SS Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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All Saints **Year A** **1st November 2026**

Readings on page 184 of the Mass Book

Today's feast of All Saints invites us all to celebrate and take pride in the saints, the great many men, women and children, the faithful in Jesus Christ.

We Catholics use the term *saint* in a number of different ways, and all of them have to do with those united to Christ. The most familiar are those Christians who have preceded us into the Kingdom of Heaven and were canonized "as saints." It does not end there however, as the term *saint* applies to every soul united to Christ in baptism, and this includes Christians on earth, souls in purgatory, and those souls in Heaven who have not been canonized.

Since *saint* means "holy one," and since all baptised Christians are "holy persons" set apart unto the Lord, it follows that all baptised Christians are "saints." And yet the Church typically uses the term in a narrower and more formal way for those individual Christians who are perfected in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Pope Francis explained that "We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain" (*Gaudete et Exultate* n. 14).

To be holy, it is necessary to freely and humbly accept God's grace, cooperating by allowing ourselves to be transformed by Him. It is not a matter of doing everything well, of being perfect, but, of striving to live each day more and more united to God. In this way, all our activity, our thoughts, our desires will become ordered to the charity that Jesus taught us: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Mt 22:37, 39). **Deacon Aidan**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 31st October
10.00am Patrick Curtin RIP (Maguire)
6.00pm Dean Margiotta RIP

Sunday 1st November All Saints
8.00am Kathleen Murphy RIP (Jones)
9.15am People of the Parish
11.00am Ben & Jo White RIP
5.00pm Jacqueline Churchward RIP (Maguire)

Monday 2nd November All Souls' Day
10.00am Lucia Holder RIP

Tuesday 3rd November
10.00am Mike Heneghan RIP (Davies)
11.00am **Funeral:** Imelda Burns RIP

Wednesday 4th November
St Charles Borromeo
10.00am Souls in Purgatory (Maguire)

Thursday 5th November
10.00am Wellbeing of Charlotte Taylor (Maguire)

Friday 6th November
10.00am Wellbeing of Mary Fitzgerald (Maguire)
Year 5 Class Mass

Saturday 7th November The Dedication of The Cathedral Church of St. George
10.00am Sr Jeanne Madeleine RIP (Aitkins)
6.00pm Deceased members of Davies & Heneghan Families

Sunday 8th November Thirty-Second Sunday Remembrance Sunday
8.00am Mary McGee RIP
9.15am People of the Parish
FHC Rite of Illumination
11.00am Gerald & Mary Cullen RIP
5.00pm Kate Morgan RIP (Spink)

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 Saturday 7th November at 9.15am in the church hall and on Friday 13th November at 3.45pm in Holy Trinity House.

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.

Early morning Masses in Advent. In Advent we will have two early Masses available at 7.30am in Holy Trinity Chapel on Tuesday and Friday mornings. All welcome.

Night Vigil for Advent: Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Friday 11th December to start the Night Vigil. Mass will be celebrated at 6.30am on Saturday 12th December to conclude the Night Vigil. All welcome.

Investiture of Fr Saju as a Chapter Canon. Canon Saju's Investiture by Archbishop John will be held at St George's Cathedral (St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, London SE1 7HY) on Friday 6th November 2026 at 6.00pm, during the Solemn Mass of Dedication of the Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome to attend. This special Mass will be live streamed. Please click on: https://www.youtube.com/live/47wmdT2EeEU or see St. George's Cathedral Website: https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/new-chapter-canons-to-be-installed-at-st-george-s-cathedral/?d=639295848000000000

Coach to St. George's Cathedral on Friday 6th November 2026. For those who have booked a seat on the coach please meet in **St. Joseph's car park at 3.50pm**. We aim to leave the Cathedral at 8.00pm. The coach is now full.

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

November - Month of the Holy Souls. In November we are reminded to offer prayers for the Holy Souls. A Book of the Deceased is available in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Please enter the names of deceased relatives and friends who will be remembered during the month of November.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026. We remember all those who have died through war or acts of violence; may we never forget their sacrifice. Poppies are on sale in the foyer of the church. All donations go to the Royal British Legion.

Parish Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on Saturday 14th November in St. Joseph's Church. All those who have lost a loved one this year are invited to attend. Tea & Coffee will be served after the Mass.

The Deanery Memorial Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church at midday on Tuesday 24th November. All are welcome to join to pray for the deceased clergy in our Deanery.

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**, Ellen Walton, 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,** Samantha-Ellen Whyte, Imelda Burns, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Patrick Curtin, Dean Margiotta, Kathleen Murphy, Ben & Jo White, Jacqueline Churchward, Mike Heneghan, Sr Jeanne Madeleine, Mary McGee, Gerald & Mary Cullen and Kate Morgan.

May they rest in peace.

Funerals: The Funeral of Imelda Burns RIP will be held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 11.00am.
Samantha-Ellen Whyte RIP sadly died on 19th October. Samantha was one of our Cub Leaders for many years.
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.

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

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.

Parish Football Evening for ages 14+. Would you be interested in a Parish Football Evening? Lads and dads but also to include girls and ladies. If so, please click on the link so we can assess the interest: https://forms.gle/dq4ayYxVCxNW3hPL8

Bromley Homeless charity: Two parishioners will be 'sleeping out' to raise money in this charity's annual fundraising event. If you would like to sponsor one or both of them, please go to: www.justgiving.com/page/teresa-adams-3 (Teresa Adams), or www.justgiving.com/page/norah-agiru-2 (Norah Agiru). For more information about this event please go to: https://bromleyhomeless.org/big-sleep-out-2026/

The Cafod Group will meet in the Club Room at 9.45am on Sunday 1st November. New members welcome.

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: £439.50 Building Fund: £45.00
Offertory Collection last week:
St. Joseph's: £799.00 St. Swithun's: £175.80

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.

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for the Archbishop's Appeal.

Thank you for your recent donations to Cafod. £1799.36 is the final total donated from our parish.

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.

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

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 31st October
6.00pm Julia & Gregory Alister Thanksgiving (Rita)

Sunday 1st November
10.00am Aloisio & Antonia Miranda RIP (Jenny)

Monday 2nd November
10.00am Deceased Souls of Menezes & Lopes family (Agnelo)

Saturday 7th November
6.00pm
12.30pm **Baptism: Cillian Harper**

Sunday 8th November
10.00am

Monday 9th November
10.00am

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

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Parish Social

Cancer Café Group will meet again on Tuesday 3rd November from 1.30pm in the Upper Room.

Ss Joseph & Swithun Youth Group for ages 11-18 years of age. Next sessions will be held on **Saturdays 7th & 21st 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.

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

Parish Pastoral Team

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Deacon Garry	Tel: 07766 557213	e: garrycullen@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Secretary: **Susan Allatt** **Email: bromley@rcaos.org.uk**

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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.