

# SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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**Palm Sunday**

**Year B**

**24th March 2024**

**Readings on Page 176 of the Parish Mass Book**

In our gospel today there are many momentous events which can make it difficult to take it all in. They include Jesus's anointing, Judas' betrayal, the Last Supper, Peter's denials and Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane before His arrest. These events provide much food for thought, especially in assessing what they mean for us individually in the lives that we lead.

A key theme that emerges, both from the story of Jesus' passion, in addition to the many other events about Jesus' ministry that we read about in the Gospels, points to a very simple truth, that we need to surrender our lives to God's will. Unfortunately, while this is easy to say, making it a reality is a significant challenge for all of us, not least because we get caught up within the dysfunctional world in which we live, where the grim reality of a world filled with hatred and violence haunts us, as does our sometimes insatiable desires for material goods.

Should we give up then in our desire to surrender to God's will? Of course not. And Peter is a wonderful example for us today. Peter, the man who betrayed Jesus three times by denying that he had any knowledge or relationship with him. And yet, he became our first pope and went to a martyr's death because of his love for Jesus. So, what changed? Simply put, Peter finally surrendered his life completely to God's love. This not only required courage, but also exposed his vulnerability, as he no longer ruled his own life, but left it to God to direct. In doing so, he showed that his answer to Jesus' question "Do you love me", was affirmative, even unto his own martyrdom.

While we may shut the door on God, He never shuts the door on us, and Peter is the prime example of this. This Lenten season how do we answer the question that Jesus poses "Do you love me". As we enter Holy Week, please reflect on this question and also make every effort to attend our services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

**Deacon Garry**

## Mass Intentions

**Psalter Week 2**

### **Saturday 23rd March**

10.00am Eric Sayer RIP  
6.00pm John Brandi RIP (Foley)

### **Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday**

8.00am Mary Heraty RIP (Davies)  
9.15am John-Joe Foley RIP  
(O'Grady)  
11.00am Int. Nancy & Ethan  
Bustamante (Bull)  
5.00pm People of the Parish

### **Monday 25th March**

10.00am Wellbeing: Theresa &  
Jacqueline (Gina)

### **Tuesday 26th March**

10.00am Edward & Olive Kathleen  
Ashton RIP (Spink)  
11.30am **Funeral: Jean Egan RIP**

### **Wednesday 27th March**

10.00am Janian & Marian  
Domansky RIP

### **Thursday 28th March Maundy Thursday**

#### **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

8.00pm Diana Feilding RIP

### **Friday 29th March Good Friday**

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the  
Passion of the Lord

### **Saturday 30th March Holy Saturday**

8.00pm Easter Vigil  
Frank Lohan RIP

### **Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday**

8.00am People of the Parish  
9.15am John-Joe Foley RIP  
(Shiels)  
11.00am Carlo & Vincenza  
Inzalaco RIP  
5.00pm Int. Zsharmaine Khanve

### **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 Peter moving to another Parish**

Fr Peter will be moving to Rainham Parkwood Parish at the end of April to replace a priest who is retiring. Fr Saju Pinakkattu will be starting in Bromley on Wednesday 1st May.

**Fr Peter will celebrate the 10.00am Mass at St. Swithun's on Sunday 21st April** followed by a 'Farewell Party' in the hall afterwards.

**Fr Peter will celebrate the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday 28th April** followed by a 'Farewell Party' in the hall afterwards. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Fr Peter has served us as our parish priest for the past 4½ years. To show our appreciation to him we will be having a Leaving Collection. 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 both churches.**

**Easter Offerings.** The collection taken at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, together with offerings placed in the Easter Offering envelopes, is your personal gift to Fr Peter. These envelopes are now available at the entrance and exit to the church. The envelopes may be handed into the parish office or placed in a collection bag either before Easter or at any of our Easter Masses.

