

SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Pentecost Sunday Year A 21st May 2023

Readings on Page 288 the Parish Mass Book

Have you ever asked yourself: "Why am I a Catholic?" Why do I remain a Christian? I suspect that our reasons for remaining a Catholic will be very similar. I have only one life to live. It is all that I have. It is very precious, and I don't want my life to be without meaning, without purpose.

All our lives end in death, yet Jesus has promised that those who believe in him will live forever. His Resurrection from the dead destroyed the power that death has over us human beings. Through the power of his own Resurrection, Jesus offers eternal life to me.

My parents made sure that I was baptised very shortly after I was born. They wanted to make sure that if anything happened to me, I would live forever with God. They knew that I needed to be baptised if I was to live with God forever in Heaven. They may not have put this belief in theological terms. But they knew that in the sacraments of the Church, Jesus, risen from the dead, continues to do his saving work in our lives. In the Sacrament of Baptism, Jesus gives us a new life. In Baptism I was born into the life of the Risen Christ. In their strong faith they knew that Jesus gives a life that death cannot end.

Membership in the Church is all about this life. Baptism is all about this life. Confirmation is all about this life, life forever, life in all its fullness.

In Confirmation we receive the fullness of God's Holy Spirit. It might be helpful to know that in the Bible the word for Spirit is the same word as breath. So, breath means life. Spirit means breath...breath means life. God's life is eternal, and so whoever has within them the life breath of the risen Jesus is able to live forever. In the sacrament of Confirmation Jesus breathes into you the Holy Spirit, the life breath of God. Because of this you now have within you the power to live forever.

Jesus breathes into us the life-breath of God, the Holy Spirit of God. You now know what your future is and it is life forever. That is why my parents wanted me to be baptised and that is also the answer to the question I asked at the beginning, that is why I continue to be a Catholic.

Deacon Aidan

Mass Intentions

Psalter Week 4

Saturday 27th May St Augustine

10.00 am Cecil Mariyathan RIP
6.00 pm Thanksgiving Kitty Conroy (Bonnici)

Sunday 28th May Pentecost Sunday

8.00 am T J Kelly RIP (O'Sullivan)
9.15 am Jerome O'Connor RIP (O'Grady)

11.00 am Douglas & Patricia Bull RIP

1.00 pm

Baptisms:

Orëlla & Ava Seiwoh

People to the Parish

JIF Reception into the Church

5.00 pm

Monday 29th May

Mary, Mother of the Church

10.00 am Antonia Bennett RIP
12 Noon

Memorial Mass:

Barbara Brockie RIP

Tuesday 30th May

10.00 am Protection of Life (Lohan)

Wednesday 31st May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00 am Int & Wellbeing Retna (Stoner)

Thursday 1st June Our Lord Jesus Christ

10.00am Int. Shayna, Trevon, Reshaun Marcelene

Friday 2nd June St Marcellinus & Peter

10.00 am Mary Zamawii Xavier RIP (Jonas)

Saturday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga

10.00 am Jaya Chandran RIP (Jonas)
6.00 pm Int & Thanksgiving
Dr S Selvanathan

Sunday 4th June The Most Holy Trinity

8.00 am Gerard McCarthy RIP (Lowery)
9.15 am People of the Parish
11.00 am Anthony Phelan RIP (Supple)
1.00 pm **Baptism: Meadow Akif**
5.00 pm Linda Larkin RIP (Crosby)

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.

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. Fr Peter will be available to hear confession after the 10.00am Mass Monday to Saturday.

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

THE SACRAMENTS: A series of short films by Bishop Robert Barron. There will be a showing of these films monthly from June to November. Bishop Barron gives us an opportunity to increase our knowledge and appreciation of each of the Sacraments. The films last approx. 30 minutes. Discussion time with refreshments, 30 minutes. **First session: Sunday, 18 June, 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Skip Appleton Room.** For full details, please see

Parish One Mass at Aylesford Priory on Saturday 1st July 2023. Mass will be celebrated in the Relic Chapel at 11.30am. This will be followed by a picnic lunch (please bring your own picnic). The Rosary Way will be open for those who would like to visit and pray.

