

SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Pentecost Sunday Year B 19th May 2024

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Last Thursday week we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven. Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early Church, on those who believed in the Risen Lord. Today marks the high point of our Easter celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost means, "fifty days" after the Resurrection. This is the conclusion of the holy fifty days and marks the exaltation of Jesus and the giving of the Holy Spirit. This was also the feast day in which the Jewish people celebrated the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. On Mount Sinai the different tribes of Israel entered into covenant with God and with one another and so became the people of God. God gave them the Ten Commandments as a guide to show them how to be a people, because being people of God means relating to God and to one another in a way that God Himself has mapped out, not in the way that we think is right. The beginning of wisdom, the beginning of true religion, therefore, is when we realize that as humans we are limited and short-sighted, and so we ask God to show us how to be the people of God that He has created us to be.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are brought together as one people. This universal family embracing all races and nationalities is called Church. "Catholic" means "*universal*." We are proud members of the Catholic Church, the Universal Church. Pentecost is not only the feast reminding us of the coming of the Holy Spirit fifty days after the Resurrection, it is also the Birthday of the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who is the driving force of the Church and every baptised Christian. The Spirit which Jesus gave as an everlasting gift to the apostles is the same Spirit at work in our present time. It is at work in all the baptised as it is at baptism that we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. The gift which is sealed at Confirmation.

Today is, therefore, an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to be active and faithful members of this family of God we call Church. Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in each one of us the spirit of a new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. **Deacon Barry**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th May

10.00am Int. Anoushka & Sareena (Asumpta)

6.00pm Int Rajini Ariyaratnam

Sunday 19th May Pentecost Sunday

8.00am People of the Parish

9.15am Vincenzina Grilla RIP (Mirella)

11.00am Wellbeing of John & Maureen (Asumpta)

12.30pm **Baptism: Chizitelu Nzeh**

5.00pm Cecil Mariyathan RIP

JIF Reception into Church

Monday 20th May

Mary, Mother of the Church

10.00am Protection of Unborn Babies (Asumpta)

Tuesday 21st May

10.00am Int. Bernie Sheahan (Dovico)

Wednesday 22nd May

10.00am Jean Egan RIP (Carol)

Thursday 23rd May

Our Lord Jesus Christ

10.00am Sr. Veronica RIP (Aubin-Parvu)

11.30am

Funeral:

Rebecca Mohan RIP

Friday 24th May

10.00am Ludwina Rodrigues RIP (Audrey)

Saturday 25th May St Bede

10.00am Rhonda Kiely RIP (Fran)

6.00pm Thanksgiving for Exam Success for Martha (Selvanathan)

Sunday 26th May The Most Holy Trinity

8.00am Peggy O'Sullivan RIP (Sayer)

9.15am People of the Parish

11.00am Diane Icton & Veronica O'Sullivan RIP (McCarthy)

5.00pm Lucia Holder RIP

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.

Fr Patrick Essien, new Assistant Priest to our parish. We welcome Fr Patrick to our parish as our new Assistant Priest. Fr Patrick is from the Uyo Diocese in Nigeria. Fr Patrick will look forward to meeting all our parishioners over the next few weeks.

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

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/>

Please click on the link for the daily Mass.

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

Funerals:

The funeral of Rebecca Mohan RIP will be held on Thursday 23rd May at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church.

The funeral of Rhonda Kiely RIP will be held on Tuesday 4th June at 12.00 noon.

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

St. Swithun's Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th May

6.00pm Saraswathy Stanislaus RIP

Sunday 19th May

10.00am Martin Lopes RIP

Monday 20th May

9.00am Fr Barry Hughes RIP

Altar Servers. Congratulations to the children who have recently received their First Holy Communion. If you would like to become an Altar Server and help serve at the weekend Mass, please contact the parish office. Induction into this Ministry and relevant training will be provided.

Our Parish Faith Formation

Our Journey in Faith candidates, Mia, Paul and Andrea, will be received into the Church on Pentecost Sunday 19th May during the 5.00pm Mass. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.

The Journey in Faith Group will meet again in September. New Enquirers only. For further information please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or mattgibbsjif@gmail.com

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

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/>

First Holy Communion Parents' Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Hall. Fr Saju, Deacon Garry and the Catechists will look forward to meeting you and will provide further information.

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.

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal in St Joseph's Church on 1st - 2nd June 2024.

Jerry Lohan is giving an Appeal on 1st & 2nd June on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need which supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently involved in 5,000 projects. ACN work directly with bishops, priests and religious sisters and brothers to make sure that any aid goes directly to those that it is intended for. Many of our religious partners risks their own lives every day to provide help and spiritual support to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your kind prayers and support would be greatly appreciated.

Seniors' Lunch. 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. Gina is kindly organising the following coach outings this summer. Please ring her on 07880 468767 if you would like to join any of the outings.

Wednesday 29th May to **St. Leonards**—Full

Tuesday 25th June to **Herne Bay**

Monday 22nd July to **Worthing**

Wednesday 14th August to **Broadstairs**

Monday 9th September to **Eastbourne**

The approximate cost of the trips is £25 each.

Cafod Plant Sale. Gina has a few large tomato plants ready and some smaller ones in various sizes. Please ring Gina on the above number for more information.

The Dad's Group will meet again on Monday 20th May 19.30-21.00 in The Crown Pub on Plaistow Lane for a boardgame evening (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.

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

Reminder: 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 Choir 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.

PTFA St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Big Fun Run. On Thursday 23rd May, the PTFA will be holding the **St Joseph's Big Fun Run**. We would love to have your support by sponsoring our children to run around the school field. This event not only raises money for the school but also improves our children's mental and physical health and wellbeing. We've set a target to raise £2500 for the school. If you would like to sponsor the children, please visit and pay via the PTFA website: <https://stjosephsptfa.org.uk/v5/>. Thank you for your ongoing support.

St. Catherine's Catholic School Bexleyheath. Vacancy for a Part-Time RE Teacher. For further information please email: info@stccg.co.uk or ring 01322 556333

Rosary in the Park. Peter Bull will be completing a recital of the Rosary whilst walking round Norman Park, Hayes Lane on **Saturday 25th May at 11.00am**. The distanced walked will be 3 circuits totally 3.3 miles. Followed by coffee in the new Trackside Café. For further information please ring Peter on 07596 684926 or just turn up at 11.00am (Hayes Lane entrance).

Thank you to the First Holy Communion Groups for the following donations:
4th May: £75.00 for St. Joseph's Parish
11th May: £776.30 for Priests Training Fund

Supporting the Parish Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £1138.34 St. Swithun's: £210.22

World Communications Day:

St. Joseph's: £326.10 St. Swithun's: £90.46

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

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, Stella Ludlam, 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, Rupri 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, Rhonda Kiely, Michael Foley, Rebecca Mohan, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Vincenziina Grilla, Cecil Mariyathasan, Jean Egan, Sr. Veronica, Ludwina Rodrigues, Peggy O'Sullivan, Diane Icetone and Veronica O'Sullivan.

May they rest in peace.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Saturdays from 10.30-11.30am and 5.00-5.45pm and 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. 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

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Parish Office is open from 8.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday

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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

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