SS Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Twenty Ninth Sunday **Year A** **18th October 2026**

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It is with great joy that we welcome our Archbishop **John Wilson**, to our parish this weekend. We are deeply honoured by his gracious visit and immensely grateful for meeting the Parish community. Archbishop John will celebrate and preside at the **11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 18 October, at St Joseph's Church.** Following Mass, everyone is warmly invited to join His Grace in the parish hall for refreshments. This will be a wonderful parish celebration, to welcome him personally and to share the joy of his visit to our parish family. A brief profile, taken from the Archdiocese website, may help us get to know our Archbishop a little better and connect with him more personally during his visit, making his time with us even more meaningful.

Archbishop John Wilson was born on 4 July 1968 in Sheffield. He studied for a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and religious studies at the University of Leeds and began formation for the priesthood for the Diocese of Leeds at the Venerable English College, Rome in 1989. During his seminary training he completed a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University and a Licence in Moral Theology at the Accademia Alfonsiana. He was ordained to the priesthood on 29 July 1995 by Bishop David Konstant. He was appointed Assistant Priest at St Joseph's, Pontefract in 1995, as well as hospital, hospice and school chaplain. In 1999, he was appointed Lecturer in moral theology at St Cuthbert's Seminary, Ushaw College, Durham. He also completed a PhD at Durham University and latterly served as Vice Rector.

In 2005, he was appointed Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Leeds, and during the vacancy of the See, he was elected Administrator of the Diocese of Leeds by the College of Consultors from September 2012 to November 2014. On 24 November 2015 he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster by Pope Francis. He had pastoral care of the deaneries in the western area of the diocese, was the Chair of the Education Commission, had oversight of ecumenical work and inter-religious dialogue at diocesan level and was responsible for Liturgy, Art and Architecture, as well as the Historic Churches Commission. On 10 June 2019 he was appointed Archbishop of Southwark by Pope Francis on the retirement of Archbishop Peter Smith. His Installation took place in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on 25 July 2019, the Feast of St James the Apostle. **Welcome to our Parish.**

Fr Saju

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th October
St Ignatius of Antioch
10.00am Chris Conway RIP (Davies)
6.00pm Int. Vlad. (Slawek)

Sunday 18th October Twenty Ninth Sunday
8.00am Molly Lau RIP
9.15am Rozaria Fernandes RIP
11.00am People of the Parish celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson
5.00pm Tom Flynn RIP (O'Sullivan)

Monday 19th October
10.00am Emilia & All Souls

Tuesday 20th October
10.00am Wellbeing of George Frank Betts (Chauhan)

Wednesday 21st October
10.00am Anne Haverda RIP (Sassoon)

Thursday 22nd October
10.00am Healing Mind, Body & Soul (Isaac)

Friday 23rd October
10.00am Int Bridie Doherty (Lohan)

Saturday 24th October
10.00am Int. George Agiru. Thanksgiving for his grandchildren
Anointing of the Sick
6.00pm Int. Jake Sneddon (Lohan)

Sunday 25th October Thirtieth Sunday
8.00am Kathleen Murphy RIP (Sayer)
9.15am Amedeo Russo RIP (Russo)
11.00am Jude McCarthy RIP
People of the Parish
12.30pm **Baptism:** Ethan Joseph
5.00pm Int Sally Lohan

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.

Open Surgery will be held on Mondays from 4.30-6.30pm in Holy Trinity House with Fr Saju and a Deacon.

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

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation. Session 4 will be held on Friday 6th November at 3.45pm in Holy Trinity House & Saturday 7th November at 9.15am in the church hall.

Confirmation Preparation 2026-2027. If your child is in Year 8 or above and would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June 2027, please complete and print out our **Confirmation Registration Form:** https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Confirmation-Registration-Form_July-2025.pdf**.** Once completed, you will need to attend a surgery session to meet with Fr Saju**.**

Confirmation Parents Information Meeting on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity House. First session to be held on Saturday 9th January 2027.

RCIA: The Journey in Faith Group welcomes new enquirers If you would like further information please email: bromleyrcia@rcaos.org.uk or ring Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email Deacon Barry.

Post RCIA Monthly Meeting led by Fr Saju. Next session on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Upper Room. All those who have previously attended our Journey in Faith Group are welcome to attend.

Funerals: The funeral of Imelda Burns RIP will be held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 11.00am.
Sophia Man RIP died peacefully on 3rd September 2026. *May they rest in peace.*

Investiture of Fr Saju as a Chapter Canon. Canon Saju's Investiture by Archbishop John will be held at St George's Cathedral on Friday 6th November 2026 at 6.00pm, during the Solemn Mass of Dedication of the Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Coach to St. George's Cathedral on Friday 6th November 2026. We have booked a coach to take parishioners to Canon Saju's Investiture Mass. A return seat on the coach will be £20.00 per adult. Leaving St. Joseph's car park at 4.00pm and leaving the Cathedral at 8.00pm. Please let the parish office know if you would like to book a seat. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We look forward to welcoming Fr Jude Murray JH, as our new Assistant Priest very soon. Fr Jude is a member of Pious Association Jesus the Healer.

