



SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Twenty Seventh Sunday Year C

5th October 2025

Readings on Page 146 of the Parish Mass Book

Our readings this weekend are about faith. And they are striking because they are encouraging us to be bold in our relationship with God. God does not want timid followers, rather he welcomes us challenging him in our prayers. We see such an example in our first reading from the prophet Habbakuk, who confronts God, asking why he is ignoring the cries of His battered people and simply looking on as tyranny and violence flourish against them.

Such reasoning is frequently mentioned in our world today, when people question God's existence, because of the suffering in the world. The difference is Habbakuk has a faith firmly rooted in God and believes God will answer his prayers and do something! And his faith is proved right, because God acts against the Chaldeans, punishing them for their excessive cruelty against the Jewish nation.

Paul, likewise, in the second reading, is encouraging Timothy, his friend and companion for some 17 years, to be bold, as God's gift is not a spirit of timidity, but the spirit of power and love. We all know the sufferings Paul experienced, eventually leading to his death, but his boldness of spirit never dimmed, because it was rooted in his faith in God. Our gospel continues this theme, with Jesus telling His disciples that true and enduring faith, which is rooted in God, is capable of a boldness that is truly awesome. Faith such as this is what Jesus is inspiring us all to reach for today. Too many of us are timid about our faith. We wrap it tightly around ourselves, its personal! But that is not what God wants us to be.

Through our baptisms we are all called to be prophets. Our faith should not be hidden away, it should be visible in all areas of our lives, at home, at work, everywhere. Where there is injustice, or bad legislation being enacted, such as that on abortion and euthanasia, we are called by our faith to be bold and to fight such injustice or legislation. Let's be like Habbakuk, Paul and the disciples, who were not afraid of wearing their 'faith on their sleeves'!

Deacon Garry

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th October

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
Baptism Rite of Welcome

11.00am John Mascarenhas RIP
(Doran)
5.00pm Dorian Soverini RIP (Norah)

Monday 6th October

10.00am Gerry & Joan Leonard RIP
(Lowery)

Tuesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00am Holy Souls (Seidel)

Wednesday 8th October

10.00am Private Intention
(O'Sullivan)

Thursday 9th October

St John Henry Newman

10.00am Winifred Corty RIP

Friday 10th October

10.00am Gerry & Joan Leonard RIP
(Sayer)

Saturday 11th October

10.00am Stephen Lee RIP (Panas)
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:

Tommaso Fornasieri
People of the Parish

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 be held in 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

The third 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

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

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.

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.

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, John Dias, Gina Clark, John Aummundsen, Robert Straker, Stella Ludlum, Catherine Rideout, Emma Constantinides, 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, Kuni Forbes, Gerry & Joan Leonard, Valerie Zanre, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, John Mascarenhas, Dorian Soverini, Winifred Corty, Stephen Lee, Mary Briffa, Lois Mary & Justus Oluka and Annette Foley.

May they rest in peace.

Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee Year: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the Jubilee Year: Dates: 7th – 11th October 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.

Cafod Harvest Fast Day. The Cafod collection will take place this weekend. Donation envelopes and prayer cards are available in the foyer of the church.

Missio Red Box Holders are invited to bring their boxes for emptying from 12th-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.

Holy Land Group. A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit St Joseph's Church next 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.

"It is a wonderful testimony to how love is capable of rising again after a great defeat in order to continue its unstoppable journey." **Pope Leo**

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: £590.00

Building Fund: £30.00

Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £840.59 St. Swithun's: £209.78

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)**

This Weekend there will be a second collection for Cafod Harvest Fast Day.

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.**

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

Mass Intentions

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

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

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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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.