

SS. Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Corpus Christi Year A

7th June 2026

Readings: Page 83 of the Parish Mass Book

Corpus Christi

One of the seminarians who gives tours of St. Peter's in Rome tells the story of an incident that happened to him. He was leading a group of Japanese tourists who knew absolutely nothing of the Faith. With particular care he explained the great masterpieces of art, sculpture and architecture in the building. He finally concluded at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel trying his best to explain quickly what it was. As the group dispersed, an elderly man, who had been particularly attentive stayed behind, and said, "Pardon me. Would you explain again this 'Blessed Sacrament?'" The student did, after which the man exclaimed, "Ah, if this is so, what is in this chapel is a greater work of art than anything else in this Basilica."

This Sunday, the Church commemorates the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, in Latin Corpus Christi. It reminds us of the great gift we have been given. The body of Christ is the living bread from heaven which He gave to us during the last supper. When we eat this bread, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes again. The assurance of Jesus to us is that if we live our lives following God's will and receive Jesus as our bread of life, we will be with God forever.

This feast is a celebration of Jesus' hospitality. As we struggle with the tumultuous events that are taking place across the globe, the assurance that Jesus gives us is our real and lasting hope. No matter what the secular world says or does if we stay with the truth of our Faith, we will be alright. Our path may have many twists and turns and it will not always be easy. But as we read today's Gospel, we encounter the welcome of Jesus who prepares a feast for all of us. While we concentrate on the fact that Jesus is the Bread of Life, we also proclaim that Jesus lives within each one of us who are baptised into His Body, the Church.

In the Holy Eucharist and through our Baptism, Jesus takes up residence within each one of us. We become the very presence of Christ in our world. We carry Him into the real world every time we receive communion. We proclaim that the Lord continues to come into the world, through us. We are the Body of Christ.

Deacon Barry.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th June

10.00am Int. Miriam Agiru
6.00pm Carlo Dovico RIP
(Valentina)

Sunday 7th June Corpus Christi

8.00am Int. Whole Parish
9.15am Thanksgiving: Salvador
Dcosta & Family (Pereira)
11.00am People of the Parish
Eucharistic Procession
After Mass
5.00pm Int. Agiru Family

Monday 8th June

10.00am Emilio Demetz RIP

Tuesday 9th June

10.00am Spiritual & Physical
Wellbeing of Joyce Betts
(Chauhan)

Wednesday 10th June

10.00am Int. Vera Devine (Preston)

Thursday 11th June St Barnabas

10.00am Peter Bennett RIP

Friday 12th June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

10.00am Estelle Rodrigues
Thanksgiving (Pereira)

Saturday 13th June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Lucia Holder RIP
3.00pm **Confirmation Mass**
6.00pm Int. Grace Fernandes

Sunday 14th June Eleventh Sunday

8.00am Patrick & Mary
O'Sullivan RIP
9.15am Pete Wilcock RIP (Spink)
11.00am FHC Families &
People of the Parish

Sunday 7th June is the Feast of Corpus Christi. Following the 11.00am Mass there will be a procession from St Joseph's Church to Holy Trinity House. All welcome to join the procession.

Our Parish Faith Formation

All those registering to attend one of our Sacramental Preparation Courses are requested to meet with Fr. Saju/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

Baptism Preparation. Please see below how to enrol on our next Baptism Preparation Course.

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> Once completed, you will need to attend a surgery session to meet with Fr Saju.

Our Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley on Saturday 13th June at 3.00pm. Please remember the candidates and their families in your prayers.

RCIA: The Journey in Faith Group welcomes new enquirers to start a period of preparation and discernment. For further information please contact Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email Deacon Barry.

Clergy Appointments: Archbishop John Wilson has announced the following appointments with effect from 1st September 2026:

Fr Patrick Essien is appointed as the Assistant Priest to St. Peter the Apostle in Woolwich.

