

# SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Twenty-Third Sunday Year B 8th September 2024

Readings on Page 129 of the Parish Mass Book

## THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This season is celebrated from the 01st of September to the 04th of October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year, "**Hope and Act with Creation**" is the theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The theme is drawn from Paul's Letter to the Romans, (8:19-25), where he explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith in Christ. In Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth. "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." (Rom 8:22). St. Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Cantic of Creatures. Pope Francis reflects it as follows. "The entire universe and every creature therein groans and yearns "impatiently" for its present condition to be overcome and its original state to be restored. Our liberation thus includes that of all other creatures who, in solidarity with the human condition, were placed under the yoke of slavery." (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 01 Sep 2024).

The times we live in, there is a tendency in some of us not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but as a resource to be used. In this context the season of creation is facilitating to grow in hope to a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share. This is a reflective time for each one of us to be more attentive individually and as a community to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

*Fr Saju*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 7th September

10.00am First Holy Communion Families  
12.00 Noon **Baptism: Levi Blackler**  
6.00 pm Fintan Stewart RIP (Davies)

### Sunday 8th September 23rd Sunday

8.00am Kathleen Wilson RIP (Leonard)  
9.15am People of the Parish  
11.00am Int. Fr Peter Murphy  
5.00pm Carlo Dovico RIP

### Monday 9th September

10.00am Geraldine Colleary RIP (Lohan)  
6.00pm Reception of coffin into Church

### Tuesday 10th September

10.00am **Funeral:**  
**Geraldine Colleary RIP**

### Wednesday 11th September

10.00am Dorothy Essien RIP

### Thursday 12th September

10.00am

### Friday 13th September

#### St John Chrysostom

10.00am Mike Heys RIP

### Saturday 14th September

#### The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

10.00am Guiseppe Inzalaco RIP  
6.00pm Tom Brett RIP (Margiotta)

### Sunday 15th September 24th Sunday

8.00am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (O'Sullivan)  
9.15am William Cullen RIP  
*FHC Rite of Enrolment*  
11.00am Annma Anthony Pillai RIP  
1.00pm **Baptism: Annabel Williams**  
5.00pm People of Parish

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

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6.00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday 8th September**

10.00am Haysie Lopes Thanksgiving

**Monday 9th September**

10.00am For all the sick & housebound in the parish

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

**Sunday Tea & Coffee** will be served in the church hall after the 10.00am Mass.

**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 is livestreamed and available by visiting the Parish Website:**

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

Please click on the link for the daily Mass. If you wish to receive communion out of sight of the camera, please speak to a priest before Mass.

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

**Thank you** to all those who have donated to the cost of the new Lectionaries, the Book of the Gospels and the Parish Mass Books. The total received is £4052.00.

We are very grateful for all the donations we have received to cover the cost of these new books. Any additional money received will cover the cost of new Liturgical Books for the parish for use with funerals, weddings etc.

**Children's Liturgy** will be held during the 9.15am Masses on Sundays 22nd September and 6th October.

**Induction Mass:**

**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.

**Priests Surgery Hours** If you would like to meet with a priest or deacon, they will be available from 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House on the following days, no appointment necessary:

**Mondays** Fr Saju and Deacon Barry

**Wednesdays** Fr Patrick and Deacon Garry

**Our Parish Faith Formation**

**Baptism Preparation.** Please see reverse of Newsletter to enrol on 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/>

**FHC Parents' Preparation Day on Saturday 7th September**

to be held in the church hall. The day starts with Mass at 10.00am. All parents are required to attend.

**FHC Rite of Enrolment** will be celebrated on Sunday 15th September during the 9.15am Mass.

**Confirmation Preparation for 2024-2025** If your child will be in Year 8 or above in September you are welcome to apply. Please click on the following link: <https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/confirmation/>

**The Confirmation Diary for 2024-2025** is available to view on the parish website. This contains the dates and times of all the sessions.

**The Journey in Faith Group will be holding an Opening Evening on Monday 9th September at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House.**

New Enquirers only. The Group will meet for the first session on Monday 23rd September at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House. For further information please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email: [bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk](mailto:bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk)

## Funerals:

**The funeral of Geraldine Colleary RIP** will be held on Tuesday 10th September at 10.00am. Her coffin will be received into the church on Monday 9th September at 6.00pm.

**June Wilson** died peacefully on Sunday 25th August. Details of her funeral will be announced in due course.

**Mass Intentions.** If anyone would like to book a Mass Intention please contact the parish office. We currently have a few slots available in the coming weeks. Mass cards are also available from the parish office.

**Hospital Admissions.** Due to rules and regulations regarding privacy in hospitals it is important to remember that if you or a relative are admitted to hospital it is your responsibility to let the staff know that you or they are a Catholic and would welcome a visit from the Catholic chaplain. It would also be helpful to let the Parish Office know so that one of our priests can visit and anoint.

In addition to this, if you have a family member who is sick at home, please inform the parish Office if you would like one of our priests to hear confession/ anointing of the sick at home.

**Confession:** Priests in the Parish are available for the Sacrament of Confession regularly on Saturdays at St. Joseph Church after the 10.00am Mass during Benediction from 10.30-11.30am and from 5.00-5.45pm; and at St. Swithun's Church from 5.30-5.45pm. In case of urgency individuals may request the Sacrament before the weekday Mass. Sundays are not usually convenient for confession as the Celebrant will normally use the time after Mass to meet the people.

**Fire Drill.** We plan to have a Fire Drill in St Joseph's Church after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 22nd September. More information to follow.

**Seniors' Lunch.** The next Seniors' Lunch will be held on Wednesday 18th September from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. All donations will go to the **Macmillan Cancer Support**. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

## Supporting the Parish Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

### Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £1029.48 St. Swithun's: £175.66

**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](mailto:bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk)

### Second Collections:

**This weekend** there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Education Service**.

**Next weekend** there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation**.

**Missio Red Box Holders.** During September you are invited to have your Red Box emptied. From Sunday 14th-29th boxes may be left at the back of either Church or brought to the parish office. Thank you so much for your continued support for Missio's missionary work.

**SVP Raffle.** A big thank you to all those who purchased tickets for the SVP Annual Raffle. £550 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.

**Cafod Group Meeting will be held on Monday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Upper Room.** All parishioners are invited to attend to learn more about the work of the Cafod Group in the parish.

**The Dad's Group will meet again on Monday 30th September from 7.30-9.30pm in the Upper Room.** This is open to all dads who still have a child at school and is an opportunity for dads in the parish to get to know one another.

**Annual Service for those who have been harmed by Abuse to be held on 25th September 2024 at 6.30pm at St. George's Cathedral.** The Service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson.

***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,*** James Brown, Clairey & Cathey, Cathy Mair, Sue Fraser, Roger Wintle, Stella Ludham, Tim McCarthy, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Ava Pedder, Patricia Supple, Luke Kelly, Simon Franks, Paul Emans, Agnes Achampong, Brian Daley, 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,*** June Wilson, Geraldine Colleary, David Reddington, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Carlo Dovico, Fintan Stewart, Dorothy Essien, Mike Heys, Guiseppe Inzalaco, William Cullen and Annma Anthony Pillai.

**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](http://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**

**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**

**Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry Wednesday: Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry**

**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. Term time only. For enquiries please ring: Caroline O'Brien on 07961 413694.