

# SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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6th Sunday of Easter Year A 10th May 2026

Readings on Page 268 of the Parish Mass Book

## First Holy Communion

This weekend and the next, forty two children from our parish will receive Holy Communion for the very first time. This is a precious and joyful milestone in their lives, and in the life of our parish community. Over the past year, these children have been prayerfully prepared by Deacon Garry together with our dedicated catechists, whom I sincerely thank for their generosity, commitment, and care. I invite the whole parish to hold these children and their families in your prayers during this important time. Please join me in congratulating the children and their parents for the dedication and effort they have shown throughout the preparation journey.

First Holy Communion is a profound gift and blessing. In receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time, these children are incorporated more deeply into the sacramental life of the Church and into the heart of the Holy Mass. I wish to thank the parents in a special way for their support and commitment during this period of preparation. Most of them made great efforts to attend the preparation sessions regularly with their children and to walk alongside them in their faith journey. During my visit to the families of the First Holy communion Children, some parents shared with me how meaningful these sessions were, not only for their children, but also for themselves. They found it a beautiful opportunity to revisit what they had learned long ago, to reflect on the faith of the Church, and to speak more openly about faith within their family life. This is deeply encouraging. Parents, this is truly a special and joyful day for you. You see your children taking a new step in their life as they are presented to share in the Eucharist for the first time. At Baptism, you were reminded that you are the first teachers of your children in the ways of faith. Through you, more than through anyone else, your children first came to know God and they continue to rely on you to help them grow in faith and love. Faith is not absorbed unless it is seen, lived, and shared at home. The faith you pass on will be their strength throughout life. I have been privileged to witness parents who take this responsibility seriously, making Sunday Mass a natural and cherished part of family life. My prayer is that this celebration of First Holy Communion will lead our children to a lasting friendship with Jesus, and to a deep love for Him who comes to us in the Eucharist. **Fr Saju**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 9th May

6.00pm Josephine Sheriden RIP  
(Bennett)

### Sunday 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Deceased Relatives &  
friends of Blythe & Maguire  
families

9.15am People of the Parish  
FHC Mass

11.00am FHC Mass

5.00pm Ray Atkinson RIP  
(Nelligan)

### Monday 11th May

10.00am Gerald, Cathy & Barney  
Crowe RIP (Doran)

### Tuesday 12th May

10.00am Holy Souls (Seidel)

### Wednesday 13th May

10.00am Camilla Pettit RIP

### Thursday 14th May

#### The Ascension of the Lord

7.30am Int. Austin Ruddy (Curran)

10.00am Protection of unborn babies

7.30pm Int. Mike Heneghan (Davies)

### Friday 15th May St John Stone

10.00am Mr & Mrs Athanas  
25th Wedding Anniversary

### Saturday 16th May St Simon Stock

10.00am Edward & Olive Kathleen  
Ashton RIP (Spink)

11.00am FHC Mass

6.00pm Eileen Kearns RIP (Gebbie)

### Sunday 17th May 7th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Anthony & Mike McGee  
RIP (Lowery)

9.15am People of the Parish  
FHC Mass

11.00am FHC Mass

1.00pm **Baptism:**  
Mabel Childs-Cronin

5.00pm Lucia Holder RIP

## 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

**Wednesday by Appointment only:**

Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

**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](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 in Holy Trinity House.

**There will be no Adoration and Confession** after the 10.00am Mass on 16th May due to the First Holy Communion Mass at 11.00am.

**The Ascension of the Lord: Thursday 14th May 2026.** This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at:

**St Joseph's:** 7.30am in Holy Trinity Chapel, 10.00am and 7.30pm in the Church.

**St. Swithun's:** 10.00am

**Preparing for Pentecost: The Novena to the Holy Spirit** will be prayed after the Final Blessing at Masses from Friday 15th May until Saturday 23rd May 2026. Prayer leaflets are available.

**Baptism Preparation.** Please see below how to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course starting on Saturday 6th June 2026.

**Confirmation Session 6** will be held on Saturday 16th May at 3.45pm in Holy Trinity House.

**RCIA: Our Journey in Faith Group meet on Mondays at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House.** For all enquiries, please ring Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or contact the parish office.

**Post RCIA Meeting led by Fr Saju** will be held on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm in the Upper Room. All those who have previously attended our Journey in Faith Group are welcome to attend this monthly session.

**Altar Server's Training & Refresher session led by Mak** to be held on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 3-5pm in St. Joseph's Church. All new and current Altar Servers are invited to attend.

