

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th September

6.00pm Mary McLean RIP

Sunday 28th September

10.00am Patrick John Doherty RIP

Monday 29th September

10.00am Debbie Doherty RIP

Saturday 4th October

6.00pm Margaret & Benjamin Aloysius RIP

Sunday 5th October

10.00am Wellbeing of
 Margaret & Derek Walker

Monday 6th October

10.00am Michael Gibson RIP

For Mass Intentions please see Nelson

St Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402-0459

Tea & Coffee will be served in the church hall on Sundays after the 10.00am Mass.

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

Parish Social

Cancer Café and Prayer Support Group on Tuesdays at 1.30pm in the Upper Room.

1st Tuesday of month: Prayer Support Group

3rd Tuesday of month: Cancer Café

Refreshments will be served. For further information contact Parish Office.

The Dad's Group will meet again on Wednesday 15 October at 7.30pm at Papadom Palace, Letchworth Drive BR2 9BE. 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 14th October** from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace, and announces a Rosary in St. Peter's Square on October 11 as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.

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: Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan. **Fr Saju will not be available on 8th & 15th September.**

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.



SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Twenty Sixth Sunday Year C

28th September 2025

Readings on Page 143 of the Parish Mass Book

After Henry VIII broke from the Catholic Church and established the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England faced persecution and a decline in its influence. The Act of Supremacy declared Henry VIII the Supreme Head of the Church, and Parliament enforced his authority, making it treasonous to deny the king's supremacy. This was accompanied by the Dissolution of more than 800 Monasteries and religious houses; their wealth was confiscated and their huge role in helping the poor and sick ended. The Church's organization remained illegal in England until the Roman Catholic Relief Act of 1829. While Catholicism continued to exist and indeed to continuously grow in numbers, it did so in secret or under the guise of other religious activities.

When Catholics in England were deprived of the normal episcopal hierarchy, their pastoral care was entrusted at first to a priest with the title of archpriest (in effect an apostolic prefect), and then, from 1623 to 1688, to one or more apostolic vicars, bishops of non-existent foreign sees, governing not in their own names, as diocesan bishops and with limited jurisdiction. All priests were itinerant; there were no parishes. At first there was a single apostolic vicar for the whole kingdom, later their number was increased to four, assigned respectively to the London District, the Midland District, the Northern District, and the Western District. The number of vicariates was doubled in 1840, becoming eight: the apostolic vicariates of the London district, the Western, Eastern, and Central districts, and the districts of Wales, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and the North.

On the 29th September 1850 Pope Pius IX, through the papal bull "Universalis Ecclesiae," recreated the Roman Catholic dioceses in England, which had been extinguished with the death of the last Marian bishop in the reign of Elizabeth I. This action restored a formal, hierarchical structure to the Catholic Church in England, leading to the creation of 13 new dioceses. Southwark was one of the original 13 dioceses. The bishops set to work to create networks of parishes and parish schools.

So tomorrow, 29th September 2025, marks the 175th Anniversary of the restoration of the English hierarchy and the formation of the Diocese of Southwark which was subsequently reduced in size and in 1965 elevated to be a Metropolitan Archdiocese. **Deacon Barry**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul

10.00am Peter Gudge RIP
 6.00pm Albert Norman &
 Emily Ida May Spink RIP

Sunday 28th September 26th Sunday

8.00am John & Lily Robertson RIP
 9.15am Restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy in England
 11.00am Int. Angela Callan (Clare)
 12.30pm **Baptism: Cormac Ryan**
 5.00pm People of the Parish

Monday 29th September St Michael

10.00am Santhiya Adaikalamuthu RIP
 01.00 pm **Funeral: Valerie Zanre RIP**

Tuesday 30th September St Jerome

10.00am Wellbeing Annette Hider (Callan)

Wednesday 1st October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

10.00am Protection of unborn babies (Assumpta)

Thursday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

10.00am Lucia Holder RIP

Friday 3rd October Harvest Fast Day

10.00am John Howard RIP (Sayer)

Saturday 4th October

St Francis of Assisi

10.00am Krystyna Moore RIP (Wosiek)
 2.00pm **Wedding: Andrea Ferrara & Elisa Orsini**
 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 5th October 27th Sunday
 8.00am David & Susan Lowery
 40th Wedding Ann (Callan)
 9.15am People of Bromley (Ada)
 Y5 Class Mass
 11.00am John Mascarenhas RIP (Doran)
 5.00pm Doriano Soverini RIP

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

For Baptism and Confirmation, please complete and print out one of our online Registration Forms. 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.**

Baptism Preparation. Please see below how to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course.

First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all the children who celebrated the Rite of Enrolment last Sunday. A huge thank you to all the parents and the Catechists for preparing them. The enrolment invites all of us to be present weekly at Mass.

Confirmation Preparation 2025-2026. If your child is in Year 8 or above and would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June 2026, please complete and print out our **Confirmation Registration Form:**

https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Confirmation-Registration-Form_July-2025.pdf

The second National Mass Count will be taken this weekend.

Journey in Faith Open Evening will be held on **Monday 8th September at 8.00pm** in Holy Trinity House. The Journey in Faith Group welcomes new enquirers to start a period of preparation and discernment. See poster in foyer of church. For further information please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email: bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk

Christian Meditation on Thursdays at 7.00pm in the Upper Room. This is an opportunity for all those who wish to spend time in silence and prayer with the help of Christian Meditation. Open to everyone, no experience needed. Meditation will be guided by a skilled and experienced person. Refreshments available.

Family Mass on Sundays at 9.15am.

28th September	Children's Liturgy
5th October	Children's Liturgy
19th October	Uniform Groups
2nd November	Children's Liturgy

Tea and Coffee on Sunday mornings will be served in the church hall after the 9.15am Mass.

Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit themark10mission.co.uk

Funerals:

The funeral of Valerie Zanre RIP will be held on Monday 29th September at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace.

The funeral of Kuni Forbes RIP will be held on Tuesday 21st October at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace.

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.

St Joseph's Primary School Open Days. For dates and times, please see posters in foyer of the church.

Cafod Harvest Fast Day. Members of our Cafod Group will be making a short appeal at the end of all Masses on 27th & 28th September. The Cafod collection will take place on 4th & 5th October. Donation envelopes and prayer cards are available in the foyer of the church.

From the Diocese: Day of Praise, Worship & Thanksgiving on Saturday 4th October from 10.15am-5.00pm at St. George's Cathedral. For more information see: bit.ly/4OCT25 and posters in foyer. This is a free event but you do need to register.

Day of Retreat for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be held on Saturday 18th October at St. Stephen's Church, Welling, 26 Deepdene Road DA16 3QL. The day will commence at 9.30am and conclude with Mass at 2.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. **See poster in foyer.**

September Prayer intention: In his prayer intention for September 2025, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray that we might experience our interdependence with all creatures, who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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: £393

Building Fund: £70

Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £ 957 St. Swithun's: £105

Second collection -St. Joseph's £384

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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)**

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, Nicola Harwood, John Dias, Gina Clark, John Aummundsen, Robert Straker, Stella Ludlum, Catherine Rideout, Emma Constantinides, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, 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, Kuni Forbes, Cathy Mair, Gerry & Joan Leonard, Valerie Zanre, Maria Matthews, Dermot Kenny, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Kitty Conroy, William Cullen, Annie, Michael Joe & Chrissie Flynn, Giuseppe Inzalaco and Annma Anthony Pillai.

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: 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.**