

SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday Year B 29th September 2024

Readings on Page 138 of the Parish Mass Book

Decide for Christ

The universal nature of the Good News is presented in the Gospel reading for this Sunday. The Gospel informs us that the invitation to proclaim the Good News of salvation, in both word and work, is not restricted to the twelve Apostles or Seventy two disciples, but extends to anyone who will hear and respond to it. Jesus said that if anyone gives disciples a cup of water to drink just because they belong to Christ, then the person will most certainly not lose one's reward. He emphasized the word anyone, indicating that it is the responsibility of all to serve and do his work. Such an act, simple though it is, done by "anyone" in a spirit of love and compassion is a truly Christ-like act. Therefore whoever lives the message of the Gospel is worthy of God's grace.

In the first reading today, we read a background for the Gospel thought. Moses and 70 future helpers were called by the Lord God to the *Tent of Meeting* for the Spirit-giving ordination ceremony. But two of the invitees were absent. Hence Joshua could not tolerate these absent men prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the *Tent of Meeting*. Moses had to instruct Joshua to be tolerant. In the Gospel today similarly the Apostles wanted to reserve God's love and healing power to themselves, so we hear John complaining to Jesus that a stranger was driving out demons in Jesus' name, though he was not of their company. They wanted Jesus to condemn the man. Jesus reminds the disciples not to be judgemental or suspicious, but invited them to broaden their vision and to recognize God's power wherever it was found.

Living in a big city is not always easy. A multicultural and multi-faith context may present complex challenges. There is also a danger to be indifferent to all things happening around. The Gospel clarifies that it is through mutual respect that we find common ground with others and understands different beliefs. Wherever we see God's work being done, we should give it our support and be ready to work together for the common good.

Fr. Saju

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th September

10.00am Tim McCarthy RIP (Cunniffe)
6.00pm Peter Solkhon RIP
2nd Anniversary

Sunday 29th September 26th Sunday

8.00am Santhiya Adaikalamuthu RIP
9.15am People of the Parish
11.00am Tim McCarthy RIP
5.00pm Lucia Holder RIP

Monday 30th September St Jerome

10.00am Milena Kukuckova RIP

Tuesday 1st October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

10.00am Int George VM &
Claramma George

Wednesday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

10.00am Patrick & Mary Quin RIP

Thursday 3rd October

10.00am **Funeral: Tim McCarthy RIP**

Friday 4th October St Francis of Assisi

10.00am Deacon Duncan Aitkins
27th Ordination Anniversary

Saturday 5th October

10.00am Wellbeing of
Georgia Moorvan
6.00pm Deceased members of
Selvanathan Family

Sunday 6th October 27th Sunday

8.00am John & Lily Robertson RIP
9.15am People of the Parish
FHC Signed with the Cross
11.00am Vincenzina Grillo RIP (Russo)
12.30pm **Baptism: Jack Herbert**
5.00pm Richard Spoor RIP (Lohan)

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

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6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 29th September

10.00am John Doherty RIP
(Grace Harriott)

Monday 30th September

10.00am Fr Barry Hughes RIP

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

Sunday Tea & Coffee will be served in the church hall after the 10.00am Mass.

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 is livestreamed and available by visiting the Parish Website:

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

Please click on the link for the daily Mass. If you wish to receive communion out of sight of the camera, please speak to a priest before Mass.

New Lectionary and Parish Mass Books to be launched in England and Wales for Advent 2024.

Thank you to all those who have donated to the cost of these new books.

Second National Mass Count will be taken at all Masses this weekend.

Children's Liturgy will be held during the 9.15am Mass on Sundays 29th September and 6th October.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Club Room after the 9.15am Mass on Sundays. All welcome.

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary. Please see back of Newsletter for the times when the Rosary will be prayed. All welcome.

Induction Mass. Fr Saju's Induction Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Moger on **Saturday 26th October at 6.00pm** in **St. Joseph's Church.** This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Please note: On this date there will be **NO 6.00pm Mass** at St. Swithun's. All parishioners are invited to attend Fr Saju's Induction Mass.

Our Parish Faith Formation

Baptism Preparation. Please see reverse of Newsletter to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Session 3 will be held on Monday 30th September, Friday 4th October & Saturday 5th October. All families have been allocated a date and time to attend their session.

