



SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Pentecost Sunday

Year C

8th June 2025

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It is a real privilege to introduce myself as the Headteacher of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School who has been received into the Catholic Church on this Easter Vigil. I am delighted to be part of such a warm, welcoming, and faith-filled community. I would like to share with you my personal journey of faith and how it has shaped both my life and roles entrusted to me.

My journey towards a deeper connection with the Catholic faith has been gradual and deeply fulfilling. From a young age, I felt close to Christianity and its core beliefs, which laid a strong foundation for my later exploration of Catholicism in greater depth. Studying theology and religious studies while gaining my Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) was a turning point—offering me the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the teachings of Christ and the life of the Church.

Throughout my career in education, especially within Catholic schools, I have found my faith has strengthened. Working in faith-based environments has reinforced my understanding and appreciation of Catholic values, while also providing many opportunities to witness others on their own faith journeys. Now, as Headteacher of St Joseph's, I feel a renewed sense of purpose and responsibility to help nurture the spiritual and moral development of the young people in our care.

My belief in Catholic education is rooted in the conviction that faith shapes not only individuals but entire communities. This belief has led to meaningful changes in my own life—deepening my sense of peace, guiding me to live with greater compassion and intention, and reminding me of the importance of service to others.

The support from our parish, clergy and school community has been truly invaluable. It has provided encouragement, wisdom, and a strong spiritual foundation for my leadership. Being part of the St Joseph's community—within both the school and parish—has been an incredible blessing. The shared sense of faith and purpose here is inspiring and has helped me feel truly supported and spiritually nourished.

Looking ahead, I am excited to continue growing in my relationship with God and to explore new ways of living out my faith in everyday life. I believe God is calling me to serve more actively—as a Catholic leader, a teacher, and a member of this vibrant parish. I look forward to walking this path together, and to sharing the peace and joy that a deeper faith brings. **Mrs Clare Cribben, Headteacher.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th June

6.00pm Frank Peterson RIP
(Francis)
Confirmation Rite of Choice

Sunday 8th June Pentecost Sunday

8.00am Colin Hammill RIP (Lowery)
9.15am Int. First Holy Communion
Children
11.00am Kathy Wages & Jimmy
Ellison RIP (Spink)
12.30pm **Baptism:**
Okechukwu Ejiebu
5.00pm Int Rayan Abu Watfa

Monday 9th June

Mary, Mother of the Church

10.00am Mrs Lucy Augustine RIP

Tuesday 10th June

10.00am Thanksgiving:
Estelle Rodrigues
1.00pm **Funeral:** Patricia Gibbs RIP

Wednesday 11th June St Barnabas

10.00am Peter Bennett RIP

Thursday 12th June

Our Lord Jesus Christ

10.00am Maureen Lee RIP (Power)

Friday 13th June St Anthony of Padua

10.00am Emilio Demetz RIP

Saturday 14th June

10.00am Pete Wilcock RIP (Spink)
12.30pm **Wedding:** Adam Newbrook
& Pawony Baradaran
2.30pm **Baptism:** Joseph Matthews
6.00pm Ray Gallagher RIP (Davies)

Sunday 15th June The Most Holy Trinity

8.00am Patricia Canning RIP (Lowery)
9.15am Anthony Phelan RIP (Supple)
11.00am Christopher & Emmanuel
Benson Okoebor RIP
5.00pm People of the Parish

St Swithun's Church
9 Fashoda Road, BR2 9RE

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th June

6.00pm Philomena Harrington Thanksgiving

Sunday 8th June

10.00am All First Holy Communion Families
(Ada)

Monday 9th June

10.00am Navis Dilfi Franco

Saturday 14th June

6.00pm All Catechists in the Parish (Ada)

Sunday 15th June

10.00am Aloisio Miranda RIP

Monday 16th June

10.00am

For Mass Intentions please see Nelson

St Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402-0459

Confession will be available in St. Swithun's Church on Saturdays between 5.20-5.45pm.

A Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8th June at 9.15am for all the First Holy Communion children. A parish gift will be given to all the FHC children.

All Readers and Special Ministers are invited to an information session led by Fr Saju on Saturday 14th June from 10.30am-12 noon in Holy Trinity House. To include updated guidelines and a practical session. Tea & Coffee will be served from 10.00am.

Our Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 21st June at 12 noon. Please note there will be no Adoration and Confession after the 10.00am Mass on this date.

Thank you for Parish Volunteers. A Cheese and Wine evening will be held on Saturday 12th July after the 6.00pm Mass in the Church Hall. Fr Saju would like to invite all volunteers to attend.

Funerals:

The funeral of Patricia Gibbs RIP will be held on Tuesday 10th June at 1.00pm.

Annette Foley RIP died on Thursday 29th May 2025. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are requested to meet with one of our priests during surgery hours. Surgeries will be held from 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House:

Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan

Wednesday by Appointment only:

Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

There will be no Surgery on Bank Holidays.

Baptism Preparation. Please see reverse of Newsletter to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course starting on Saturday 21st June 2025.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation for 2025-2026. If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion please download our **FHC Registration Form:**

<https://stjosephsbromley.org/fr-fhc/>. Please come and meet with one of our priests/deacons during surgery hours to complete your child's registration.