Archbishop John Wilson will be visiting our parish on Sunday 18th October 2026 and 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. *Please bring donations of cakes and biscuits to share after the Mass.* **The 10.00am Mass at St Swithun's will be celebrated at 9.30am.**

Missio Red Box Holders: Are invited to bring their boxes for emptying **on Sunday 18th October at the 11.00am Mass celebrated by Archbishop John.** Alternatively, leave boxes at the back of either church or bring to the parish office. Empty boxes will be left in the church porch for you to collect. **World Mission Sunday is on 18th October.** This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Pope's charity appeal. There will be a second collection for Missio. Thank you.

Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday 24th October at 10.00am. Tea & Coffee will be served after the Mass in the parish hall by members of our SVP Group. **There will be no Confession on this date.**

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**, May Kent, Robert Tring, Eileen Day, Gina Clark, Theodore Bennett, Salma Moujalled, Peter Tease, Daniel McLoone, Catherine Rideout, Maria Dillane, Maureen Webster, Alan O'Donnell, Teresa Cadogan, 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,** Sophia Man, Imelda Burns, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Chris Conway, Molly Lau, Rozaria Fernandes, Tom Flynn, Anne Haverda, Kathleen Murphy, Amedeo Russo and Jude McCarthy. ***May they rest in peace.

9.15am Sunday Mass:

1st November	Children's Liturgy
15th November	Uniform Groups
22nd November	Children's Liturgy
29th November	Children's Liturgy

The Christian Meditation Group will meet on Thursdays at 7.00pm in the Upper Room.

Lectors' & Eucharistic Ministers' Formation Day on Saturday 31st October 2026 at Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Carton Road, Erith DA8 1DN. Canon Victor Darlington will celebrate Mass at 10.00am. Day concludes at 2.00pm. For more information please see poster in foyer.

Young Family Group: School of Community will meet again on Wednesday 11th November at 8.00pm in the Upper Room. Please contact Mario Brioschi at: mario_brioschi@yahoo.it

Parish Bereavement Group. Trained volunteers from our parish will facilitate regular supportive and confidential meetings for those who are living with bereavement. Meeting in the Upper Room on Tuesday 27th October at 7pm. Email: bromleybereavement@rcaos.org.uk

St Joseph's Primary School Open Days. Please see poster in foyer with all the Open Day dates, including Wednesday 11th November 2.00-3.30pm and Wednesday 25th November at 7.00pm.

Bromley Homeless. **Bromley Homeless 'Big Sleep Out':** Bromley Homeless charity's annual fundraising event takes place on Saturday 14th November. Two parishioners will be participating. If you wish to sponsor them please go to: www.justgiving.com/page/norah-agiru-2 (Norah Agiru) or www.justgiving.com/page/teresa-adams-3 (Teresa Adams). The evening will begin with a fund-raising meal. If you wish to attend this please go to: https://bromleyhomeless.org/big-sleep-out-2026/ and select 'I want a ticket for the fundraising dinner'.

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: £490.50 Building Fund: £35.00

Offertory Collection last week:
St. Joseph's: £906.91 St. Swithun's: £167.06

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.**

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)**

Please remember your Parish with a gift in your Will.

This Sunday there will be a second collection for Missio.

Online Bank Transfers. When making an online bank transfer to the parish for Mass Intentions, Hall Hire, Repository etc. please remember to include your surname as the reference.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from10.30-11.30am 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 is starting on Saturday 31st October.**

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

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th October
6.00pm Amelia Rodrigues Thanksgiving (Rita)

Sunday 18th October
9.30am Deceased souls of Miranda & Coutinho Family (Jenny)

Monday 19th October
10.00am Wellbeing of Baby Martin Commane

Saturday 24th October
6.00pm Jeremy Rodrigues Thanksgiving (Rita)

Sunday 25th October
10.00am Lactancio Menezes RIP

Monday 26th October
10.00am Alice RIP (Dawn)

For Mass Intentions *please see Nelson*

Tea & Coffee will be served in the church hall on Sundays after the 10.00am Mass.

St Swithun's Hall Bookings: 020 8402-0459

Parish Social

Cancer Café Group will meet again on Tuesday 20th October from 1.30pm in the Upper Room.

Ss Joseph & Swithun Youth Group for ages 11-18 years of age. Next session to be held on Saturday 7th November from 7-9pm in the church hall. Please let the parish office know if your child would like to attend or if you are able to volunteer to help out at this session.

New Mum's Coffee Morning. To be held on the second Friday of each month from 8.40am in Holy Trinity House. Babies & young siblings welcome.

Seniors Lunch: The next Seniors' Lunch will be on Tuesday 10th November 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 4 November at 19.30 at The Crown, Plaistow Lane.
For further information please email Richard Barratt at: rgtbarrett@gmail.com

Christmas Day International Lunch to be held in St. Joseph's Church Hall after the 11.00am Mass. Please contact Nana-Ama Martey on 07932 674557 for further information and see poster in foyer of church.

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
Mondays: Fr Saju & Deacon Barry/Aidan/Garry

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.