FHC Rite of Signed with the Cross will be celebrated during the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 6th October.

Confirmation Preparation for 2024-2025 If your child will be in Year 8 or above in September you are welcome to apply. Please click on the following link: <https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/confirmation/>

The Confirmation Diary for 2024-2025 is available to view on the parish website.

The Journey in Faith Group will meet on Monday 30th September at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House. New enquirers only. For further information please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email: bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk

Called to Holiness. Day of Retreat for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to be held on Saturday 19th October at St. Stephen's Church Welling, 26 Deepdene Road DA16 3QL. Please register at: evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk. For further information see poster in foyer of the both churches.

Life in Truth—St John Diploma in Spiritual Formation. This is particularly helpful to anyone interested in learning more about the path to prayer. Please see www.lifeintrutch.org and poster in foyer.

Funerals:

The funeral of Tim McCarthy RIP will be held on Thursday 3rd October at 10.00am.

Anne Cerase died peacefully on 19th September. Details of her funeral will be announced in due course.

St Joseph's Primary School Open Days.

Wednesday 9th October from 9.30-11.00am

Wednesday 13th November from 9.30-11.00am

Tuesday 26th November at 7.00pm

Monday 9th December from 2.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 8th January from 9.30-11.00am

For further information please see poster in foyer and www.st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk

Signing of School Supplementary Forms.

Fr Saju will be pleased to sign School Supplementary Forms during his surgery hours: Mondays between 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House.

Cafod Appeal. Members of our Cafod Group will be making an Appeal at the end of all Masses this weekend. **The Cafod Harvest Fast Day collection will be taken on 5th/6th October.** Donation envelopes will be available in the foyer of the church.

Missio Red Box Holders. During September you are invited to have your Red Box emptied. From 14th-29th boxes may be left at the back of either Church or brought to the parish office. Thank you so much for your continued support for Missio's missionary work.

Confession: Priests are available for the Sacrament of Confession regularly on Saturdays at St. Joseph Church after the 10.00am Mass during Benediction from 10.30-11.30am and from 5.00- 5.45pm; and at St. Swithun's Church from 5.30-5.45pm. In case of urgency individuals may request the Sacrament before the weekday Mass. Sundays are not usually convenient for confession as the Celebrant will use the time after Mass to meet the people.

The Dad's Group will meet again on Monday 30th September from 7.30-9.30pm in the Upper 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.

Supporting the Parish Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £987.59 St. Swithun's: £159.31

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 the Cafod Harvest Fast Day.

Seniors' Lunches. The next Seniors' Lunch will be held on 16th October from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend. **From November the monthly Seniors Lunches will take place on a Tuesday.** This will give Fr Saju the opportunity to meet all the senior parishioners in the parish.

Bromley Homeless is an award winning charity that supports anyone over the age of 18, within the Borough of Bromley, who finds themselves homeless. They are in desperate need of volunteers for various roles for the Winter Night Shelter. If you are able to help please email: simon.jeal@bromleyhomeless.org or see: www.bromleyhomeless.org.

Bromley Homeless hold an annual Sleep Out event to raise money to support their clients through the harsh winter months. This year the Sleep-Out will be held on Saturday 2nd November at Bromley Parish Church from 7.00pm. Anyone over 12 years old can take part. Please see: <https://bromleyhomeless.org/2024-register-for-sleep-out>

A Day with Mary to be held at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12th October. The day commences with the Entry Procession at 9.45am. Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am with the Cathedral Choir. See poster in foyer or see: <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

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, Quin Francis, Nichola Ibe-Spence, Olivia O'Connor, Vanessa Leary, James Brown, Clairey & Cathey, Cathy Mair, Sue Fraser, Roger Wintle, Stella Ludham, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Ava Pedder, Patricia Supple, Luke Kelly, Simon Franks, Paul Emans, Agnes Achampong, 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, Anne Cerase, Tim McCarthy, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Peter Solkhon, Santhiya Adaikalamuthu, Vincenzina Grillo, Milena Kukuckova, Patrick & Mary Quin, John & Lily Robertson and Richard Spoor.

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 we will contact you to arrange a meeting with a priest/deacon. 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: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House

Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry Wednesday: Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

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.