



SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

Telephone No. 020 8402 0459 | bromley@rcaos.org.uk | www.stjosephsbromley.org

The Most Holy Trinity

Year C

15th June 2025

Readings on Page: 81 of the Parish Mass Book

Festival of Hope and Flame

In the Jubilee year, on **Sunday 22 June**, we, the Parish and St. Joseph's school, together celebrate the festival of Hope and Flame. This celebration carries the flavour of Pentecost celebrated on last Sunday and the Feast of Holy Trinity celebrated this weekend.

Pentecost is a celebration of diversity. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles gathered in the upper room, "were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:4). Although they spoke in different tongues, they were united in one faith in Christ and "all who believed were together and had all things in common (Acts 2:44).

The Ordinary Time of the Liturgical year opens with the Holy Trinity Sunday. The explicit theme of this period is the theme of growth in Christian living reflecting the model of Trinity. In the Second reading of this Sunday (Romans 5:1-5), St. Paul teaches us that "we have peace with God the Father through Jesus Christ, and that the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit". St. Paul thus articulated the very nature of the Holy Trinity as perfect love shared. Later, the Nicene Creed (A.D 325) stated the doctrine of Holy Trinity more explicitly as God does not exist in solitary individualism but in a community of love and sharing. The Holy Trinity is not merely a dogma to be accepted in faith, or a formula to be recited in our liturgy, but it is ultimately the relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The festival of Hope and Flame aims to celebrate this model of sharing God's love in the community. Next Sunday we, the School and Parish will gather to celebrate Holy Mass at 10.00am in which the school will take a lead role in reading the Scriptures etc. The choir will sing in different languages to reflect the diversity and beauty of our one family. The bidding prayers will be read by adults in different languages to recall the rich experiences of Pentecost, speaking in different tongues. I would encourage you all to wear if possible your traditional costumes to represent diversity in traditions and unity in faith. After the Mass, the pupils from the School will perform a drama in the parish hall, followed by picnic and games in the presbytery garden to share our joy as the pilgrims of hope. I would request you to come and support our young people as well and appreciate their hard work in supporting parish life.

Fr Saju

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th June

10.00am Pete Wilcock RIP (Spink)
12.30pm **Wedding:** Adam Newbrook & Pawony Baradaran
2.30pm **Baptism:** Joseph Matthews
6.00pm Ray Gallagher RIP (Davies)

Sunday 15th June The Most Holy Trinity

8.00am Patricia Canning RIP (Lowery)
9.15am Anthony Phelan RIP (Supple)
11.00am Christopher & Emmanuel Benson Okoebor RIP
5.00pm People of the Parish

Monday 16th June

10.00am Wellbeing Bogna Krzewska (Crosby)

Tuesday 17th June

10.00am Holy Souls (Seidel)

Wednesday 18th June

10.00am Int Graham De Courcy (Olive)

Thursday 19th June St John Rigby

10.00am Int. Grace Hurren

Friday 20th June St Alban

10.00am Ciaran O'Neill RIP

Saturday 21st June

St Aloysius Gonzaga

10.00am Deidre O'Donnell RIP
12 Noon **Confirmation Mass**
6.00pm Fintan Stewart RIP

Sunday 22nd June Corpus Christi

8.00am Brendan Quinn RIP (Sayer)
10.00am **Int. Allen & Soumia Festival of Hope & Flame**
5.00pm Kathleen O'Grady RIP (Cleary)

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th June

6.00pm All Catechists in the Parish (Ada)

Sunday 15th June

10.00am Aloisio Miranda RIP

Monday 16th June

10.00am Rev Thomas Ford RIP

Saturday 21st June

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 22nd June

10.00am Mary Scanlon RIP (O'Brien)

Monday 23rd June

10.00am Holy Souls

For Mass Intentions please see Nelson

St Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402-0459

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

All Readers and Special Ministers are invited to an information session led by Fr Saju on Saturday 14th June from 10.30am-12 noon in Holy Trinity House. To include updated guidelines and a practical session. Tea & Coffee will be served from 10.00am.

Thank you for Parish Volunteers. A Cheese and Wine evening will be held on Saturday 12th July after the 6.00pm Mass in the Church Hall. Fr Saju would like to invite all volunteers to attend.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Spaces Available! St Joseph's Catholic Primary School currently has spaces available. We offer a warm, welcoming community where every child is encouraged to grow academically, spiritually, and socially. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact: admin@st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk Join the St Joseph's family – where every child is known and loved.

Our Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 21st June at 12 noon. Please note there will be no Adoration and Confession after the 10.00am Mass on this date. Please keep all our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are requested to meet with one of our priests during surgery hours. Surgeries will be held from 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House:

Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan

Wednesday by Appointment only:

Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

There will be no Surgery on Bank Holidays.

Baptism Preparation. Please see reverse of Newsletter to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course starting on Saturday 21st June 2025.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation for 2025-2026. If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion please download our **FHC Registration Form:**

<https://stjosephsbromley.org/fr-fhc/>. Please come and meet with one of our priests/deacons during surgery hours to complete your child's registration.

