



## SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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St Peter & St Paul

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29th June 2025

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### Parish Finance Committee and Parish Finances

The Parish Finance Committee supports the Parish Priest and advises him on the Parish's finances. The Committee takes a long-term view but considers opportunities and challenges as they arise and adjusts plans accordingly in partnership with the Premises Committee. The role of the Finance Committee includes sharing information on Parish finances with our Parish Community. To this end we have prepared our Annual Report and Accounts for 2024.

The accounts set out in detail our parish income and expenses. Some of the key points are:

- Our contributions did not cover our running costs. The shortfall is equivalent to 10% of our contributions.
- The increase in running costs is greater than the increase in our contributions.
- Hall lettings income makes a significant contribution to parish finances.
- Without the legacies, a generous donation of £20,000 and a Lottery grant there would have been a significant shortfall.

We expect to break even this year and in 2026 we expect to have a deficit of around £16,000. This is subject to uncertainties and assumes that there will be no major unexpected repairs. We expect to have surpluses after 2026 which will enable us to build up reserves to support Parish development.

Whenever Parish finances are mentioned, it inevitably leads to some form of appeal. This time we are asking three things:

- The closure of local bank branches makes the task of banking weekly cash offertory collections more difficult. We urge everyone to make greater use of cashless giving such as standing orders, the cashless terminals at St Joseph's Church or the Parish QR code elsewhere.
- Our gift aid tax refund is a significant source of parish income. We could recover an additional five to ten thousand pounds a year. If you pay income tax, please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme at no cost to you.
- And only if you are able, please consider increasing your weekly offerings or current standing orders.

Thank you for supporting the Parish financially. Without your contributions the Parish could not survive.

**Finance Committee**

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 28th June

- 6.00am Santhammal, Narayanan,  
Anton & Linganathan RIP
- 10.00am Sr Veronica & Sr Jeanne  
Madeleine RIP (Chandler)
- 12 Noon **Baptism:** Erinma Ogu
- 1.00pm **Baptism:** Larosa Donoghue
- 6.00pm Maria Ariyaratnam RIP  
(Selvanathan)

#### Sunday 29th June St Peter & St Paul

- 8.00am Christina Conlon RIP (Sayer)
- 9.15am People of the Parish
- 11.00am Alphonses RIP
- Baptisms:** Leo Nardi &  
Mia Rose Geraci
- 12.30pm **Baptisms:** Miller, Hudson &  
Sloane Eldridge
- 5.00pm Cecil Mariyathasan RIP

#### Monday 30th June

- 10.00am Jude McCarthy RIP
- 11.30am **Funeral: Annette Foley RIP**

#### Tuesday 1st July

- 10.00am Terrance Flynn RIP

#### Wednesday 2nd July

- 10.00am Int. Theodore Bennett

#### Thursday 3rd July St Thomas

- 10.00am Special Intention (Lohan)

#### Friday 4th July

- 10.00am Special Intention (Lohan)

#### Saturday 5th July

- 10.00am Special Intention (Lohan)
- 6.00pm Edouard & Josephine Briffa  
RIP (Bonnici)

#### Sunday 6th July Fourteenth Sunday

- 8.00am People of Parish
- 9.15am Int. Louise Stewart
- 11.00am Meril- Special Intention
- 12.30pm **Baptism: Asta Newnham**
- 5.00pm Special Intention (Lohan)

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 28th June**

6.00pm Int. & Thanksgiving Maria Mariathas

**Sunday 29th June**

10.00am Perpetua Noronha RIP and  
Thanksgiving: Our Lady of Perpetual  
Succour (Lopes)

**Monday 30th June**

10.00am Int. Nick & Tam Woods—Marriage  
(Mellish)

**Saturday 5th July**

6.00pm Ann-Marie Marcellus  
Thanksgiving

**Sunday 6th July**

10.00am Wellbeing of Nelson Miranda and  
Family

**Monday 7th July**

10.00am Lady Amelia Grindle RIP

*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.

**Festival of Hope and Flame.** We would like to thank all those who helped to ensure the Festival of Hope and Flame was such a huge success. It was a wonderful celebration between the Parish and the Primary School. We would like to thank Mrs Clare Cribben, the Headteacher and all the teachers who prepared the children for the Mass and Drama. Thank you also to those who prepared the Liturgy during the Mass, the Choir, the altar servers, the hospitality team and those who helped with the fun and games in the presbytery garden after the picnic. It was a joyous occasion.

**Fr Saju and the Pastoral Team.**

**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](mailto:admin@st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk)  
Join the St Joseph's family – where every child is known and loved.

**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

**During August** Surgery will be held by appointment only.

**Baptism Preparation.** Please see reverse of Newsletter to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course starting on Saturday 6th September 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](mailto:bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk)

**Family Mass on Sundays at 9.15 am**

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.

**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.

**Funerals:**

**The funeral of Annette Foley RIP** will be held on Monday 30th June at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church.

**The funeral of Peter Gudge RIP** will be held on Tuesday 15th July at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church. Peter's coffin will be received into the church at 6.00pm on Monday 14th July.

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

## 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](mailto:slowery@hotmail.co.uk)

**The Dad's Group** will meet again on Wednesday 16th July 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 or email: [rgtbarrett@gmail.com](mailto:rgtbarrett@gmail.com)

### From our Diocese:

**Diocesan Safeguarding Audit. Feedback:** The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency are seeking feedback from anyone who may have information regarding the safeguarding function in Southwark Archdiocese. Please click on the below links if you wish to contribute. Thank you.

[Do you have information to help our safeguarding inspection in Southwark?](#)

[Survivors' Work With Us](#)

**Free Catechetical Institute Resources.** Every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our school, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

**Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year. For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo. Further information is available from Bishop Paul [paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk) or Canon Perera [edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)

**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](mailto:dartford@caos.org.uk)

## Supporting the Parish

### Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

### Mass Offerings last week:

St. Joseph's: £1111.43 St. Swithun's: £172.00

**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).

**This weekend** there will be a second collection for **Peter's Pence**.

### Parish Accounts for 2024.

On the weekend of 5th/6th July members of the Finance Committee will give a detailed presentation in the church hall after the 10.00am Mass at St. Swithun's and the 5.00pm Mass at St. Joseph's.

Copies of the Parish Accounts are available at the entrance of our two Churches. If you receive the newsletter by email, you will also have been sent a copy of the report and accounts

**Cafod:** In this Jubilee Year we are inviting parishes to join the churches global call for debt cancellation in those countries hit hardest by poverty and the climate crises. There is a petition that can be signed at the back of the church and leaflets explaining the lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 9th July.

**Summer Days Out.** The following coach outings have been arranged: **Hastings** on 16th July. **Eastbourne** on 14th August and **Brighton** on 3rd September. Book direct with Gina on 07780 468767.

**Cancer Café** is 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. You are welcome to bring a friend. Refreshments will be provided. For further information please contact the parish office.

**A new Playgroup has opened in St. Swithun's Church Hall.** For further information please contact Caroline O'Brien on 07525 651031 or email: [stjosephsplaygroupuk@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsplaygroupuk@gmail.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,*** Emma Constantinides, Joan Leonard, 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,*** Peter Gudge, Annette Foley, Enrica Fitzpatrick, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Sr. Veronica, Sr Jeanne Madeleine, Maria Ariyaratnam, Christina Conlon, Alphones, Cecil Mariyathan, Jude McCarthy, Terrance Flynn, Edouard & Josephine Briffa.

**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 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**

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**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](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.