

# SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Thirtieth Sunday Year B 27th October 2024

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## THANK YOU

Dear All,

During the Holy Mass at 6 pm on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Bishop Philip Moger, the Bishop elect of Plymouth Diocese will induct me as your Parish Priest. In May 2024, Archbishop John Wilson appointed me to walk with and serve the Parish of St. Joseph and St Swithun, Bromley. I thank God for this great privilege and am very grateful to Archbishop John Wilson for placing his trust in me to look after this parish. Although I served here as an Asst. Priest for over nine years under Canon Tom McHugh, this is a renewed opportunity for me to minister our parish with a shared vision by listening to you and walking together with you to build upon the foundations established by former Parish Priests Canon Patrick Pearson, Canon Tom McHugh and Fr. Peter Murphy.

Pope Francis in *Let us Dream* says, "Church is called to be the people of God incarnated within a history, in a concrete place, in the language of that place. The Church walks as part of the people, serving it..." I believe that we as a Parish listen to one another, and share different roles in making Christ present to one another in and around Bromley. We nourish our faith and cherish our ministry from the Eucharist celebrated at the Table of the Lord amidst the faithful gathered here. With the ongoing reflection on 'synodality', we walk together listening to and guided by the Holy Spirit to enhance communion and participation towards our common vision of one missionary parish. Let us uphold the principle of collaborative ministry where everyone has a space to share their time and talent as a missionary disciple of Jesus. The Parish has been very welcoming and taking care of my wellbeing since I arrived here. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

I am very grateful to Bishop Philip Moger, Canon Victor Darlington (Episcopal Vicar for South East), Cllr Dr David Jefferys (The Mayor of Bromley), Ann-Marie Jefferys (The Mayoress of Bromley), Rev Jonathan McGill (Bromley Town Church), other Councillors, Fr Steve Wymer (Dean), the priests and religious, and the people who made a special effort to join me at my induction. Thank you and kindly continue to pray for me and our Parish.

**Let us walk together. Fr Saju**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 26th October

10.00am Int. Carmel Bennett  
6.00pm Int Fr Saju  
Induction Mass

*Clocks go back an hour at 2.00am*

### Sunday 27th October Thirtieth Sunday

8.00am People of the Parish  
9.15am David Reddington RIP  
(Gallagher)  
11.00am Mrs Jude McCarthy RIP  
5.00pm Lucia Holder RIP

### Monday 28th October St Simon & St Jude

10.00am Steve Westacott RIP  
(Glanville)

### Tuesday 29th October

10.00am Gaynor Rees RIP (Gilboy)

### Wednesday 30th October

10.00am Joel Oluka Okiror RIP  
(Norah)

### Thursday 31st October

10.00am Peter Thurbin RIP

### Friday 1st November All Saints

7.30am David Neal RIP (Lohan)  
*Mass in Holy Trinity Chapel*  
10.00am Rupert Clahar RIP  
(Kilkenny)  
7.30pm Int. Murt Connolly (Lohan)

### Saturday 2nd November All Souls

10.00am Francis Ekomolait Onapito  
RIP (Norah)  
6.00pm Dean Margiotta RIP

### Sunday 3rd November Thirty-First Sunday

8.00am Walter & Elizabeth Kilduff RIP  
9.15am People of the Parish  
11.00am Thanksgiving Ryan & Reuben  
(Allen & Soumia)  
5.00pm Joy Hadfield RIP (Lohan)

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 26th October**

NO MASS Fr Saju's Induction Mass in  
St. Joseph's Church

**Sunday 27th October**

10.00am Lactancio & Aluiza Menezes RIP

**Monday 28th October**

10.00am Michael & Souad Hanaie RIP

**Thursday 31st October**

12.15pm **Funeral: Anne Cerase RIP**

**Friday 1st November**

10.00am All Saints

**Saturday 2nd November**

6.00pm All Souls

**Sunday 3rd November**

10.00am Aloisio & Antonia Miranda RIP

**Monday 4th November**

10.00am Wellbeing of John Dias

**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.

**Holy Day of Obligation.**

Friday 1st November is the **Feast of All Saints**. Masses will be celebrated at the following times:

**St. Joseph's:** 7.30am (Holy Trinity Chapel),  
10.00am and 7.30pm

**St. Swithun's:** 10.00am

**Fr Saju's Induction Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Moger on Saturday 26th October at 6.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. All parishioners are invited to attend Fr Saju's Induction Mass.

