

SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Second Sunday of Lent Year A 1st March 2026

Readings on Page 155 of the Parish Mass Book

This week, the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert, which we read last weekend, to his Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word. As we continue our Lenten journey and Jesus continues his own journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what he is facing. He will be betrayed, denied, condemned and crucified. Perhaps he feels and senses the disciples fear and anxiety and so wants to reassure them. So, he gives them a glimpse of the shape of things to come; he is revealed to them in all his glory.

Maybe this brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We too need know that our prayer, fasting and sharing with the poor is not an end in itself or that it is all done in vain. We are heading towards the resurrection and the new life of Easter, but we have a distance to go yet. But the experience of Jesus transformed offers each of us taste of what lies ahead of us. If we share in the suffering and passion of Jesus, we will also share in his resurrection.

As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us do what the voice of God says to each of us; "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Deacon Barry

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th February

10.00am Frank Nugent RIP
6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 1st March St David

2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Wellbeing of Charlotte Taylor (Maguire)
9.15am First Holy Communion Families
11.00am Bill McConnell RIP
5.00pm Int. of Parishioners (Fernandes)

Monday 2nd March

10.00am Nora Weaver RIP (Nelms)

Tuesday 3rd March

10.00am Alma Whitelaw RIP (Bennett)

Wednesday 4th March

10.00am Int. Sally & Maura McDonagh (Lohan)

Thursday 5th March

10.00am Ronald Warren RIP

Friday 6th March

10.00am Int Tony Doherty (Lohan)

Saturday 7th March

10.00am Lucia Holder RIP
6.00pm Aninha Pereira Vas RIP (Fernandes)

Sunday 8th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am People of the Parish
9.15am Jonathan Brooks RIP
11.00am William Cullen RIP
5.00pm Anna Marie Fernandes RIP

Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are requested to meet with Fr. Saju/ a member of the clergy team during surgery hours with the form duly filled. You will not be able to submit your Registration Form online.

Surgeries will be held from 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House:

Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Deacon Garry

Wednesday by Appointment only:

Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

Baptism Preparation. Please see below how to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course starting on Saturday 7th March 2026.

First Holy Communion Preparation:

FHC Session 5 will be held on Monday 2nd, Friday 6th & Saturday 7th March 2026.

FHC Parents Practical Planning Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity House.

Confirmation Session 3 will be held on Saturday 28th February at 3.45pm in Holy Trinity House.

RCIA: Our Journey in Faith Group meet on Mondays at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House. Please email Matt Gibbs at mattgibbsjif@gmail.com.

Funeral: The funeral of Maria Conroy RIP will be held on Friday 13th March at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

The Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting held on Sunday 22nd February 2026 are on display in the foyer of the church.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis.

As part of celebrating the Jubilee Year of St. Francis Night Vigils will be held on 13th/14th March and 16th/17th October. The Night Vigils will commence with Mass at 7.00pm and conclude with Mass at 6.30am.

St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of the animals and ecology. In the Jubilee Year, Blessing of Pets will be held on Sunday 4th October 2026 after 11.00am Mass in the Holy Trinity garden. Further details to follow.

Living our Lent

Lent Talks: Life of St. Francis of Assisi. Will be held on Tuesday evenings during Lent in Holy Trinity House. Tea/coffee will be served from 7.00pm.

Talk/reflection from 7.30-8.30pm.

3rd March: St Francis of Assisi—A Model of Prayer led by Deacon Garry.

10th March: Franciscan Brotherhood—A Culture of Encounter led by Deacon Barry.

17th March: Care for our Common Home: Franciscan Vision led by Fr Patrick.

24th March Lent Talk and Parish Lent Reconciliation Service at 7.30pm led by Canon Victor Darlington.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed in St. Joseph's Church at the following times:

Wednesdays after the 10.00am Mass

Fridays at 7.30pm.

Confessions in Lent

Tuesday 24th March 7.30-9.00pm

Saturday 28th March 10.30am-12 noon and 5.00-5.45pm

Monday 30th March 10.30-11.30am

Tuesday 31st March 10.30-11.30am

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, Maria Dillane, Paul Lowing, Maureen Webster, Alan O'Donnell, Teresa Cadogan, John Dias, Gina Clark, John Ammundsen, Stella Ludlum, Catherine Rideout, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, Faith Millar, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Veronica Alaneme, 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, Robert Fitzpatrick, Joseph Dyson, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Frank Nugent, Bill McConnell, Nora Weaver, Alma Whitelaw, Ronald Warren, Aninha Pereira Vas, Jonathan Brooks, William Cullen and Anna Marie Fernandes.

May they rest in peace.

Lent and Easter Liturgy Leaflet is available in the foyer of both churches. Please pick up a leaflet which contains information regarding our Lent and Holy Week Masses, Services, Talks and Confession times.

Christian Meditation will be held on Thursdays at 7.00pm in the Upper Room. For further information please contact the parish office.

9.15am Sunday Mass:

1st March Children's Liturgy
8th March Children's Liturgy
15th March Uniform Groups

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Club Room after the 9.15am Mass.

Holy Week Choir Practice. The choir will meet in the church between 7.00-8.00pm on **Thursday 26th March and Tuesday 31st March.** New members are welcome to join. For further information please email Charles Rudge at: charlesrudge@aol.com.

Cafod: *"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world."* Pope Francis *Laudato Si*

The World Day of Prayer Service in Bromley will take place at Christ Church, Highland Road, BR1 4AA, on **Friday 6th March at 10.30 am.** The WDP is a global ecumenical Christian movement, with the same service being celebrated all over the world on one day. This year the service was written by the women of Nigeria. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/>

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 start on 7th March 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: £1400.00.

Cashless contributions last week:

Mass offerings: £769.00 Building Fund: £22.00

Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £694.15 St. Swithun's: £156.02

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 the Cafod Lent Fast Day. Donation envelopes are available in the foyer of both churches. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th February

6.00pm Michael O'Hara RIP (O'Brien)

Sunday 1st March

10.00am Sebastian RIP

Monday 2nd March

10.00am Alan Boniface RIP (Ada)

Saturday 7th March

6.00pm Diane Traynor RIP (Daniel)

Sunday 8th March

10.00am Somto Boniface Thanksgiving

Monday 9th March

10.00am Peter Ward RIP

Stations of the Cross during Lent:

Fridays at 7.00pm

For Mass Intentions please see Nelson

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.

St Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402-0459

Parish Social

Cancer Café Group will meet again on Tuesday 3rd March from 1.30pm in the Upper Room next door to the church. Please feel free to join us.

The Dad's Group will meet for a board game night on Wednesday 25 March at 19.30 in The Crown, Plaistow Lane at 7.30pm. Please contact: Richard Barrett on 07729 392936 or email: rgtbarrett@gmail.com.

Seniors Lunch. The next Seniors Lunch will be held on **Tuesday 17th March** from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish know if you would like to attend.

Churches Together in Central Bromley Lent Course is titled '**God is Love: Exploring the First Letter of St. John**'. Start time is 7.45pm for 8.00pm until 9.30pm at St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church (behind Primark) on Tuesday evenings until 24th March. All welcome.

Presbytery & Parish Office

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Parish Office is open from 8.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday

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Surgery Times: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House

Monday 23rd February: Fr Sau and Deacon Barry/Deacon Garry

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.