

SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Easter Sunday Year A 5th April 2026

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Dear All,

As our Lenten journey comes to its beautiful close, we now rejoice in the radiant hope of Easter. I wish each and every one of you a **Happy Easter**, filled with the peace and joy of the Risen Lord. I earnestly pray that this sacred season offers you Easter celebration with your family and friends, wherever you may be.

The Gospel of John leads us to the empty tomb, the profound sign of Christ's resurrection and His victory over death. What seemed to the disciples like the sorrowful end on Good Friday became the dawn of new life at Easter. The appearances of the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus and in many other moments transformed their fear into courageous faith. Let this Easter offer the same for us, turning any emptiness or worry in our hearts into renewed hope, and inspiring us to live more fully as children of the resurrection.

I also want to express my deep gratitude for your ongoing support of our parish community. Your faithful presence at Mass and your generosity in sustaining our parish are blessings beyond measure. Fr. Patrick and I are grateful to you all for your generous Easter offering.

A special word of thanks goes to our Parish Pastoral Team, our volunteers, Parish committees, and all parish groups whose dedication allows our community to flourish each day. Your witness through your various ministries truly embodies the life of the Risen Christ among us.

May the Risen Lord bless you and your families richly with renewed faith, deep peace, and Easter joy.

With prayers and warmest Easter blessings,

Fr Saju.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th April Easter Saturday

10.00am Blessing of Easter Food
8.00pm Frank Lohan RIP

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

8.00am Paul Kandrup RIP (Warren)
9.15am Douglas & Richard Francis RIP
11.00am Lucia Holder RIP
5.00pm Bogna Krzewka RIP (Lohan)

Monday 6th April Easter Monday

10.00am Fr Jim Hay RIP (Perkins)

Tuesday 7th April

10.00am John Duncan RIP

Wednesday 8th April

10.00am Bromley Catenians
Vocations

Thursday 9th April

10.00am Basil Howells RIP

Friday 10th April

10.00am Carlo Gori RIP

Saturday 11th April

10.00am Jeyasilliya Adaikalamuthu RIP
12 Noon **Baptism: Violet Wilkinson**
6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

8.00am Paul Kandrup RIP (Warren)
9.15am Thanksgiving: Ginoy & Dhanya & Family
11.00am Deceased members of Lohan & McDonagh Families
12.30pm **Baptism: Cameron Onu**
5.00pm Emma Constantinides RIP (Crosby)

Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are requested to meet with Fr. Saju or a member of the clergy team during surgery hours with the form duly filled.

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

Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Aidan

No surgery on Easter Monday.

Wednesday by Appointment only:

Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

Easter Offerings. Easter offerings are traditionally your personal gift to your priests in the Parish. The collection taken at our Easter Masses, together with anything placed in the White Easter Offering envelopes constitute your personal gift to Fr Saju and Fr Patrick. White envelopes are now available at the entrance and exit of our two churches. If you are in the Gift Aid Scheme please put your name and postcode on the envelope so that we can claim the tax refund. Envelopes can also be handed in at the Parish Office at any other time. If you wish to make your Easter offering via bank transfer to the parish bank account, please use the following Account:

Name: RCAS St. Swithun Gift Aid

Account Number: 27868508

Sort Code: 60 04 02 **Reference:** Easter or pay by selecting 'Easter Offerings' on the cashless terminals at St. Joseph's Church.

Funeral: The funeral of Josephine Farrugia RIP will be held on Tuesday 14th April at 12 noon in St. Joseph's Church. May she rest in peace.

Journey in Faith Group (RCIA) Congratulations to Ecem Gunal, Stevie Gill, Amy Haynes, Sophia Furber, Phillipa Chikwedze, Alexandra Foulds, Maria Ponce Juan, Peter Langham and Donna Cahil who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

Individual candles are a key part of our Easter Vigil Celebrations at St Joseph's and St Swithun's. Volunteers will be positioned at the end of each pew to light your candles as you take your place.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation for 2026-2027. If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion please download and complete our Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Registration Form **which can be accessed here:**

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/First-Holy-Communion-Registration-Form-July-2025.pdf>

Once completed, you will need to attend a surgery session with Fr Saju, which takes place on Mondays between 4.30-6.30pm

Confirmation Session 5 will be held in the **Church Hall** on Saturday 25th April at 3.45pm followed by attendance at the 6.00pm Mass.

St Joseph's Youth Group for ages 11-18 years of age to be held monthly in the church hall starting on Saturday 25th April from 7.00-9.00pm. Volunteers required to help out with this group. See posters and sign-up sheets in the foyer. For further information please contact the parish office.

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, Paul Gibbs, Mike Heneghan, Maria Dillane, Paul Lowing, Maureen Webster, Alan O'Donnell, Teresa Cadogan, Gina Clark, Catherine Rideout, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, 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, Adam Newman, John Dias, Josephine Farrugia, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Frank Lohan, Paul Kandrup, Douglas & Richard Francis, Bogna Krzewka, Fr Jim Hay, John Duncan, Basil Howells, Carlo Gori, Jeyasilliya Adaikalamuthu, Paul Kandrup and Emma Constantinides.

May they rest in peace.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis.

As part of celebrating the Jubilee Year of St. Francis a Night Vigil will be held on 16th/17th October commencing with Mass at 7.00pm and concluding 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.

Parish Meditation Group. You are warmly invited to "A Journey of Remembrance" **Spiritual Retreat** led by Mariana Mazzaferri (07428212864) from the Parish Christian Meditation group. A day of guided meditation, stillness and prayer through the **ancient Aramaic teachings of Jesus**, will be held in the quiet beauty of The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 20th June, from 10am to 4pm (lunch and drinks included). The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr Saju at 12 noon. If you wish to attend, inform the Parish office as spaces are limited. For further info www.breathofspirit.co.uk

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 11th, at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mfise@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

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 Saturday 6th June 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: £474.00 Building Fund: £36.00

Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £1243.08 St. Swithun's: £239.48

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)**

Peter Fortune MP has written to thank our parishioners for welcoming him to our parish on Sunday 22nd March. Please see his letter in foyer of the church.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday
6.00pm Michael & Souad Hanaie RIP

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday
10.00am People of the Parish

Monday 6th April Easter Monday
10.00am Paddy Bates RIP

Saturday 11th April
6.00pm Wellbeing of Lina Rodrigues

Sunday 12th April
10.00am Wellbeing of Oswaldo Miranda &
Family

Monday 13th April
10.00am Holy Souls

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
7th April from 1.30pm in the Upper Room next
door to the church.

The Dad's Group will meet for a board game
night on Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm in the
Upper Room. Please contact: Richard Barrett on
07729 392936

The next Seniors Lunch will be held on
Tuesday 14th April from 12 noon to 1.30pm in
Holy Trinity House. Please inform the parish
office if you would like to attend.

Dates for your diary:

Parish Volunteers Cheese and Wine Evening
on Saturday 20th June from 7.00-8.30pm in St.
Joseph's Church Hall. All parish volunteers are
invited to attend.

Parish/Primary School Summer Event to be
held on Sunday 28th June 2026. Morning Mass
will be followed by a picnic in the grounds of Holy
Trinity House.

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

Parish Pastoral Team

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Surgery Times: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House

Mondays: Fr Saju and Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan—**No surgery on Easter Monday**

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. For enquiries ring: Caroline O'Brien on 07961 413694.