



SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Easter Sunday Year C

20th April 2025

Readings on Page 252 of the Parish Mass Book.

Our Lenten journey has concluded with the solemn celebration of Easter. The Lord is Risen, alleluia: First of all I wish you ALL Happy Easter, peace and joy in the Risen Lord. I wish and pray that this Easter will offer you an opportunity to celebrate with your family and friends wherever you are.



The Gospel of John draws our attention to the empty tomb as the sign of Jesus' resurrection to life. Subsequent appearance of the risen Lord to the disciples journeying to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) and other appearances convinced all disciples to come out from their fear and to proclaim the message of resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus brought a new hope in the disciples and transformed their emptiness into a fullness of light. The disciples began to see that what took place on the cross on Good Friday was not just a simple death but a real sacrifice, it was not a defeat but a triumph over sin and death, and it was not an end but a great beginning. Their hope became their language of faith in their journey to continue the mission of Jesus. Let Easter this year similarly be our faith experience in assisting us to transform our emptiness in life to hope in Christ. May our hope be translated into the language of Catholic faith in building up others, as children of hope and children of resurrection.

As we share the joy of Easter, I wish to thank you all for your continued support in taking forward our parish as a missionary parish. Your regular presence at Holy Masses, financial support for the up keeping of our parish and various ministries in the parish with great commitment and love are invaluable. I am very grateful to you for your collaboration and participation in the life of the parish. The Parish Pastoral team along with volunteers, different committees and parish groups assist in the day to day running of our parish.

I will be away for a week after Easter. I thank you all and pray for God's grace upon our Parish. May we, each one of us, journey together as Pilgrims of Hope in the Jubilee year. Happy Easter.

Fr Saju

Mass Intentions

Saturday 19th April Holy Saturday

- 10.00am Polish Blessing of Easter Food
- 8.00pm Easter Vigil—Sr Agnes RIP

Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday

- 8.00am Agnes Achampong RIP
- 9.15am Patrick & Kate Quin RIP
- 11.00am Lucia Holder RIP
- 5.00pm Thanksgiving for Carriman Family

Monday 21st April Easter Monday

- 10.00am Manuel & Suso Castineira RIP (O'Neill)

Tuesday 22nd April

- 10.00am Deliverance of Yao Diaponan & Family

Wednesday 23rd April

- 10.00am Carlo Dovico RIP

Thursday 24th April

- 10.00am Geraldine Colleary RIP (Harrington)

Friday 25th April

- 10.00am Helen Evans RIP

Saturday 26th April

- 10.00am Int. Mary McDonnell (Sayer)
- 6.00pm Thanksgiving for Godchildren (Basil & Kathy)

Sunday 27th April

2nd Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Bernie Sheahan RIP (Heys)
- 9.15am Francesco Marchi RIP
- Y5 Class Mass
- 11.00am Jonathan Brooks RIP (Vlahakis)
- 5.00pm Michael K Essilfie RIP (Lopes)

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 19th April Holy Saturday
6.00pm Thanksgiving Ada Boniface
 Birthday

Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday
10.00am Aluiza & Lactancio Menezes RIP

Monday 21st April Easter Monday
10.00am Josie Dunne RIP

Saturday 26th April
6.00pm Dunne & De'Kort Family and
 Friends RIP

Sunday 27th April
10.00am People of the Parish

Monday 28th April
10.00am Wellbeing of Rachel & Daughters

For Mass Intentions please see Nelson

St Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402-0459

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

Safety Notice: Please can parents prevent their children from climbing the stairs to the organ loft. Thank you.

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 the entrances of St. Joseph's Church.

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the 9.15am Mass. All welcome.

Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our **Sacramental Preparation Courses** are requested to meet with one of our priests during surgery hours. Surgeries will be held 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House:

Monday: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Deacon Aidan

Wednesday by Appointment only:

Fr Patrick & Deacon Garry

Please note: Surgery will resume on Monday 12th May.

Baptism Preparation. Please see reverse of Newsletter to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation for 2025-2026. 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/>

Confirmation Session 6 will be held in Holy Trinity House on Saturday 17th May at 3.45pm for 4.00pm start.

