



SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Thirtieth Sunday Year C

26th October 2025

Readings on Page 155 of the Parish Mass Book

A Beacon of Comfort and Healing

Although we are approaching the end of October, a month dedicated to praying the Rosary daily, it is important to revisit the invitation of Pope Leo in order to keep praying the Rosary as part of our personal or family prayer. "As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world." Pope Leo XIV made this exhortation on Wednesday 24 September during his General Audience in the Vatican.

The Rosary is a very rewarding and grace-filled prayer that can be prayed by all. The Rosary is a contemplative prayer that can deepen our love and understanding of the Gospels. In 1214 the Church was facing a growing threat, the Albigensian Heresy. St Dominic was called to combat this heresy. Dominic had a vision of our Blessed Mother. The Virgin Mary is said to have presented him with a string of beads and special prayers to say through her intercession. It quickly became Dominic's greatest weapon in the spiritual battle against the heresy.

Catholic tradition accepts that Dominic of Prussia, a Carthusian monk, developed the Joyful, Glorious and Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary. He encouraged focusing each decade on an event in the lives of Jesus and Mary, helping us to contemplate these important moments in the Gospels. However, devotion to the Rosary was formally established by Pope Pius V in 1569, and established October 7th a feast day in honour of Our Lady of Victory, to commemorate victory over the Ottoman threat to Christian countries. In 1917, during the Fatima apparitions, Our Lady requested the addition of the prayer "O My Jesus" after each decade. On October 16th, 2002, Pope St John Paul II added five new "Luminous Mysteries" to the traditional Rosary asking us to prayerfully reflect on events in Jesus' public ministry.

Since the Rosary involves structured prayers and meditation, it enriches our prayer life, fostering a deeper relationship with God and grace in our personal life. In times of sorrow, grief, or illness, the Rosary emerges as a beacon of comfort and healing, offering solace and strength to individuals navigating through difficult circumstances. Let us have a personal Rosary to meditate daily on the life events of Jesus and Our Lady. Pray a decade every day or join after the weekday Mass to keep praying the Rosary as a beacon of comfort and healing.

Fr Saju

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th October

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| 10.00am | Concepta Mulchinock RIP (Lohan) |
| 12.30pm | Baptism: Joel Chinagorom |
| 6.00pm | Jude McCarthy RIP |

Clocks go back an hour at 2.00am

Sunday 26th October 30th Sunday

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

Monday 27th October

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| 10.00am | Roy Parker RIP (McConnell) |
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Tuesday 28th October

St Simon & St Jude

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| 10.00am | Int Carmel Kelly |
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Wednesday 29th October

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| 10.00am | Gaynor Rees RIP (Gilboy) |
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Thursday 30th October

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| 10.00am | Brendon White RIP (Lowery) |
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Friday 31st October

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| 10.00am | Int. Peter Carey (Jefferies) |
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Saturday 1st November

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| 10.00am | Willie Coyne RIP (Lohan) |
| 6.00pm | Dean Margiotta RIP |

Sunday 2nd November All Saints

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| 8.00am | Bernie Sheahan RIP (Canavan) |
| 9.15am | People of the Parish |
| 11.00am | Ben & Jo White RIP |
| 5.00pm | Concepta Mulchinock RIP (Lohan) |

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 Saturday 8th 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

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 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. Open to everyone, no experience needed. Meditation is guided by a skilled and experienced person. Refreshments available.

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.

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.

Holy Father Pope Leo has appointed Bishop Nicholas Hudson as the next Bishop of Plymouth. Bishop Nicholas brings with him great experience as a former priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, and Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster. We pray for God's blessing on his new role as the Shepherd of Plymouth Diocese.

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 Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Molly Lau, Shiranee, Roy Parker, Gaynor Rees, Brendon White, Willie Coyne, Dean Margiotta, Bernie Sheahan, Ben and Jo White and Concepta Mulchinock.

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.

Legion of Mary. All praying members are invited to a social afternoon on Saturday 1st November at 2pm in Holy Trinity House. Rosary and Benediction in the Chapel will be followed by refreshments and showing of DVD. Concludes at 4.30pm.

Thank you to our SVP Group for providing the refreshments after the Mass for the Anointing of the Sick.

Bromley Homeless Charity: The annual 'sleepout' fundraiser takes place on Saturday 15th November at SS Peter & Paul church (behind Primark). Teresa Adams of this parish will be sleeping out to raise funds for this charity. If you wish to sponsor her please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/teresa-adams-1759423401633> If you wish to sleep out for BH yourself please go to their webpage (link below). If you would like to support the event in other ways you can join the communal meal beforehand (cost £15). Full details at: <https://bromleyhomeless.org/2025-sleepout>

Bromley Homeless Charity support group: a reminder that the second meeting of this parish group will take place on Tuesday 28th October at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room. If you are interested but did not attend the first meeting you are welcome to come along.

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 be held on Saturday 8th November 2026.

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

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: £394.00 Building Fund: £10.00

Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £835.67 St. Swithun's: £213.70

World Mission Sunday:

St. Joseph's: £498.13 St. Swithun's: £58.00

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)**

Cafod Harvest Fast Day and Missio Collections.

Thank you very much for your generous donations to the recent Cafod Harvest Fast Day and World Mission Sunday collections.

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

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday 1st November

6.00pm George Mariathas & Siblings RIP

Sunday 2nd November

10.00am Aloisio & Antonia Miranda RIP

Monday 3rd November

10.00am Beatrice & Francis Oliwelu &
Alan Ebere Boniface 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.

An alarm has now been fitted in the Disabled Toilet.

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 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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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.