The New Assistant Priest in Bromley - Fr Jude Murray JH, a member of Pious Association Jesus the Healer, was ordained on 10 August 2023. He will succeed Fr Patrick.

The Archbishop wishes to move the Asst Priests who have completed two years in a parish to other parishes to have greater pastoral exposure in view of preparing them to take up the responsibility to look after the Parishes on their own in immediate future.

Post RCIA Monthly Meeting led by Fr Saju. Next session on Tuesday 16th June at 7.30pm in the Upper Room. All those who have previously attended our Journey in Faith Group are welcome to attend.

Reminder: The Parish Assembly/AGM will be held on Saturday 6 June at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall. All parishioners 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.

St Joseph's Youth Group for ages 11-18 years of age to be held on Saturday 27th June from 7.00-9.00pm in the church hall Volunteers required to help out at this session.

9.15am Sunday Mass:

7th June	Children's Liturgy
21st June	Children's Liturgy & Uniform Groups
12th July	Children's Liturgy

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, 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, Patricai Lefkaridi, Fr. David Peck and Gail Mortimer.

Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends, remembering, Paul Gibbs, Roy Swift, Ron Zanre, Louisa Lucy Raphael, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Enrica Fitzpatrick, Carlo Dovico, Peter Bennett, Patrick and Mary O'Sullivan, Pete Wilcock and Frank Lohan.

May they rest in peace.

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

Funerals:

The funeral of Louisa Lucy Raphael RIP will be held on Monday 15th June at 11.30am.

Ron Zanre RIP died on 27th May 2026. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course.

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. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Saju at 12 noon.

The Couples Group will meet on Sunday 14th June 2026 from 1.00pm in the Upper Room. For further information email Natalia at :n.domanska@icloud.com

Young Family Group: School of Community to be held on Wednesday 17th June at 8.00pm in the Upper Room. For further information please see poster in foyer of the church.

Parish Bereavement Group on Tuesday 23rd June at 7.00pm in the Upper Room. Trained volunteers plus a priest from our parish will facilitate regular supportive and confidential meetings for those who are living with bereavement, whether recent or long ago. Everyone is welcome, including loss through miscarriage or stillbirth, or if coping with anyone who is terminally ill. More details are on the Parish website.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 30th September to 7th October 2026. Please see poster in foyer. For further information please email Susan Lowery at: sslowery@hotmail.co.uk

Donation from First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 16th May. £184.40 to Doctors without Borders. Thank you very much.

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 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: £672.70 Building Fund: £32.00

Offertory Collection last week:

St. Joseph's: £1044.44 St. Swithun's: £144.59

Gift Aid and Standing Order Enquiries:

Please email the Gift Aid Co-Ordinator at: 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)**

Aid to the Church in Need total donated: £918.80

Bromley Foodbank Quiz Night on Saturday 13th June at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start in St. Joseph's Church Hall. Book your place here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/nvvpPhJX0Q>

For more information, please see posters in foyer of the church.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th June

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 7th June

10.00am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
(Jenny Noruega)

Monday 8th June

10.00am Patrick & Kate Quin RIP

Saturday 13th June

6.00pm 'Young' Ben (Madelina)

Sunday 14th June

10.00am Aloisio Miranda RIP (Jenny)

Monday 15th June

10.00am Holy Souls

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

Parish Social

Cancer Café Group will meet again on Tuesday 16th June from 1.30pm in the Upper Room.

Coach Outing on Friday 12 June to Broadstairs. Please contact Gina on 07780 468767 if you would like to go.

The Dad's Group will meet on Wednesday 24 June, 19.30 at The Crown, Plaistow Lane. please contact: Richard Barrett on 07729 392936 or email rgtbarrett@gmail.com.

The next Seniors Lunch will be held on **Tuesday 9th June** from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Holy Trinity House.

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 and the 10.00am Mass at St. Swithun's will be transferred to St. Joseph's. Please see posters in foyer of the church.

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: 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House

Mondays: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/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

Head Teacher: Mrs Cribben

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