



## SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Twenty Ninth Sunday Year C

19th October 2025

Readings on Page 152 of the Parish Mass Book

### Parish Pilgrimage to Rome& Assisi

Pope Francis on the occasion of opening the Jubilee Year 2025 based on the theme of *Pilgrims of Hope* said, "we must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." Responding to this invitation, we as a parish have been making focused efforts to fan the flame of hope, among them were our pilgrimages.

It is difficult to convey the beauty and richness of the recent parish pilgrimages to Medjugorje and Rome & Assisi as I was privileged to accompany them. We carried with us the parish intentions and prayed for our parish at all the places of worship. I am grateful to all who responded to this invitation and we thank you for your prayers. Although the pilgrimage to Medjugorje is a recurring pilgrimage in the parish, this year it was specifically focused on the theme of hope visible in our Blessed Mother. Our Lady relied totally on the promises of God. What our Mother witnessed at the cross seemed to cancel out all these promises. God had promised that her Son would be called great, but now He was dying in disgrace. Our Lady trusted that God would do what He had promised. And this steadfast hope carried her safely into the joy of His resurrection. Looking at the life of Mary during this pilgrimage invoked on us grace to humble ourselves and grow in hope and be an instrument of hope in the community.

The Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi focused on walking through all four major Basilicas in Rome (St. Paul, Maria Maggiore, Latranum and St. Peter), a Papal audience and visit to the tombs of Saints Francis, Clare and Carlo Acutis in Assisi. Passing through the Holy Doors of the major Basilicas in Rome were privileged moments in life. The pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Peter through the Holy Door, holding the crucifix and praying the Psalms and prayers made this pilgrimage special and nourishing. St. Carlo who died at 15 years of age, reminded us of his saying, "Eucharist is the motorway to Heaven." The pilgrimages reminded us that it is important to be a pilgrim of hope in the church, nourished constantly by the Eucharist to share the peace of Christ. The huge number of people visiting Assisi and Rome this time will continue to reassure us that Christ lives and guides the Church in our time too. **Fr Saju**

### Mass Intentions

#### 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 Billy Martin RIP (Craddock)  
11.00am Marie McMorrow RIP (Leary)  
5.00pm Miriam & George  
God's Blessing (Norah)

#### Monday 20th October

- 10.00am Edward Speight RIP

#### Tuesday 21st October

- 10.00am Charlie Kirk RIP (Grillo)  
12.30pm **Funeral: Kuni Forbes RIP**

#### Wednesday 22nd October

- 10.00am Babies Starr Joseph, Martin Peter and Jordaan Bernard Paasche RIP

#### Thursday 23rd October

- 10.00am Narciso Andrion RIP

#### Friday 24th October

- 10.00am Gerard & Cathie Kelly RIP (Chauhan)

#### Saturday 25th October

- 10.00am Concepta Mulchinock RIP (Lohan)  
12.30pm **Baptism: Joel Chinagorum**  
6.00pm Jude McCarthy RIP

#### Sunday 26th October 30th Sunday

- 8.00am Molly Lau RIP  
9.15am People of the Parish  
11.00am Shiranee RIP (Audrey)  
5.00pm Int. Paasche & Chaza Families

## 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.

**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)

**Confirmation Parents Information Session** to be held on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity House. All parents with children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next June are invited to attend.

**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 [mattgibbsjif@gmail.com](mailto:mattgibbsjif@gmail.com) or ring 07955 084287.

**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.

**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.**

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| 19th October  | Uniform Groups     |
| 2nd November  | Children's Liturgy |
| 9th November  | Children's Liturgy |
| 16th November | Uniform Groups     |
| 23rd November | Children's Liturgy |
| 30th 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,** Kuni Forbes, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Marie Therese Meret, Marie McMorro, Edward Speight, Charlie Kirk, Starr, Martin, Jordaan Passche, Narciso Andriou, Gerard & Cathie Kelly, Concepta Mulchinock, Jude McCarthy, Molly Lau, and Shiranee.

**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 until 26th 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.

**Better Marriage Day to be held at St James' Parish, Petts Wood on Saturday 1st November from 9.30am to 4.30pm.** See poster in foyer for details on how to register.

**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: £437.00 Building Fund: £40.00

#### Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £1012.21 St. Swithun's: £213.18

#### 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)**

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

**The Bethlem Nativity Group (Holy Land)** have written to thank our parishioners for their support & generosity last weekend. £7828 was raised to support Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you.

**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 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)

**Saturday 25th October**

6.00pm Gheorghe Chiriac RIP

**Sunday 26th October**

10.00am Lactancio Menezes RIP

**Monday 27th October**

10.00am Michael Frederick Price 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

Please note: Not on 21st October 2026.

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

**The Dad's Group** will meet again on **Wednesday 12th November** at 7.30pm at Richard's house. Please contact: Richard Barrett on 07729 392936 or email: rgtbarrett@gmail.com. This is open to all dads who still have a child at school.

**Seniors Lunch.** The next Seniors Lunch will be held on **Tuesday 11th November** from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

**Ss Joseph & Swithun Christmas Day Lunch in St. Joseph's Church Hall.** The lunch will be held after the 11.00am Mass. For more information and to register your attendance, please ring 07932 674557 or 020 8402 0459.

**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.