peter every blessing for his future Ministry. **Please sign Fr Peter's Leaving Card which is available in the foyer of the church.**

**Fr Saju Pinakkattu will celebrate his first Mass in our parish at 10.00am on Wednesday 1st May.** All welcome to attend. Coffee & tea will be served in Holy Trinity House after this Mass.

### **Daily Mass which can be viewed by visiting the Parish Website:**

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/>  
Please click on the link for the daily Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Available on request.

**The Rosary** is prayed at 10.30am Monday-Saturday during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30am.

**Gift Aid Envelopes for 2024-2025 are now ready to collect from the foyer of both St. Joseph's and St. Swithun's Churches.**

### **St. Swithun's Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday 27th April**

6.00pm Wellbeing of Kevin Foley

#### **Sunday 28th April**

10.00am People of the Parish

#### **Monday 29th April**

9.00am Holy Souls

**A big Thank You** to all those who helped to make Fr Peter's Farewell Party last Sunday such a huge success. He is very grateful to you all.

### **Our Parish Faith Formation**

**The Journey in Faith Group** will meet on Monday 29th April 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House. New Enquirers only. For further information please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or [mattgibbsjif@gmail.com](mailto:mattgibbsjif@gmail.com)

**Baptism Preparation.** Please see reverse of Newsletter on how to register for our next Baptism Preparation Course.

**Our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at 11.00am on the following dates: Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May.** Please remember in your prayers all the FHC children and their families and also Fr Peter, Deacon Garry and all the Catechists who have helped to prepare the children for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation for 2024-2025.** If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion please complete our **Online Registration Form:** <https://stjosephsbromley.org/fr-fhc/>

**Confirmation Preparation Session 6** will be held on Saturday 18th May at 3.45pm to start at 4.00pm in Holy Trinity House. The Confirmation Group will be attending the 6.00pm Mass. We look forward to Canon Victor Darlington celebrating our Confirmation Mass on Saturday 15th June at 12 noon.

**The Mum's Group** meet on Friday mornings during term time at 8.30am in Holy Trinity House. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided.

## Funerals:

**Fr Barry Hughes RIP.** Bishop Pat will preside over the funeral of Fr Barry Hughes on Monday 13th May at 12 noon at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Farnborough BR6 8NN.

**Mary MacNamara's** funeral will be held in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 2nd May at 12.30pm.

**Michael Foley RIP** died on Friday 19th April. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course.

As a parish community we offer our prayers with deepest sympathy to the family and friends of all the deceased.

**The Annual Mass for London Migrant Workers** in honour of St Joseph the Worker is on **Monday 6th May 2024 at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR at 12.30pm.** All are invited. Please come early. You are welcome to come in national dress if you would like to take part in the banner procession at 12.15pm. See poster in foyer.

**Seniors' Lunch.** Thank you to all the volunteers for providing the lovely sandwiches and cakes for the lunch last week. The next **Seniors' Lunch** will be held on **Wednesday 22nd May from 12 noon to 1.30pm** in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

**Summer Coach Outings.** If you would like a day at St Leonard's on Sea on Wednesday 29th May, please put £30 in an envelope with your name and the outing on the outside. It can be handed into Susan in the parish office or put in the collection basket from where it will be passed on. If we fill the coach you will receive £5 back on the day. We have 6 bookings so far. If you have nobody to go with then Gina will look after you for the day. For further information please ring Gina Clark on 07780 468767.

**The Dad's Group will meet again on Monday 29th April, 19.30-21.00 in The Crown Pub on Plaistow Lane,** next to Sundridge Park station. This is open to all dads who still have a child at school and is an opportunity for dads in the parish to get to know one another.

**A Day with Mary to be held in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 27th April.** The day will commence with an Entry Procession of Our Lady at 9.30am. During the day there will be Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The day will conclude at 5.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch to eat in the hall. All welcome. See poster in foyer.

## Dates for your Diary:

**Saturday 18th May.** Walking Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Parish in Chislehurst. Please meet in St. Joseph's car park at 11.45am to leave at 12 noon. Aiming to arrive at St. Mary's at 1.00pm. Rosary and picnic lunch (please bring your own lunch). Leaving at 2.00pm to walk back to St. Joseph's.

**Saturday 29th June.** Parish outing to Aylesford Priory. Mass will be celebrated in the Relic Chapel at 12.30pm followed by a picnic lunch. A coach will be available for those who do not wish to drive. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend and if you would like a seat on the coach. £20 return.

**This weekend there will be a second collection for the Maintenance of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark.** This Cathedral is the mother church of the diocese. The collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

## Supporting the Parish Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

### Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £963.25 St. Swithun's: £229.67

### Priests Training Fund:

St. Joseph's: £705.63 St. Swithun's: £187.57

**Weekly Offertory.** Thank you to all those who have set up standing orders for their weekly offering. If other parishioners would like the parish bank details to set up a standing order please email either the parish office or: [bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk)

***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,*** Tim McCarthy, Trish Howard, Tom McCarthy, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Imelda Burns, Ava Pedder, Patricia Supple, Luke Kelly, Simon Franks, Bindu Cyriac, Tony O'Reilly, Paul Emans, Agnes Achampong, Rupi McConnell, Brian Daley, Veronica Alanemo, Bernadette Murray, Maria Lopes, Billie McPartlan, Geraldine Colleary, Fr Bob Mercer, Ann Hoolihan, Patricai Lefkaridi, Fr. David Peck, Gail Mortimer and June Wilson.

***Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends, remembering,*** Michael Foley, Mary MacNamara, Maximino Hidalgo Bárcena, Ascensión Arribas Gonzalez, Princess Esther Edohen (Joespeh Osunde's mother), Jane Emans, Maura Volpi, Fr Barry Hughes, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Helen Evans, Cecilia, Patrick, Pdraic Dolan, Augustine Thomas, Eric & Ellen Green, Paul Flynn, David Thorogood, John Pritchard and Anne Lister. **May they rest in peace.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Fr Peter will be available to hear confession after the 10.00am Mass from Monday to Saturday or on request.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is prayed at 10.30am Monday-Saturday in St. Joseph's Church during **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** until 11.30am. All welcome.

**Baptism: Parents & Expectant Parents—You are invited to register for your child's baptism on line: [www.stjosephsbromley.org/baptism-registration](http://www.stjosephsbromley.org/baptism-registration). A separate form needs to be completed for each child.** Please register, and we will contact you to arrange your required Baptism Preparation. If you have completed one of our Preparation Courses please email the parish office to book a date and time for your child's baptism.

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

### **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**

#### **Parish Pastoral Team**

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**Surgery Times: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a meeting with a member of the Pastoral Team**

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

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