



## SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Twenty Eighth Sunday Year C

12th October 2025

Readings on Page 149 of the Parish Mass Book

### Keeping us well

This Sunday, the Scripture readings help us to reflect on gratitude and healing. Naaman, the Syrian military General in the first reading (2 Kgs 5:14-17), was not only an outcast because of his illness but also a non-Israelite. But he returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for the cure, and as a sign of his gratitude, he believed in the God of Israel.

In today's Gospel (Lk 17:11-19), Jesus was on the border between Galilee and Samaria where He was met by a band of ten lepers, including both Jews and Samaritans who were drawn together by their common misery and who ignored their traditional enmity. They prayed to Jesus for healing. The ten lepers were healed on the way to the temple. The Samaritan, the moment he realised that he was healed, returns to Jesus before going to the priests and prostrated himself before Jesus, a sign of deepest respect and honour. The Fathers of the Church identify three parallels between the Gospel story and the story of Naaman. First, both Naaman and the Samaritan leper were foreigners who sought healing from a Jew. Second, both were ordered to perform a small, seemingly irrelevant action. Elisha told Naaman to bathe in the river Jordan seven times. Jesus told the ten lepers to show themselves to the priest who could certify a healing. In both stories, healing took place only after they obeyed. Third, both Naaman and the Samaritan returned to praise God.

Each Sunday, like the Samaritan, we return to celebrate the Eucharist in gratitude for all the gifts that God has showered upon us as individuals and as a community. In faith, we hear the words of the Scriptures as the gift of God's Word to us; we believe that the people around us are the church, the Body of Christ; we affirm the bread and wine truly to be the Risen Lord, the Father's ultimate gift to us. If we count our blessings in life, then we shall be more likely to act like the Samaritan leper to return with joy and give God thanks and praise every Sunday. Any failure to be grateful to God for God's blessing will diminish our friendship with Jesus.

Today let us seek healing from any 'spiritual leprosy' of sins in us including lack of forgiveness or hatred that does discourage us to gather regularly for Mass with gratitude.

Fr Saju

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 11th October

6.00pm Mary Briffa RIP (Bonicci)

#### Sunday 12th October 28th Sunday

8.00am Some Definite Service  
Volunteers (Ada)

9.15am Lois Mary &  
Justus Oluka RIP  
*FHC Signed with the Cross*  
11.00am Annette Foley RIP  
(O'Grady)

#### Baptism:

1.00pm Tommaso Fornasieri  
People of the Parish

#### Monday 13th October St Edward

10.00am Joseph & Harriet Peat RIP  
(Spink)

1.00pm **Baptism:** Isabella Jhalli

#### Tuesday 14th October

10.00am Clare Pascoe RIP (Leary)

#### Wednesday 15th October

##### St Teresa of Jesus

10.00am David & Marion Franks RIP

#### Thursday 16th October

10.00am Ivy Sheen RIP (Spink)

#### Friday 17th October St Ignatius

10.00am Maria Arielle Namuyaba RIP  
(Bull)

#### Saturday 18th October St Luke

10.00am Anointing of the Sick  
1.00pm **Wedding:** Lucas Morris &  
Agnieszka Debrowska  
6.00pm Marie Therese Meret RIP  
(Wilson)

#### Sunday 19th October 29th Sunday

8.00am Deceased member of  
Davies & Heneghan  
Families  
9.15am People of the Parish  
11.00am Marie McMorrow RIP (Leary)  
5.00pm Miriam & George  
God's Blessing (Norah)

## 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 which will start on 6th November.

**First Holy Communion: Signed with the Cross Rite** will take place on Sunday 12th October during the 9.15am 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](https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Confirmation-Registration-Form_July-2025.pdf)

**The fourth National Mass Count will be taken this weekend.**

**RCIA: Our Journey in Faith Group meet on Mondays at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House.** We welcome new enquirers to start a period of preparation and discernment. For further information please email Matt Gibbs at [bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk](mailto: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.

**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](http://themark10mission.co.uk)

**Mass and Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated on Saturday 18th October at 10.00am. The SVP Group will serve refreshments in the hall after Mass.

**Parish Annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 15th November at 10.00am.** All those who have lost a loved one over the past year are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the Mass in Holy Trinity House.

**Family Mass on Sundays at 9.15am.**

19th October	Uniform Groups
2nd November	Children's Liturgy
9th November	Children's Liturgy

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

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

**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** Joseph Dyson, Nicola Harwood, John Dias, Gina Clark, John Ammundsen, 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** Cathy Mair, Kuni Forbes, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Stephen Lee, Mary Briffa, Lois Mary & Justus Oluka, Annette Foley, Joseph & Harriet Peat, Clare Pascoe, David & Marion Franks, Ivy Sheen, Maria Arielle Namuyaba, Marie Therese Meret and Marie McMorro

**May they rest in peace.**

## Jubilee Year 2025

**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.

**Fr Saju will celebrate his 25th Ordination Anniversary at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 23rd November.** Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after the Mass. All invited to attend.

**Missio Red Box Holders** are invited to bring their boxes for emptying from 12<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October. Please leave them at the back of either Church or bring to the parish office. Empty boxes will be left in porch of the church for you to collect. Our parish yearly total is submitted to Missio at the end of October. Thank you for your continuing support for Missio's worldwide work.

**Holy Land Group.** A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit St Joseph's Church **this weekend** to sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support poor Christian families.

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

**Bromley Homeless 'Sleepout':** Bromley Homeless charity's annual fundraising event is on Saturday 15th November at SS Peter & Paul Church (behind Primark). Teresa Adams from this parish will be taking part: if you wish to sponsor her please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/teresa-adams-1759423401633> If you would like to 'sleep out' yourself to raise money for BH, please go to their webpage (link below). If you do not wish to sleep out but want to participate, you can join the communal meal beforehand (cost £15). Full details at: <https://bromleyhomeless.org/2025-sleepout>

## 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: £800.00

Building Fund: £35.00

Cafod: £140.00

#### Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £951.24 St. Swithun's: £146.85

#### Cafod Collection:

St Joseph's: £1283.21 St Swithun's: £507.22

#### Gift Aid and Standing Order Enquiries:

Please email the Gift Aid Co-Ordinator at: [bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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)**

**Next weekend is World Mission Day there will be a second collection for Missio.**

**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](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 be held on Saturday 8th November 2026.

**Marriage:** Please contact a priest or deacon. **Six Months notice is required.**

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 11th October**

6.00pm Welling of Susan Allatt

**Sunday 12th October**

10.00am Wellbeing of Maria Antonia Lopes

12 Noon **Baptism: Lailah Turner**

**Monday 13th October**

10.00am Anne Gibson & Family Thanksgiving

**Saturday 18th October**

6.00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday 19th October**

10.00am Wellbeing of Rincy Lopes

**Monday 20th October**

10.00am Richard Samuel RIP (Seidel)

*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.

**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.

**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 15th 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.

**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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**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.