We have hired a 29-seater coach for those who do not have their own transport. **Spaces are limited so please contact the parish office to book your seat on the coach. £20.00 return.**

St. Swithun's Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th May

6.00pm Holy Souls

Sunday 28th May

10.00am People of the Parish

Monday 29th May

10.00am

Parish News & Events

Our Parish Faith Formation

The Journey in Faith Reception into the Church will take place on Sunday 28th May during the 5.00pm Mass. The Journey in Faith Group will resume their weekly session in September. New Enquirers please contact Matt Gibbs for more details 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 2023-2024. 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 on Wednesday 21st June at 7.30pm in the church hall. For further information please contact Deacon Garry at garrycullen@rcaos.org.uk

Confirmation Session 7 will be held on Saturday 3rd June at 4.00pm in Holy Trinity House.

The new statue of St. Joseph was erected on Friday 19th May 2023. Please see photos on display in the foyer showing Fr Peter blessing the statue on arrival and finally in place above the entrance to the church. The scaffolding will be removed in due course. **Thank you to all those who kindly donated to the cost of the statue.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 9.15am Masses on the following dates: June 4th, July 2nd and July 9th.

Parish AGM to be held on Sunday 4th June at 6.15pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall. At this meeting members of the Parish Finance Committee will be presenting the Parish Accounts for the year 2022. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Parish International Mass to be held on Sunday 25th June at 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church. This will be followed by a picnic in the grounds of Holy Trinity House. We are inviting parishioners to wear national dress. If you would like to attend or take part in this Mass please complete the sign-up sheet in the foyer. For further information or for any queries, please contact Henry Essilfie at: htessilfie@yahoo.co.uk or 07714 096189.

Family Day with the Faith Movement to be held at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 10th June from 11.00am to 3.30pm. Mass at 11.30am. Benediction at 3pm, Confession available, social time, games and sports activities for children. Bring your own lunch, indoor and outdoor space available. All welcome. No booking required. Queries: faithciosecretary@gmail.com

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Sept. 23rd, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, **and no later than the end of July**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Spaces are limited. You can also get in touch with us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Bromley, Beckenham.
Marriage and Family Life South East

Tea and Coffee will be served in Holy Trinity House after the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday mornings.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School- RE Inspection Report. We are delighted to inform you of our outstanding RE Inspection Report. It is a true reflection of the schools strong Catholic ethos, community and teaching. Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to arrange a visit and see the school in action. Email: admin@st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk Phone number: 0208 460 1976.

Seniors' Lunch. Thank you to all those who attended the recent Seniors' Lunch. Thank you also to all those who donated the lovely sandwiches and cakes. The date of the next Seniors' Lunch is Wednesday 28th June from 12 noon to 1.00pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

Supporting the Parish. Parish Finances for last week.

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £1070.40 St. Swithun's: £151.63

World Communications Day Collection:

St. Joseph's: £401.32 St. Swithun's: £40.80

The St. Joseph Statue Fund: £7145

Text Receipts: £40

Dona (Cashless): £191

Thank you for your generous support. If you are a taxpayer please consider gift aiding your contributions to help us secure a refund of tax from HMRC equivalent to a quarter of what you give. The process is strictly confidential and we do not collect any personal information other than your name and address. If you use the cashless giving option, please sign up to gift aid for each card you use.

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 Priests 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, Jackson Marshall, Paul Wyatt, Tony O'Reilly, Angus Culverwell, Jane & Paul Emans, Paul Hopkins, Agnes Achampong, Rupi McConnell, Martin Garrity, Brian Daley, Veronica Alanemo, Imelda Burns, Bernadette Murray, Maria Lopes, David Silk, Billie McPartlan, , Geraldine Colleary, Fr Bob Mercer, Ann Hoolihan, Patricai Lefkaridi, Fr. David Peck, Gail Mortimer, Mary McLean and June Wilson.

Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends, remembering, Diana Pendlebury, Anthony Phelan, Graham Morton, Lucia Holder, Cecil Mariyathan, T J Kelly, Douglas & Patricia Bull, Antonia Bennett, Barbara Brockie, Mary Zamawii Xavier, Jaya Chandran, Gerard McCarthy and Linda Larkin.

May they rest in peace.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Peter is available to hear confession after all Masses.

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed at 10.30am Monday-Saturday in St. Joseph's Church followed by **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

Presbytery: 15 Marian Gardens, Bromley BR1 3FH Tel: 020 8402 0459

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

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Fr Peter will be holding his surgery by appointment only.

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.