

# SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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2nd Sunday of Easter Year A 12th April 2026

Readings on Page 255 of the Parish Mass Book

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles today presents a scene in which the blossoming church is full of love and concern for all in the community. In that sense it might be said the community was getting and indeed experiencing just a small glimpse of the beauty of heaven. In Luke's reading, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he is describing how the early church was originally established by God, under His saving plan for humankind. It is also key in strengthening the faith of early Christians, for we know severe persecution of the early church was a reality, with threats, punishment and even death being inflicted on those who followed Christ.

And our second reading from Peter provides a sense of this foreboding, as Peter refers to various trials that test the genuineness of faith, which is more precious than gold. And we know that Peter and the Apostles, along with Paul and many early Christians were killed because of their faith. So, what should we understand from our readings today? Fortunately, we are not experiencing the persecution of these early Christians, although that is not to say Christians in other parts of the world are not killed because of their faith. Indeed the 20th Century saw more Christians killed than any century before it.

However, what we face in Bromley today is more insidious, because the evil one is very adept at encouraging and cajoling us to do what we instinctively know is not right. Therefore, our life is one long war of attrition against the evil one. Some battles we win and some we lose, but both Luke and Peter offer us encouragement in our readings today, because during these 50 days of Easter, which celebrate our Lord's resurrection and new life, our own baptisms promise an inheritance as a son or daughter of God, if only we choose to follow Christ. So, when we lose a single battle, we should get up, dust ourselves down, seek God's forgiveness, and try, try again!

That is the joy of Easter!

**Deacon Garry**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 11th April

10.00am Jeyasilliya Adaikalamuthu RIP

12 Noon **Baptism: Violet Wilkinson**  
6.00pm People of the Parish

### Sunday 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

8.00am Paul Kandrup RIP (Warren)

9.15am Thanksgiving: Ginoy & Dhanya & Family

11.00am Deceased members of Lohan & McDonagh Families

12.30pm **Baptism: Cameron Onu**  
5.00pm Emma Constantinides RIP (Crosby)

### Monday 13th April

10.00am Helen French RIP (McConnell)

### Tuesday 14th April

10.00am Frederick Johnson RIP (Doran)

12 Noon **Funeral:**  
Josephine Farrugia RIP

### Wednesday 15th April

10.00am Mark Donlan RIP (McConnell)

### Thursday 16th April

10.00am Int. Eileen O'Gorman (Callan)

### Friday 17th April

10.00am Anunciacao Pereira Vas RIP

### Saturday 18th April

10.00am Maria Fernandes & Family  
6.00pm George Silcock RIP

### Sunday 19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.00am Thanksgiving for Godchildren (Kathy & Basil)

9.15am People of the Parish  
11.00am Int. Joan McConnell (Low)

5.00pm Bridie (Coleman) & McDonagh Family (Lohan)

## Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are requested to meet with Fr. Saju or a member of the clergy team during surgery hours with the form duly filled.

Surgeries will be held from 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House:

**Monday:** Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Aidan

**Wednesday by Appointment only:**

Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

**Thank you:** I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who attended our Parish to celebrate Holy Week liturgies. Likewise, I am indebted to all volunteers who helped to plan and prepare Holy Week with its spiritual richness. Above all, Fr Patrick and I THANK YOU for your generous Easter offerings which demonstrate your support and care for your priests in the Parish. Thank you so much and God bless you all. Fr. Saju

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation for 2026-2027.** If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion please download and complete our Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Registration Form **which can be accessed here:**

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/First-Holy-Communion-Registration-Form-July-2025.pdf>

Once completed, you will need to attend a surgery session with Fr Saju, which takes place on Mondays between 4.30-6.30pm

**Baptism Preparation.** Please see below how to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course starting on Saturday 6th June 2026.

**Confirmation Session 5** will be held in the **Church Hall** on Saturday 25th April at 3.45pm followed by attendance at the 6.00pm Mass.

**RCIA: Our Journey in Faith Group meet on Mondays at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House.** Please email Matt Gibbs at mattgibbsjif@gmail.com.

### 9.15am Sunday Mass:

12th April	Children's Liturgy
19th April	Uniform Groups
26th April	Children's Liturgy
17th May	Uniform Groups
24th May	Children's Liturgy

**Tea and Coffee** will be served in the Club Room after the 9.15am Mass.

**Funeral: The funeral of Josephine Farrugia RIP** will be held on Tuesday 14th April at 12 noon in St. Joseph's Church. May she rest in peace.

**St Joseph's Youth Group for ages 11-18 years of age to be held monthly in the church hall starting on Saturday 25th April from 7.00-9.00pm.** Volunteers required to help out with this group. See posters and sign-up sheets in the foyer. For further information please contact the parish office.

**St Joseph's Primary School Circus** to be held on Saturday 25th April from 1.00-3.00pm on the school fields. Food & drink will be available as well as a circus shop. Tickets available from the PTFA website or from the QR code on the posters in the foyer of the church.