**Lenten Course—The Lord's Prayer.** The final session of this course will be led by Fr Peter on Monday 25th March from 7.30-8.30pm in the Upper Room.

### **Funeral:**

**The funeral of Jean Egan RIP** will be held on Tuesday 26th March at 11.30am.

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

#### **Saturday 23rd March**

6.00pm Margaret Aloysius RIP

#### **Sunday 24th March**

10.00am Paulina Noruega RIP

#### **Monday 25th March**

9.00am Zam Boniface Thanksgiving

#### **Thursday 28th March Maundy Thursday**

6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### **Friday 29th March Good Friday**

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of The Lord

#### **Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil**

6.00pm Michael & Souad Hanaie RIP

#### **Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday**

10.00am Dunne Family RIP

#### **Monday 1st April Easter Monday**

10.00am Wellbeing of May Moriarty

### **Our Parish Faith Formation**

**The Journey in Faith Group** will meet on Monday 25th March at 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.

**Confirmation Preparation Session 5** will be held on Saturday 20th April at 3.45pm to start at 4.00pm in Holy Trinity House. The Confirmation Group will be attending the 6.00pm 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 during Lent.** Fr Peter will be available to hear Confessions after all the Masses he celebrates during Lent.

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

**The Children's Liturgy Group will be leading Stations of the Cross for children** on Good Friday 29th March at 9.30am in the church hall. Please arrive by 9.15am to start promptly at 9.30am. All families welcome.

**The Polish Blessing of Easter Food** will take place on Saturday 30th March at 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church.

**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.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 the parish office know as soon as possible, **and no later than 31st May 2024.**

**Dad's Group will meet on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm in the Skip Appleton Room.** 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. Refreshments will be provided.

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

The next **Seniors' Lunch** will be held on **Wednesday 27th March from 12 noon to 1.30pm** in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend or add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer.

**Youth Adult Events.** St. George's Cathedral hosts a monthly Young Adult Mass at 6.00pm on the first Sunday of every month followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+). There are also weekly events and socials on Thursday evenings. For further information please see: <https://rcaos.org.uk/>, Facebook and [Instagram@stgeorgesya](mailto:Instagram@stgeorgesya)

**Diocesan Calendar of Youth Events for Young People:** <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/events-2024/>

**Summer coach outings** will begin on Wednesday 29th May to St Leonard's on Sea. For further information please ring Gina Clark on 07780 468767.

**Beginning Experience** provides peer support following separation, divorce or death of your spouse/partner to help you move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. For further information please email: [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com). Please see poster in foyer and outside cabinet.

**Additional collections:**

**Holy Thursday 28th March.** There will be a collection for our St Vincent de Paul Group (SVP)

**Good Friday 29th March.** There will be a collection for Holy Places.

**Supporting the Parish  
Parish Finances for last week**

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

**Mass Offertory last weekend:**

St Joseph's: £1039.27 St. Swithun's: £153.29

**Poor Parishes:**

St. Joseph's: £710.76 St. Swithun's: £100.12

**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,*** Fr Barry Hughes, Mary Scanlon, Imelda Burns, Ava Pedder, Luke Kelly, Grace Mjenga, Sue Fraser, Simon Franks, Bindu Cyriac, Sister Veronica, Paul Wyatt, Tony O'Reilly, Jane & Paul Emans, Agnes Achampong, Rupri McConnell, Brian Daley, Veronica Alanemo, Bernadette Murray, Maria Lopes, David Silk, 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,*** Joy Bassett, Douglas Francis, Anthony Padden, Jean Egan, Robert Fitzpatrick, Connie Watson, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Eric Sayer, John Brandi, Marty Heraty, John-Joe Foley, Edward & Olive Kathleen Spink, Janian & Marian Domansky, Diana Feilding, Frank Lohan and Carlo & Vincenza Inzalaco.

**May they rest in peace.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.** Fr Peter will be available to hear confession after all the Masses he celebrates during Lent.

**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**

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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.