

SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday Year B 20th October 2024

Readings on Page 146 of the Parish Mass Book

Our reading today from Hebrews was addressed to converts from Judaism, so Christians who would have been familiar with the sacred books in the Old Testament. And the predominant feature of the letter, and especially our reading today, is its teaching about Jesus - specifically his priesthood. And he makes clear, so there is no doubt among his readers, that Jesus is 'The High Priest', greater than the priests of the Mosaic law.

The writer, most likely of Jewish descent, echoes the theme of the universal redemption brought about by Jesus the mediator, through His sacrifice on the cross and the shedding of His blood. He also makes clear that there is nothing we can experience in our lives that has not been experienced by Jesus, who, as God, well understood the weakness of our nature. But as Man, Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are, while also experiencing the sufferings that affect us, even though He himself was free from sin.

The writer was well aware that at that time believers faced a "storm of temptation", so he was encouraging them to remain truthful to the grace they had received through their Baptism. I think it is undeniable that we, as Christians today, similarly face a 'storm of temptation', probably worse because of the numerous communications channels that we have, something that even children have to face with the advent of social media.

Jesus' invitation is that when we face difficulties, including temptation, we need to turn to prayer, to pray for strength to resist sin. It sounds easy, but its not. Prayer can so often get relegated in a world which appears to keep us continually occupied with the things of this earth. I think that's the message this weekend. To make time for prayer. When we do so, we welcome God into our lives. We listen more attentively and importantly we share our troubles and faults with Him. Yes, this means seeking forgiveness, but it also renews and feeds our relationship with God. In doing so, we are better able to resist the 'storms of temptation', that we all face in our daily lives

Deacon Garry

Mass Intentions

Saturday 19th October

10.00am Maria Alessio RIP
6.00pm Eslyn & Louis Carriman RIP (Holmes)

Sunday 20th October 29th Sunday

8.00am Molly Lau RIP
9.15am Bert Atkins RIP
11.00am Stanislaus Bastampillai RIP
5.00pm Cecil Mariyathanan RIP

Monday 21st October

10.00am Tim McCarthy RIP (McConnell)

Tuesday 22nd October

10.00am Tony O'Reilly RIP (Adams)

Wednesday 23rd October

10.00am Int. Bridie Doherty (Lohan)

Thursday 24th October

10.00am Geraldine Colleary RIP (Crosby)

Friday 25th October

10.00am Int. Sally Lohan
12.30pm **Funeral:**
Olivia O'Connor RIP

Saturday 26th October

10.00am Int. Carmel Bennett
6.00pm Int Fr Saju
Induction Mass

Sunday 27th October Thirtieth Sunday

8.00am People of the Parish
9.15am David Reddington RIP (Gallagher)
11.00am Mrs Jude McCarthy RIP
5.00pm Lucia Holder RIP

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

Saturday 19th October

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 20th October

10.00am Lactancio & Aluiza Menezes RIP

Monday 21st October

10.00am Holy Souls

Saturday 26th October

NO MASS Fr Saju's Induction Mass in
St. Joseph's Church

Sunday 27th October

10.00am Lactancio & Aluiza Menezes RIP

Monday 28th October

10.00am Michael & Souad Hanaie RIP

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.

A Memorial Mass will be offered on Saturday 16th November at 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church for all those who have died in the past year in the Parish. All are welcome to attend this special Memorial Mass. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards in Holy Trinity House.

Children's Liturgy will be held during the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 27th October.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Club Room after the 9.15am Mass on Sundays. All welcome.

Induction Mass. Fr Saju's Induction Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Moger on Saturday 26th October at 6.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. To assist with planning, please enter your name on the **Sign-Up Sheet** in the foyer. **Please note:** On this date there will be **NO 6.00pm Mass** at St. Swithun's. All parishioners are invited to attend Fr Saju's Induction Mass.

Donations of cakes will be most welcome.

Fr Patrick will be offering a Mass for the repose of the soul of his mother Dorothy on Friday 8th November at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. Fr Patrick will be travelling to Nigeria on 11th November to be with his family for his mother's funeral. Fr Patrick returns back on 3rd December.

Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are invited to meet with one of our priests during surgery hours.

Baptism Preparation. Please see reverse of Newsletter to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course starting on 9th November.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Session 5 will be held on Monday 4th November, Friday 8th & Saturday 9th November.

FHC Parents Review of Sacrament of Reconciliation to be held on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the church hall.

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/>

A Confirmation Parents Information Meeting to be held on Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Further information will be given out at this meeting.

The Journey in Faith Group will meet on Thursday 24th October at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity House. New enquirers only. For further information please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email: bromleyrcia@rcoas.org.uk

Funerals:

The funeral of Olivia O'Connor RIP will be held in St. Joseph's Church on Friday 25th October at 12.30pm.

The funeral of Anne Cerase RIP will be held on Thursday 31st October at 12.15pm in St. Swithun's Church.

Patricia Morgan died on 14th October. Her funeral will take place in her home parish of Barnsley.

As a parish community we offer our prayers and deepest sympathy to all the families and friends of the deceased.

Visits to the Housebound. If you are housebound and unable to attend Mass please inform the parish office. One of our Priests or Special Ministers will be happy to visit you and bring Holy Communion.

Interested in becoming an Altar Server? Full Induction and Training is required before becoming an Altar Server. Kindly contact the Parish Office for further details. Thank you.

The Dad's Group will meet again on Monday 4th November 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. Refreshments will be provided.

Seniors' Lunches. As from November the monthly Seniors Lunches will take place on a Tuesday. The next Seniors' Lunches will be held on Tuesdays 12th November and 10th December from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

Ss Joseph & Swithun Christmas Day Lunch in St. Joseph's Church Hall. The lunch will be held after the 11.00am Mass. For more information and to register your attendance, please ring 07932 674557 or 020 8402 0459.

New Playgroup. Plans are in place to open a new Playgroup in St Swithun's Hall. Additional toilets have been installed, a new walk way has been created through the storage cupboard leading to the garden which has all been cleared. Once OFSTED approval has been received and the necessary Contracts have been signed the Playgroup can open. Hopefully this will be in January 2025.

Supporting the Parish Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £1080.00 St. Swithun's: £179.20

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

World Mission Sunday is on 20th October. There will be a second collection for Missio at all Masses this weekend.

Our Cafod Group would like to thank all our parishioners for their very generous donations to the recent Harvest Fast Day collection. £2164.85 was raised in total from our parish. **Thank you.**

New Day Nursery. Plans are in place to open a new Day Nursery in 1 Orchard Road. Members of our Finance and Premises Committees are currently working on the Contract and any maintenance work which need addressing. **The new Playgroup and Day Nursery will bring in much needed income to the parish.**

Would you like to join the Beavers? The 11th Bromley Beaver unit has spaces available for children aged 6 to 8. Sessions are held on Thursday evenings at 5.15pm in the church hall. Contact Cerys Gilboy 07939516628 if interested or for more information.

Catholic Children's Society Christmas Cards are now on sale. Please see: www.cathchild.org.uk/christms-cards.

St Joseph's Primary School Open Days.

Wednesday 13th November from 9.30-11.00am

Tuesday 26th November at 7.00pm

Monday 9th December from 2.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 8th January from 9.30-11.00am

For further information please see poster in foyer and www.st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk

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, Quin Francis, Nichola Ibe-Spence, Vanessa Leary, James Brown, Clairey & Cathey, Cathy Mair, Sue Fraser, Roger Wintle, Stella Ludham, 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, Patricia Morgan, Olivia O'Connor, Anne Cerase, Tim McCarthy, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Maria Alessio, Eslyn & Louis Carriman, Molly Lau, Bert Atkins, Stanislaus Bastampillai, Cecil Mariyathan, Tony O'Reilly, Geraldine Colleary, David Reddington and Mrs Jude McCarthy.

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 then come to one of the surgeries (Monday or Wednesday) in the Parish to meet a deacon/priest in the Holy Trinity House for the completion of the application.

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

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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

Head Teacher: Mrs Cribben

St. Joseph's Playgroup Ltd: Monday-Friday. Term time only. For enquiries please ring: Caroline O'Brien on 07961 413694.