



SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Nineteenth Sunday Year C

10th August 2025

Readings on Page: 121 of the Parish Mass Book

Growing in Prayer - Lectio Divina

While speaking to the young people gathered on 2nd of August 2025 in Rome for the Youth Jubilee in the Jubilee Year, Pope Leo XIV said, "If you truly want to encounter the risen Lord, then listen to his word, which is the Gospel of salvation. Reflect on your way of living, and seek justice in order to build a more humane world. Serve the poor, and so bear witness to the good that we would always like to receive from our neighbours." Pope Leo then emphasised, "Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the source of eternal life," "Study, work, and love according to the example of Jesus, the good Teacher, who always walks beside us."

Lectio Divina offers us this opportunity to listen prayerfully to the Word of God. It is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures so that the living Word of God becomes a means of union with God. Pope Benedict XVI said, "the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart." Similarly, Pope Francis emphasised that *Lectio Divina* involves a slow, prayerful reading of the Bible, allowing the text to speak to the individual and guide them in prayer and contemplation. In view of growing in prayer life and preparing for Holy Mass, use the Sunday Gospel each week to enter into *Lectio Divina* by following these 4 steps: **Lectio**. – Sit down in a quiet and solitary place and ask the Holy Spirit for help in listening to the Lord and then read the Gospel passage slowly and attentively.

Meditatio. - find a word or phrase in the Gospel passage that speaks to you, think about it, ponder it, and try to memorise it, gently repeat it and allow the word/phrase to interact with your thoughts, hopes, memories and desires. Allow God's Word to touch you at the deepest levels of your heart.

Oratio. This third step is prayer, a loving conversation with God who invites you to experience God's presence. This may involve praise, thanksgiving or intercession.

Contemplatio. In this final step, you simply experience the presence of the Lord who, through the Word, invites us to accept God's transforming embrace. When we practise silence, we begin to experience being in the presence of God. **Fr. Saju**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th August

6.00pm Valentino Berardo RIP
(Bonnici)

Sunday 10th August Nineteenth Sunday

8.00am Showene Chong RIP
9.15am Sr Jeanne Madeleine RIP
(Maguire)
11.00am Michael Lowe RIP
(McConnell)
5.00pm Peter Leary RIP &
Gertrude Stocking RIP

Monday 11th August St Clare

10.00am S Anthony Pillai RIP

Tuesday 12th August

10.00am Denis Quin RIP

Wednesday 13th August

10.00am Derek & Charles Sheen RIP
(Spink)

Thursday 14th August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

10.00am Claude & Annie Murdon RIP
(Spink)

Friday 15th August The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30am Geraldine Colleary RIP
Holy Trinity Chapel
10.00am Valentino Dovico &
Sylvia Coser RIP
1.30pm **Funeral:** Richard Francis RIP
7.30pm Agnes Achampong RIP

Saturday 16th August

10.00am George Meleppuram RIP
6.00pm Thomas Flaherty Junior RIP
(Margiotta)

Sunday 17th August Twentieth Sunday

8.00am Souls in Purgatory (Maguire)
9.15am People of the Parish
11.00am Lucia Holder RIP
5.00pm Bobby & Anastasia Doyle RIP
(Atkinson)

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th August

6.00pm Wellbeing of Wocial Family

Sunday 10th August

10.00am Thanksgiving to St Anthony

Monday 11th August

10.00am Deceased members of
Zimmerman Family

Friday 15th August Holy Day of Obligation

10.00am Charles Hanrahan RIP

Saturday 16th August

6.00pm Asumpta Marcellus Thanksgiving

Sunday 17th August

10.00am Wellbeing of Royston & Ionela
Noruega

Monday 18th August

10.00am Patrick & Kate Quin 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 Richard Francis RIP will be held on Friday 15th August at 1.30pm in St. Joseph's Church. May he rest in peace.

The funeral of Gerry Leonard RIP will be held on Thursday 28th August at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church. May he rest in peace.

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary on

Friday 15th August. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be celebrated at the following times: **Holy Trinity Chapel:** 7.30am
St. Joseph's Church: 10.00am and 7.30pm
St. Swithun's Church: 10.00am

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:

During August Parish 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 complete and print out our **FHC Registration Form:**

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/First-Holy-Communion-Registration-Form-July-2025.pdf> Please bring the form to meet with one of our priests/deacons during surgery hours to complete your child's registration. **You will not be able to submit your form online.**

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. The Children's Liturgy and Uniform Groups will resume in September. Dates will be announced in due course.

Tea and Coffee on Sunday mornings will resume in September in both St Joseph's & St. Swithun's Church Halls.

Summer Holidays: Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. 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.

Induction and Training for new Altar Servers will take place in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 6th September from 3-5pm. This is an annual training and induction session. Kindly ensure that your child/children are present in order for them to be able to start Altar Serving at our Masses. Refreshments will be provided for the children. We are looking forward to meeting all of you and your children as they embark on this Sacred Ministry. Thank you.

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: sclowery@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. For further information please contact: Susan Lowery at: 07973 296607 or email sclowery@hotmail.co.uk
See poster in foyer of church.

The Dad's Group will meet again on Wednesday 17th September 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.

Seniors Lunch. The next Seniors Lunch will be held on Tuesday 4th September from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

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

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

Bromley Homeless (<https://bromleyhomeless.org/>) is our local, award-winning charity, tackling homelessness in the Borough by providing a holistic support service that includes accommodation, housing advice, medical services, and counselling. Starting in the autumn, our Parish plans to support this charity and there will be a number of opportunities to do so: see the notice in the church foyer for more information. Further details will follow in September. To register an interest before then or for more information, please email either John Warren (jrwarren@gmx.co.uk) or Teresa Adams (tessie.m.adams@gmail.com).

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: £574.00

Building Fund: £20.00

Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £835.13 St. Swithun's: £134.25

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)**

Parish Database. If you are new to the Parish or you have not already registered, we ask all parishioners to register with the Parish Database, 'ChurchSuite'. To do this please click on the following link:

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/parish-database/>

Once registered you will be able to receive the weekly Newsletter and important communications sent out from the Parish Office. You may opt out of communications or ask to be deleted at any time.

Coach Outing to Eastbourne next Thursday 14th August. There are still 2 seats available. Call Gina on 07780468767 to book.

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, Gina Clark, Helen Mudge, John Aummundsen, Catherine Rideout, Emma Constantinides, Joan Leonard, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, Cathy Mair, Faith Millar, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Simon Franks, Paul Emans, 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, Giuseppina Spena, Maria Matthews, Frances McGoran (May), Roy Parker, Richard Francis, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Valentino Berardo, Showene Chong, Michael Lowe, Peter Leary, Gertrude Stocking, S Anthony Pillai, Denis Quin, Derek & Charles Sheen, Claude & Annie Murdon, Geraldine Colleary, Valentino Dovico, Sylvia Coser, Agnes Achampong, George Meleppuram, Thomas Flaherty, Bobby & Anastasia Doyle.
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: https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Baptism-Registration-Form_July-2025.pdf Please complete and print the form and bring 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

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Surgery Times: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House

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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.