Confirmation Rehearsal will be held in St Joseph's Church on Saturday 7th June at 3.45pm for 4.00pm start. The Rite of Choice will take place at the 6.00pm Mass.

Journey in Faith Group will take a break for the summer and meet again in September. Please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email: bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk

Family Mass on Sundays at 9.15 am

8th June	Children's Liturgy
15th June	Uniform Groups
22nd June	10.00am Parish & School Mass
29th June	Children's Liturgy
6th July	Children's Liturgy
13th July	Year 1 Mass—No Children's Liturgy
20th July	Uniform Groups

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the 9.15am Mass. All welcome.

Summertime 2025 Altar Servers Summer Break from 6th-9th August at Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre, Pinner. Suitable for altar servers aged 11-15. For further information please contact Stephen Boyle at: darford@caos.org.uk or the parish office. See posters in foyer of church.

Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee Year: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the Jubilee Year: Dates: 7th – 11th October 2025. For further information please email Susan Lowery at: slowery@hotmail.co.uk

Festival of Hope and Flame on Sunday 22nd June 2025. St. Joseph's Parish and Primary School are joining together to celebrate Jubilee 2025 in St. Joseph's Church. **Please Note: Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. The 9.15am and 11.00am Mass will be combined on this date.** The children of the Primary School will present a drama of Pentecost in the Church Hall followed by a bring and share picnic and fun and games in the parish garden. All are welcome to attend this great community event. Please feel free to dress in your cultural dress.

Night Vigils will be held in St Joseph's Church on Fridays 27th June and 21st November from 6.00pm to 6.00am the following morning. **Please complete the sign up sheet in the foyer.**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Spaces Available! St Joseph's Catholic Primary School currently has spaces available. We offer a warm, welcoming community where every child is encouraged to grow academically, spiritually, and socially. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact: admin@st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk
Join the St Joseph's family – where every child is known and loved.

The next Seniors' Lunch will be held on Tuesday 10th June from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend. There will be no Seniors' Lunch in July and August.

Cancer Café will be held in the Upper Room on Tuesdays from 1.30-3.00pm for cancer and post cancer patients to meet and share their experiences, fears and challenges. Those attending are welcome to bring a friend. Refreshments will be provided. For further information please contact the parish office.

Summer Days Out. The coach to Broadstairs on Friday 20 June is now full. Gina has arranged the following coach outings: **Hastings** on 16th July. **Eastbourne** on 14th August and **Brighton** on 3rd September. Book direct with Gina on 07780 468767.

Supporting the Parish

Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

Mass Offerings last week:

St. Joseph's: £1087.85 St. Swithun's: £243.59

World Communications Day:

St. Joseph's: £305.65 St. Swithun's: £83.67

Weekly Offertory. Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish. We are grateful 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.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Day for Life.**

From our Diocese: **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June:**

St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. On Thursday 26 June, an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults is taking place. On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, there will be a "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

Conference on Prospects and Hope for the Papacy of Leo XIV to be held on Friday 20th June from 6.00-9.00pm in the Medieval Crypt of St. Etheldreda's Church, 14 Ely Place EC1N 6RY. Conference fee £35. Speakers include HE the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. For further information see poster in foyer and outside cabinet or email retreatsdover@gmail.com.

Churches Together in Central Bromley: Sunday 8th June, Pentecost Sunday. Churches in Central Bromley are holding a united service at 6:30pm – 7:15pm, hosted at Bromley Town Church, 2 Ethelbert Road BR1 1JA (located just behind Metro Bank in the High Street). All welcome.

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, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, Cathy Mair, Faith Millar, Stella Ludlam, Robert Straker, Bennett Marcellus, Paul Gibbs, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Simon Franks, Paul Emans, Brian Daley, Veronica Alanemo, Bernadette Murray, Maria Lopes, Billie McPartlan, Fr Bob Mercer, Ann Hoolihan, Patricai Lefkaridi, Fr. David Peck and Gail Mortimer.

Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends, remembering, Annette Foley, Enrica Fitzpatrick, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Frank Peterson, Collin Hammill, Kathy Wages, Jimmy Ellison, Lucy Augustine, Patricia Gibbs, Peter Bennett, Maureen Lee, Emilio Demetz, Pete Wilcox Ray Gallagher, Patricia Canning, Anthony Phelan, Christopher and Emmanuel Benson Okoebor.

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 and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be prayed in Holy Trinity Chapel between 10.30-11.30am from Monday to Friday. On Saturday it will be in the Church and Confession will be available.

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 then come to one of the surgeries on Monday evening in the Parish to meet a deacon/priest in the Holy Trinity House for the completion of the application. The next Baptism Preparation Course will begin on Saturday 21st June 2025.

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

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Surgery Times: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House

Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan - **Not Bank Holidays**

Wednesday: Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry by appointment only

St Joseph's and St. Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402 0459

St. Joseph's School: Tel: 020 8460 1976 | Website: www.st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Cribben

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