

SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Fifteenth Sunday Year B 14th July 2024

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Journey Together

Last week on Wednesday evening, I met along with the catechists, the parents who are presenting their children for the First Holy Communion next year. I thank them for making this choice on behalf of their children in their faith journey. The parents, through signing in to the First Holy Communion preparation, have renewed their promise taken at the time of baptism of their children to fan the flame of faith in their children. The preparation provides catechesis to the children along with their friends who attend to grow in their understanding about the church and the Holy Mass. It is also an opportunity for the parents to meet with other parents who share the faith of the church, thus to grow in companionship with others in the parish.

Our parish is privileged to support these families and individuals with our prayers and accompaniment. Let us hold in prayers the children preparing for the First Holy Communion so that the first Holy Communion preparation may be an opportunity to experience the Eucharist as the source of spiritual life and the Altar is the centre of the Parish. This is achievable not only with the Catechetical inputs but by the accompaniment of the parents with their children. The faith journey of a child should be alongside his/her parents. This means that the parents will need to commit themselves to journey with their child during this period of preparation. First of all the parents should commit themselves to attend the weekend Mass regularly at the parish with their child. The regular attendance at Mass helps the child see his/her friends as well as to relate with what was instructed in the First Holy Communion session.

Secondly, parents need to create a sacred space at home if you have not one already, to pray with your child. The prayers taught in the session shall be used and this time of prayer you as a parent may set an example to your child. Finally, it is important that the child gets an opportunity to read Bible stories with you so that they become familiar with the life of Jesus. I humbly request all the parents and family to support your child in their preparation for Holy Communion.

Fr. Saju

Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th July

10.00am Kevin & Mairaid RIP
(O'Sullivan)
6.00pm Paddy Gibbons RIP
(Wilson)

Sunday 14th July Fifteenth Sunday

8.00am Kathleen Stenson RIP
(Nolan)
9.15am People of the Parish
11.00am Paul Brighty RIP (Martin)
5.00pm Holy Souls (DeCourcy)

Monday 15th July St Bonaventure

10.00am Trevor Callan RIP

Tuesday 16th July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10.00am Enzo d'Auvio RIP
(McNamara)

Wednesday 17th July

10.00am Sebastian & Rosemary
Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 18th July

10.00am Cathy Ryall RIP
(McNamara)

Friday 19th July

10.00am Travis & Edna Ellison RIP
(Spink)

Saturday 20th July

10.00am Holy Souls (Seidel)
6.00pm Peter Leary RIP

Sunday 21st July Sixteenth Sunday

8.00am Int. Sylvester Odiase
50th Birthday
9.15am Baby Isla Helen Kirkby RIP
11.00am Carmine landoli RIP
(Donahue)
5.00pm Cecil Maryithasan RIP

St. Swithun's Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th July

6.00pm Drishik—1st Birthday Thanksgiving

Sunday 14th July

10.00am Francis Okiwelu RIP

Monday 15th July

10.00am Milke Mills RIP

Confession will be available in St. Swithun's Church on Saturdays between 5.20-5.45pm.

Induction Masses:

Fr Saju's Induction Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Moger on Saturday 26th October at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's Church. This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Fr Peter Murphy's Induction Mass at Parkwood & Wigmore Parish will be celebrated on Sunday 8th September at 11.00am. Address: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Deanwood Drive, Rainham, Kent ME8 9PG. All welcome. A 16 seater coach from St. Joseph's has been booked. £23 per person. Please email the parish office if you would like to book a seat.

Friendly visit

Fr. Saju and Fr. Patrick are happy to make informal visits to parishioners which will be a lovely opportunity to get to know each other and grow in faith and friendship in the parish family. If you wish to arrange an informal visit, please email accordingly.

Fr. Saju - sajuthomas@rcaos.org.uk

Fr. Patrick - patrickessien@rcaos.org.uk.

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed for the summer break from Monday 15th to Monday 29th July 2024. In case of emergency please email: sajuthomas@rcaos.org.uk or ring 020 8402 0459.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Daily Mass which can be viewed by visiting the Parish Website:

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/>

Please click on the link for the daily Mass.

Our Parish Faith Formation

Baptism Preparation. Please see reverse of Newsletter on how to register for our next Baptism Preparation Course.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation for 2024-2025. If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion please complete our **Online Registration Form:** <https://stjosephsbromley.org/fr-fhc/>

The Journey in Faith Group will meet again in September. New Enquirers only. For further information please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or mattgibbsjif@gmail.com

Diaconal Day.

