



SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Fifteenth Sunday

Year C

13th July 2025

Readings on Page: 108 of the Parish Mass Book

Who is my neighbour?

The Golden Rule, "**Love your neighbour as yourself**" (Luke 10:27) which we hear in today's Gospel is well explained through the parable of the Good Samaritan. St. John, in his first letter (4:20) said: "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

The story of the Good Samaritan presents us with the way of life for a Christian and how he ought to behave in his search for eternal life. There are four persons in this story. There is a priest, who is naturally a Jew with deep religious convictions and a Levite, a member of the priestly community; a Samaritan whom we only know as some kind of a merchant. We know nothing about his religious convictions and a fourth person lying severely injured on the roadside. The identity of the person and his profession is uncertain. The Good Samaritan took the wounded man to a nearby inn and made arrangements for his food and accommodation by giving the innkeeper two *denarii* (pay for more than three weeks' board and lodging). What made this Samaritan so special was the compassion in his heart which made him stop and care for the needy. The Good Samaritan teaches us that if a person has a need that we can and should meet, that person is our neighbour. Every time we see a person in need, we immediately become a neighbour; we become a minister with a ministry. The Jericho Road is any place where people are being robbed of their dignity, their material goods or their value as human beings. It is any place where there is suffering and oppression.

The Jericho Road may be our own home or community, the place where we are taking care of a mother or father, husband or wife, our own children or a neighbour. We may find them lying "wounded" by bitter words, criticism or blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Hence, what Jesus wants more than anything is for us to show our love to others, in our own home and school, in the workplace, and in the neighbourhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Today we are not asking, "Who is my neighbour?" but rather to ask, "Am I a good neighbour to others?"

Fr Saju

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th July

7.00 pm

Thank you Day- Parish Volunteers in Parish Hall
T A Mariyathan RIP

6.00pm

Sunday 13th July Fifteenth Sunday

8.00am

T J Kelly RIP (O'Sullivan)

9.15am

John & Lily Robertson RIP
Baptism Rite of Welcome

11.00am

Int. Flordeliza Guzzan
Birthday

12.30pm

Baptism: Charlotte Griffiths

1.30pm

Baptism: Alexander Spice

5.00pm

Special Int. (Lohan)

Monday 14th July

10.00am

Int. Dilfi Drshik Nathaniel
(Silva)

6.00pm

Reception of Coffin into
Church

Tuesday 15th July St Bonaventure

10.00am

Int. Ruth Bennett
Mass in Holy Trinity Chapel

11.30am

Funeral: Peter Gudge RIP

Wednesday 16th July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10.00am

Alison Morrison RIP (Spink)

Thursday 17th July

10.00am

Kouame Bomoyah &
Kouakou Amiabla RIP

Friday 18th July

10.00am

Trevor Callan RIP

Saturday 19th July

10.00am

T Cullinan RIP (O'Sullivan)

6.00pm

Travis & Edna Ellison RIP
(Spink)

Sunday 20th July Sixteenth Sunday

8.00am

Recovery of Agnes Tiernan
(Sayer)

9.15am

Int. Barry & Julia Mellish
54th Wedding Anniversary

11.00am

Special Intention (Lohan)

5.00pm

People of the Parish

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

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Saturday 12th July

6.00pm Mike Mills RIP

Sunday 13th July

10.00am People of the Parish

Monday 14th July

10.00am Francis Okiwelu RIP

Saturday 19th July

6.00pm Drishik Nathaniel Siva
Birthdays Thanksgiving

Sunday 20th July

10.00am Antonia Miranda RIP

Monday 21st July

10.00am Imelda Mortimer 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.

Funerals: 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 his soul.

Richard Francis RIP died recently. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course.
May they rest in peace.

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

Christian Meditation This is an opportunity in the parish for all those who wish to spend time in silence and prayer with the help of Christian Meditation. Open to everyone, no experience needed. To experience peace within with guided meditation. Starting on Thursday 4th September, Meditation will be guided by a skilled and experienced person and the duration is half an hour in the Upper Room from 7.00pm. Refreshments available.

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 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

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 All 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.

Summer Holidays: Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. As we are entering the main holiday period, if you are unable to cover one of your scheduled slots on the rota, please swap with someone else on the rota. If there is no one available, please inform a priest, deacon or sacristan.

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

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

As part of celebrating the Jubilee Year, the third Night Vigil will be held on 21st/22nd November 2025. The Night Vigil will commence with Mass at 7.00pm and conclude with Mass at 6.30am.

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 8th-15th September 2025. Cost £766 per person. To include return flights from Gatwick, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast and dinner, luxury coach transfers with local guide and a full religious programme. For further information please contact: Susan Lowery at: 07973 296607 or email slowery@hotmail.com
See poster in foyer of church.

From our Diocese:

On the Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well as we pray for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon. Find out more: rcaos.org.uk/vocations/is-god-calling-me/the-diaconate/

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/>

Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Supporting the Parish

Parish Finances for last week

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Standing Orders:

Average weekly contributions: £1400.

Cashless contributions last week:

Mass offerings: £370.00

Building Fund: £25.00

Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £1180.11 St. Swithun's: £199.14

Second Collection: This Sunday is Sea Sunday.

The second collection will be for Stella Maris.

Next weekend there will be a Retiring Collection for Lepra, the Charity supporting Leprosy.

Gift Aid and Standing Order Enquiries:

Please email the Gift Aid Co-Ordinator at: bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk or call the Parish Office on 020 8402 0459.

Please see below the **Cashless Giving QR code.**

Please scan the code with your smart phones to make cashless contributions.



Bank transfers for Offertory contributions can be made to the account below:

Short bank account name: **St Josephs Parish**

Bank sort code: **60-04-02**

Account number: **84093595**

Reference: **Please show your surname and initials (eg. Bond J)**

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.

Bromley Borough Foodbank Thank you to all who have continued to donate to the foodbank. Sadly stocks are running low and there is still a great need. This week we really need cereals, sugar, coffee, multi surface sprays and hand wash soap. Please place in the box in the church foyer, collections are made regularly. Thank you

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, Roy Parker, John Aummundsen, Catherine Rideout, Emma Constantinides, Joan Leonard, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, Cathy Mair, Faith Millar, Stella Ludlam, Robert Straker, 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, Richard Francis, Peter Gudge, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, TA Mariyathan, TJ Kelly, John & Lily Robertson, Alison Morrison, Kouame Bomoyah, Kouakou Amiabla, Trevor Callan, T Cullinan, Travis and Edna Ellison.

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 6th September 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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Deacon Garry	Tel: 07766 557213	e: garrycullen@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Secretary: Susan Allatt Email: bromley@rcaos.org.uk

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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

Head Teacher: Mrs Cribben

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