Journey in Faith Group. Congratulations to Clare Cribben, Sandra Shaw, Blessing Aigbedion and Bwalya Vanessa Kalesha who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Jubilee Year: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the Jubilee Year: Dates: 7th – 11th October 2025. For further information please email Susan Lowery at: sclowery@hotmail.co.uk or contact the parish office.

Family Mass on Sundays at 9.15 am

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| 20th April | Children's Liturgy |
| 4th, 11th & 25th May | Children's Liturgy |
| 18th May | Uniform Groups |
| 1st & 29th June | Children's Liturgy |
| 15th June | Uniform Groups |

For Children's Liturgy parents are welcome to meet in the hall at 9.10am. Children attending Children's Liturgy must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The Polish Blessing of Easter Food will take place on Saturday 19th April at 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church.

Funerals:

The funeral of Mary Murphy RIP (Fr Peter's mother) will be held on Friday 9th May at 11.00am at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Bexley Road, Erith DA8 1DN. May she Rest in Peace.

The funeral of Mary Scanlon RIP will be held on Friday 16th May at 10.00am in St. Swithun's Church. May she Rest in Peace.

Patrick O'Grady RIP died on 15th April. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course. May he Rest in Peace.

Dates for your Diary:

All Readers and Special Ministers are invited to an information session led by Fr Saju on Saturday 14th June from 10.30am-12 noon in Holy Trinity House. To include updated guidelines and a practical session.

Festival of Hope and Flame on Sunday 22nd June 2025. St. Joseph's Parish and Primary School are joining together to celebrate Jubilee 2025 in St. Joseph's Church. The children of the Primary School will present a drama of Pentecost in the Church Hall followed by a bring and share picnic and fun and games in the parish garden. All are welcome to attend this great community event. Please feel free to dress in your cultural dress. **More details to follow.**

Thank you Day for Parish Volunteers. A Cheese and Wine evening will be held on Saturday 12th July after the 6.00pm Mass in the Church Hall. Fr Saju would like to request all volunteers to attend it.

Night Vigils will be held in St Joseph's Church on Fridays 27th June and 21st November from 6.00pm to 6.00am the following morning.

The next Seniors' Lunch will be held on Tuesday 13th May from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend.

The Dad's Group will meet again on Wednesday 30th April, 19.30-21.00, at The Crown, Plaistow Lane. We will have another board game evening. This is open to all dads who still have a child at school. Contact: Richard Barrett on 07729 392936.

Bromley Foodbank. Donations are still required. Please leave your donations in the box in the foyer of the church. Thank you very much.

Supporting the Parish

Parish Finances for last week

Average weekly standing order contributions: £1400.

Mass Offertory last weekend:

St Joseph's: £1284.41 St. Swithun's: £277.29

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.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection of the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral.

From our Diocese:

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 12th, 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, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Bromley.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford 7th June 2025. A day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm by Archbishop John Wilson.

Diocesan Walking Pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars from 2nd-6th June 2025. Deacon Barry will be taking part in this Walking Pilgrimage. Please contact Barry if you would like to join up for all or part of the journey.

Summer Days Out. Gina is organising the following coach outings this summer:

Thursday 22 May to Folkestone

Wednesday 18 June to Broadstairs

Wednesday 16 July to Hastings

Thursday 14 August to Eastbourne

Wednesday 3 September to Brighton

Please call Gina to book a seat on 07780 468767.

Tomato Plant Sale in aid of CAFOD will take place outside St. Joseph's Church after all Masses on the weekend of 10th/11th May. Please ring Gina for further information on 07780 468767,

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, Betty Byrne, Mary Edwards, Cathy Mair, Carol Cambridge, Faith Millar, Stella Ludlam, Robert Straker, Bennett Marcellus, Paul Gibbs, Utz & Yoko Reiff, Simon Franks, Paul Emans, 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, Patrick O'Grady, Mary Scanlon, Mary Murphy, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Agnes Achampong, Manuel & Susa Castineira, Carlo Dovico, Geraldine Colleary, Helen Evans, Bernie Sheahan, Francesco Marchi, Jonathan Brooks and Michael K Essilfie.

May they rest in peace.



We wish you all a very Happy Easter. We pray that you will have a joyful and graceful Easter with your family and friends. From Fr Saju and the Pastoral Team.

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

Surgery will resume on Monday 12th May 2025.

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