*Donations of cakes will be most welcome.*

**November - Month of the Holy Souls.** In November we are reminded to offer prayers for the Holy Souls. A Book of the Deceased will be available in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Please enter the names of deceased relatives and friends who will be remembered during the month of November.

**Fr Patrick will be offering a Mass for the repose of the soul of his mother Dorothy on Friday 8th November at 5.00pm.** All welcome to attend. Fr Patrick will be travelling to Nigeria on 11th November to be with his family for his mother's funeral. Fr Patrick returns back on 3rd December.

**A Memorial Mass will be offered on Saturday 16th November at 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church** for all those who have died in the past year in the Parish. All are welcome to attend this special Memorial Mass. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards in Holy Trinity House.

**Children's Liturgy** will be held during the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 27th October.

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

**Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person on Wednesday 13th November at 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.**

During the November Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Bishops will gather for a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in England and Wales. This comes in response to the assisted suicide legislation currently before the UK Parliament. The Bishops' Holy Hour will commence at **5.30pm on Wednesday 13th November 2024**. A Holy Hour will be held in St. Joseph's Church at the same time so as to be united with the Bishops in a powerful moment of prayer, that the intrinsic dignity of every person be respected.

**Funeral:** The funeral of Anne Cerase RIP will be held on Thursday 31st October at 12.15pm in St. Swithun's Church.

### Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are invited to meet with one of our priests during surgery hours.

**Baptism Preparation.** Please see reverse of Newsletter to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course starting on 9th November.

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Session 5** will be held on Monday 4th November, Friday 8th & Saturday 9th November.

**FHC Parents Review of Sacrament of Reconciliation** to be held on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the church hall.

**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/>

**A Confirmation Parents Information Meeting to be held on Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity House.** Further information will be given out at this meeting.

**The Journey in Faith Group will meet on Thursday 31st October 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](mailto:bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk)

**Our Legion of Mary Group** will be making an Appeal at the end of all Masses next weekend. The Group gather on Sundays at 6.15pm in the Skip Appleton Room. All welcome.

**Visits to the Housebound.** If you are housebound and unable to attend Mass please inform the parish office. One of our Priests or Special Ministers will be happy to visit you and bring Holy Communion.

**Interested in becoming an Altar Server?** Full Induction and Training is required before becoming an Altar Server. Kindly contact the Parish Office for further details. Thank you.

### Supporting the Parish Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

#### Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £867.51 St. Swithun's: £177.24

#### Missio:

St. Joseph's: £544.90 St. Swithun's: £153.70

**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](mailto:bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk)

#### The Dad's Group will meet again on Monday 4th November 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.

**The next Seniors' Lunches** will be held on **Tuesdays** 12th November and 10th December from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

**Ss Joseph & Swithun Christmas Day Lunch in St. Joseph's Church Hall.** The lunch will be held after the 11.00am Mass. For more information and to register your attendance, please ring 07932 674557 or 020 8402 0459.

**Christmas Trees.** We will be selling Christmas Trees again this year for delivery to your home. Please see Order Form in the foyer of the church or emailed out with this Newsletter.

**Teresian Prayer Group:** There is an opportunity to join parishioners from Holy Innocents, Orpington, in participating in the Teresian prayer group organised by the London Secular Carmelites. This includes online talks by distinguished Carmelite speakers. Participants are expected to commit to eight monthly meetings and preparatory reading of St Teresa's writing. To request further information please email [p.coutinho18@yahoo.com](mailto:p.coutinho18@yahoo.com)

***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, 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,*** Patricia Morgan, Anne Cerase, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, David Reddington, Mrs Jude McCarthy, Steve Westacott, Gaynor Rees, Joel Oluka Okiror, Peter Thurbin, David Neal, Rupert Clahar, Francis Ekomoloi Onapito, Dean Margiotta, Walter & Elizabeth Kilduff and Joy Hadfield.

**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](http://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 (Monday or Wednesday) in the Parish to meet a deacon/priest in the Holy Trinity House for the completion of the application.

**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**

#### **Parish Pastoral Team**

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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](http://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.