**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,** Paul Gibbs, Mike Heneghan, Maria Dillane, Paul Lowing, Maureen Webster, Alan O'Donnell, Teresa Cadogan, Gina Clark, Catherine Rideout, Betty Byrne, Stella Ludlam, Mary Edwards, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Veronica Alaneme, 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,** John Dias, Josephine Farrugia, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Frank Lohan, Jeyasilliya Adaikalamuthu, Paul Kandrup, Emma Constantinides, Helen French, Frederick Johnson, Mark Donlan, Anunciacao Pereira Vas, Geroge Silcock,  
**May they rest in peace.**

### Jubilee Year of St. Francis.

As part of celebrating the Jubilee Year of St. Francis a Night Vigil will be held on 16th/17th October commencing with Mass at 7.00pm and concluding with Mass at 6.30am.

**St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of the animals and ecology. In the Jubilee Year, Blessing of Pets** will be held on Sunday 4th October 2026 after 11.00am Mass in the Holy Trinity garden. Further details to follow.

**Parish Meditation Group.** You are warmly invited to "A Journey of Remembrance" **Spiritual Retreat** led by Mariana Mazzaferri (07428212864) from the Parish Christian Meditation group. A day of guided meditation, stillness and prayer through the **ancient Aramaic teachings of Jesus**, will be held in the quiet beauty of The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 20th June, from 10am to 4pm (lunch and drinks included). The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr Saju at 12 noon. If you wish to attend, inform the Parish office as spaces are limited. For further info [www.breathofspirit.co.uk](http://www.breathofspirit.co.uk)

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 11th, at St George's Cathedral.** If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

**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:** You are invited to register for your child's baptism on line: [https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Baptism-Registration-Form\\_July-2025.pdf](https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Baptism-Registration-Form_July-2025.pdf) Please complete and print the form and bring 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 start on Saturday 6th June 2026.

**Marriage:** Please contact a priest

### Supporting the Parish Parish Finances for last week

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

#### Standing Orders:

Average weekly contributions: £1400.00.

#### Cashless contributions last week:

SVP: £134.00 Holy Places: £166.00

#### SVP Collection—Maundy Thursday

St. Joseph's: £411.30 St. Swithun's: £159.32

#### Holy Places Collection—Good Friday

St Joseph's: £887.12 St Swithun's: £201.57

#### Gift Aid and Standing Order Enquiries:

Please email the Gift Aid Co-Ordinator at: [bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk) or call the Parish Office on 020 8402 0459.

Please see below the **Cashless Giving QR code:**



#### Bank transfers for Offertory

**contributions can be made to the account below:**

Short bank account name: **St Josephs Parish**

Bank sort code: **60-04-02**

Account number: **84093595**

Reference: **Please show your surname and initials (eg. Bond J)**

**A Thank You from MISSIO:** The parish total for 2025 is £3,452.23. A HUGE thank you to all parishioners who continue to support Missio's worldwide work via their Red Boxes, direct debit or online donations.

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 11th April**

6.00pm Wellbeing of Lina Rodrigues

**Sunday 12th April**

10.00am Wellbeing of Oswaldo Miranda &  
Family

**Monday 13th April**

10.00am Holy Souls

**Saturday 18th April**

6.00pm Ada Boniface—Thanksgiving

**Sunday 19th April**

10.00am Aluiza Menezes RIP

**Monday 20th April**

10.00am Lai Kuen Wong RIP

*For Mass Intentions please see Nelson*

**Tea & Coffee** will be served in the church hall on  
Sundays after the 10.00am Mass.

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

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**St Swithun's Hall Bookings:** 020 8402-0459

**Parish Social**

**Cancer Café Group** will meet again on Tuesday  
21st April from 1.30pm in the Upper Room.

**The Dad's Group** will meet for a board game  
night on Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm in the  
Upper Room. Please contact: Richard Barrett on  
07729 392936

**The next Seniors Lunch** will be held on  
**Tuesday 14th April** from 12 noon to 1.30pm in  
Holy Trinity House.

**Rosary at Trafalgar Square, Saturday 18th  
April at 11.30am.** In this Easter season we  
would like to Pray the Rosary in Trafalgar  
Square. We will meet at the entrance to Platform  
1, Charing Cross Station at 11.30am on Saturday  
18th April. Please contact Peter Bull on 07596  
684926 or Jaydev Chauhan on 079 6767 5509.

**Parish Volunteers Cheese and Wine Evening**  
on Saturday 20th June from 7.00-8.30pm in St.  
Joseph's Church Hall. All parish volunteers are  
invited to attend.

**Parish/Primary School Summer Event** to be  
held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Morning Mass  
will be followed by a picnic in the grounds of Holy  
Trinity House.

**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**

**Mondays:** Fr Saju and Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan

**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](http://www.st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk)

**Head Teacher: Mrs Cribben**

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