**Archbishop John Wilson will be visiting our parish on Sunday 18th October 2026.** Archbishop John will celebrate the 11.00am Mass followed by refreshments in the church hall where you will have an opportunity to meet and chat with the Archbishop informally. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**The Parish Assembly/AGM will be held on Saturday 6th June at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall.** Members of our Finance Committee will present the parish finances at this meeting. All parishioners are invited to attend where you can share your thoughts on the future of the parish.

**St Joseph's Youth Group for ages 11-18 years of age to be held on Saturday 16th May from 7.00-9.00pm in the church hall** Volunteers required to help out at this session. See posters in the foyer. To register your child please use sign-up sheets in the foyer or 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, Catherine Rideout, Betty Byrne, Stella Ludlam, , Utz & Yoko Reiff, Veronica Alaneme, Bernadette Murray, Maria Lopes, Billie McPartlan, Fr Bob Mercer, Ann Hoolihan, Patricia Lefkaridi, Fr. David Peck and Gail Mortimer.

**Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends, remembering,** Mary Edwards, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Josephine Sheriden, Ray Atkinson, Gerald, Cathy & Barney Crowe, Camilla Pettit, Edward & Olive Kathleen Ashton, Eileen Kearns and Anthony & Mike McGee.

**May they rest in peace.**

## 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.

**Blessing of Pets** will be held on Sunday 4th October 2026 after 11.00am Mass in the Holy Trinity garden.

**Funeral: The funeral of Mary Edwards RIP** will be held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

### 9.15am Sunday Mass:

17th May Uniform Groups

24th May Children's Liturgy

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

**Celebrating Month of May.** A Rosary Novena will be prayed from **Friday 22nd - Saturday 30th May 2026** at the Grotto, adjacent to Holy Trinity House, after the daily 10am Mass until 11.30am approx. On 30th May the Novena will be completed with a procession with Our Lady's Statue to the Grotto, devotions and return to St Joseph's Church for Benediction. All are welcome to honour Our Blessed Lady in this way during her month of May.

**Parish Meditation Group.** You are warmly invited to "A Journey of Remembrance" **Spiritual Retreat** led by Mariana Mazzaferri (07428212864) at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 20th June, from 10am to 4pm. The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr Saju at 12 noon. If you wish to attend, inform the Parish office. For further info [www.breathofspirit.co.uk](http://www.breathofspirit.co.uk)

**Coach Outing.** Wed 27 May - Whitstable coach is full. If you would like to go but have not booked please call Gina who will request a larger coach when she has final numbers. 07780468767

**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: [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 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. **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: £ 573.00 Building Fund: £15.00

### Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £833.05 St. Swithun's: £168.19

### 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 the **Cashless Giving**

QR code:



**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)**

**Next weekend there will be second collection for Catholic Communications Network.**

**Cafod:** Next weekend at the end of Masses the Cafod Group will be collecting signatures for a petition about the global debt crises which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Please lend us your support to help build a better world for all.

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 9th May**

6.00pm Nora McKeon RIP

**Sunday 10th May**

10.00am Jack Doherty RIP

**Monday 11th May**

10.00am Wellbeing Fr Vincent Doherty  
(Madelina)

**Thursday 14th May Ascension of the Lord**

10.00am Patrick & Kate Quin RIP

**Saturday 16th May**

6.00pm Joe Lenney RIP (Bridget)

**Sunday 17th May**

10.00am Wellbeing of Rio & Ginella Menezes

**Monday 18th May**

10.00am Martin Mullan RIP (Grace)

*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

**Car Park:** Champion Timbers will be carrying out maintenance work and have erected scaffolding in our car park until the end May.

**Parish Social**

**Cancer Café Group** will meet again on Tuesday 19th May from 1.30pm in the Upper Room.

**The Dad's Group** The next meet up will be on Wednesday 20 May, 19.30-21.00, at The Crown, Plaistow Lane Please contact: Richard Barrett on 07729 392936

**The next Seniors Lunch** will be held on **Tuesday 12th May** from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House.

**Cafod Plant Sale** will be held outside St. Joseph's Church after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 16th May and after all Masses on Sunday 17th May. Lot's of tomato's. All proceeds are for Cafod. For further information please ring Gina on 07780 468767.

**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 on Sunday 28th June 2026.** 10.00am Mass will be followed by a picnic in the grounds of Holy Trinity House. The 9.15am and the 11.00am Masses will be combined on this date.

**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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**Surgery Times: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House**

**Mondays:** Fr Saju and Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan

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