Journey in Faith Group will take a break for the summer and meet again in September. Please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email: bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk

Family Mass on Sundays at 9.15 am

15th June	Uniform Groups
22nd June	10.00am Parish & School Mass
29th June	Children's Liturgy
6th July	Children's Liturgy
13th July	Year 1 Mass—No Children's Liturgy
20th July	Uniform Groups

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the 9.15am Mass. All welcome.

Summertime 2025 Altar Servers Summer Break from 6th-9th August at Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre, Pinner. Suitable for altar servers aged 11-15. For further information please contact Stephen Boyle at: dartford@caos.org.uk or the parish office. See posters in foyer of church.

Funeral:

The funeral of Annette Foley RIP will be held on Monday 30th June at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee Year: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the Jubilee Year: Dates: 7th – 11th October 2025. For further information please email Susan Lowery at: slowery@hotmail.co.uk

Festival of Hope and Flame on Sunday 22nd June 2025. St. Joseph's Parish and Primary School are joining together to celebrate Jubilee 2025 in St. Joseph's Church. **Please Note: Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. The 9.15am and 11.00am Mass will be combined on this date.** The children of the Primary School will present a drama of Pentecost in the Church Hall followed by a bring and share picnic and fun and games in the parish garden. All are welcome to attend this great community event. Please feel free to dress in your cultural dress.

All parishioners who attend Mass at St. Swithun's Church are invited to the school drama in the hall and join the picnic and games in the presbytery garden.

Night Vigils will be held in St Joseph's Church on Fridays 27th June and 21st November from 6.00pm to 6.00am the following morning. **Please complete the sign up sheet in the foyer.**

Walking Pilgrimage, by Deacon Barry: I was one of the 65+ pilgrims that walked from St George's Cathedral to Aylesford Priory last week ready to be there for the Pentecost Mass that +John celebrated last Saturday. I found it very useful and rewarding. If you want to see what we did then below is a link to my 'Journal':

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/pilgrimage-to-aylesford-a-magnificent-team-experience/>

Aylesford Jubilee celebrations. Over 3,000 people attended The Friars, Aylesford for a day of celebration to mark the Year of Jubilee on Saturday 7th June. To see photos and video of the day, as well as a transcript of the Archbishop's Homily please see: rcaos.org.uk/2025jubilee

Seniors' Lunch. Thank you for the donations given at the Seniors' Lunch. We have donated £100 to Mary's Meals and £250 to Macmillan Cancer Care. There will be no Seniors' Lunch in July and August.

The Dad's Group will meet again on Wednesday 25th June, from 19.30-21.00 at The Crown, Plaistow Lane. This is open to all dads who still have a child at school. Contact: Richard Barrett on 07729 392936.

Supporting the Parish

Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

Mass Offerings last week:

St. Joseph's: £1096.60 St. Swithun's: £223.52

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.

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Day for Life**.

From our Diocese: Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June:

St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. On Thursday 26 June, an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults is taking place. On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, there will be a "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

Conference on Prospects and Hope for the Papacy of Leo XIV to be held on Friday 20th June from 6.00-9.00pm in the Medieval Crypt of St. Etheldreda's Church, 14 Ely Place EC1N 6RY. Conference fee £35. For further information see poster in foyer or email retreatsdover@gmail.com.

Cancer Café will be held in the Upper Room on Tuesdays from 1.30-3.00pm for cancer and post cancer patients to meet and share their experiences, fears and challenges. Those attending are welcome to bring a friend. Refreshments will be provided. For further information please contact the parish office.

Summer Days Out. The coach to Broadstairs on Friday 20 June is now full. Gina has arranged the following coach outings: **Hastings** on 16th July. **Eastbourne** on 14th August and **Brighton** on 3rd September. Book direct with Gina on 07780 468767.

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, Emma Constantinides, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, Cathy Mair, Faith Millar, Stella Ludlam, Robert Straker, Bennett Marcellus, Paul Gibbs, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Simon Franks, Paul Emans, 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, Annette Foley, Enrica Fitzpatrick, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Pete Wilcock, Ray Gallagher, Patricia Canning, Anthony Phelan, Christopher and Emmanuel Benson Okoebor, Ciaran O'Neill, Deidre O'Donnell, Brendan Quinn, Fintan Stewart and Kathleen O'Grady.

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 then come 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 begin on Saturday 21st June 2025.

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

Fr. Saju Thomas (Parish Priest)

Tel: 020 8402 0459

e: sajuthomas@rcaos.org.uk

Fr Patrick Essien (Asst. Priest)

Tel: 020 8402 0459

e: patrickessien@rcaos.org.uk

Deacon Barry

Tel: 07445 417335

e: barrymellish@rcaos.org.uk

Deacon Aidan

Tel: 07747 036253

e: aidanmcpartlan@rcaos.org.uk

Deacon Garry

Tel: 07766 557213

e: garrycullen@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Secretary: Susan Allatt

Email: bromley@rcaos.org.uk

Follow us on **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/ssjosephandswithun/ and Twitter: [@SSJosephSwithun](https://twitter.com/SSJosephSwithun)

Surgery Times: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House

Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan - **Not Bank Holidays**

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

Head Teacher: Mrs Cribben

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