On Sunday 14th July we are celebrating our first Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well as we pray for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, one of our deacons, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

A Pastoral Message from Archbishop John Wilson to Catholics from Nigeria, or with Nigerian Heritage, in the Archdiocese of Southwark. The Pastoral Message can be found on the Archdiocese of Southwark website here: <https://rcaos.org.uk/diocese/archbishop-john-wilson/archbishop-wilson-s-letters/pastoral-letters/pastoral-message-to-nigerian-catholics/>

New Lectionary to be launched in England and Wales for Advent 2024.

Thank you to all those who have already donated to the cost of the Lectionaries and to the family who have sponsored the cost of the Book of the Gospels.

The Lectionary is the book which contains the readings for Mass (Sundays and Weekdays), for Saints and Sacraments, and other occasions, such as funerals. It is the big book on the ambo in our churches and it comes in four large volumes.

The Lectionary is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The changes are intended to make biblical translations more faithful to the original languages and in a text which is more proclaimable.

How much will the Lectionaries cost? The 4-volume Lectionary for the Ambo is £695. We will need a set each for both St. Joseph's and St. Swithun's Churches. The Chapel Edition is £395 for use in HTH Chapel. The Parish Mass Books are £4.95 each and will also need to be replaced. This represents an unavoidable cost for the parish.

Sponsorship. It is usual to ask parishioners if they would like to make a donation towards this cost or you / your family would like to sponsor a volume / a few parish Mass books, or the Book of the Gospel, perhaps in memory of a loved one? This is a rare opportunity, probably once in a lifetime. If this is something that you would like to do to support your parish, please make your donation in one of the following ways:

- Using the tap and pay machines in St. Joseph's Church.
- Scan the QR code below.
- Cash or Cheques should be put in an envelope marked 'Sponsorship: New Lectionary'. This can be placed in one of the collection bags or handed into the parish office.



Condolences and Funerals:

We offer our condolences to Fr Patrick whose beloved mother Dorothy Essien RIP died aged 78 on 9th July 2024 in Nigeria.

The Funeral of Bernie Baker RIP will be held on Friday 2nd August at 12.30pm.

As a parish community we offer our prayers with deepest sympathy to the family and friends of all the deceased. May they rest in peace.

Supporting the Parish Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £863.47 St. Swithun's: £167.75

Weekly Offertory. Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish. We are grateful to all those who have set up standing orders for their weekly offering. If other parishioners would like the parish bank details to set up a standing order please email either the parish office or: bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk

This weekend there will be a collection for Stella Maris formerly the Apostleship of the Sea.

Lottery Funding. The parish was recently awarded £19,995 to complete the refurbishment of the new kitchen and Club Room area. We have already spent £6000 on new tables and chairs. We will be spending the rest on new equipment for the kitchen and improvements to the entrance to the bar/kitchen area.

The Dad's Group will meet again on Monday 29th July from 19.30-21.00 in The Crown pub on Plaistow Lane .

Children's Liturgy. Year 1 Class Mass will be held on Sunday 14th July at 9.15am. **Please join for tea/coffee after 9.15 am Mass in the hall.**

The next Coach Outing will be to Worthing on Monday 22nd July. Please let Gina know on 07780468767 if you would like a seat.

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, Roger Wintle, Zae Miller, Tim McCarthy, Tom McCarthy, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Imelda Burns, Ava Pedder, Patricia Supple, Luke Kelly, Simon Franks, Tony O'Reilly, Paul Emans, Agnes Achampong, Brian Daley, Veronica Alanemo, Bernadette Murray, Maria Lopes, Billie McPartlan, Geraldine Colleary, Fr Bob Mercer, Ann Hoolihan, Patricai Lefkaridi, Fr. David Peck, Gail Mortimer and June Wilson.

Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends, remembering, Dorothy Essien, Peter Voigt, Fintan Stewart, Gemma Barton, Barnie Baker, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Kevin & Mairaid, Paddy Gibbons, Kathleen Stenson, Paul Brighty, Trevor Callan, Enzo d'Auvio, Cathy Ryall, Travis & Edna Ellison, Peter Leary, Baby Isla Helen Kirby, Carmine landoli and Cecil Maryithasan.

May they rest in peace.

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: Parents & Expectant Parents—You are invited to register for your child's baptism on line: www.stjosephsbromley.org/baptism-registration. A separate form needs to be completed for each child. Please register, and we will contact you to arrange a meeting with a priest/deacon. If you have completed one of our Preparation Courses please email the parish office to book a date and time for your child's baptism.

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

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: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a meeting with a member of the Pastoral Team

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.