SS Joseph & Swithun Parish News

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Thirty-Third Sunday **Year A** **15th November 2026**

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I am delighted to introduce myself as I begin my ministry among you here in Bromley. My parents are Mr John Murray and Mrs Josephine Immaculata and I was raised in a loving, faith-filled Catholic family along with two siblings in Chennai India. I remain deeply grateful for the gift of my parents, whose example of faith and love deeply inspired my life and vocation.

My faith was nurtured in my home parish, **St Patrick's Catholic Church,** and at the historic **Shrine of St Thomas the Apostle** in Chennai. These sacred places played an important role in helping me grow in my relationship with God and discern vocation. After completing my schooling, I studied **Economics at Loyola College, Chennai**. Before entering the seminary, I worked in publication, travel, and airport services. During those years, I experienced God's gentle but persistent invitation to follow Him more closely. Responding to that call, I joined the **Jesus the Healer Pious Association** in the Diocese of Dindigul, India. My years of formation, including novitiate, philosophy, theology, and spiritual preparation, took place in Bangalore.

I was ordained Priest on **10 August 2023**, and since then I have served as an Assistant Parish Priest. The charism of my congregation is centred on the love of God, the preaching of the Gospel, devotion to the Catholic Church, faithfulness to our founder, and dedication to the mission entrusted to us. Outside my pastoral ministry, I enjoy reading, listening to music, and playing football and other sports. I believe these interests help me stay connected with people of all ages and backgrounds.

As I begin this new chapter of ministry in this parish, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to **Archbishop John Wilson**, **Msgr Gerry Ewing**, and **Deacon Michael Kennedy** for their encouragement and support; and my present parish priest Fr Saju for his guidance as I am settling into the Parish. I am also deeply thankful to my congregation, family, friends, and all those who have accompanied me with their prayers throughout my vocational journey. I am very happy to be here and look forward to getting to know each of you in the months ahead. I ask for your prayers as I settle into parish life, and I assure you of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Jude

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th November
10.00am Parish Memorial Mass
12 Noon **Baptism:**
Diego Rosales De Capitani
6.00pm Bogna Krzewka RIP (Lohan)

Sunday 15th November Thirty-Third Sunday
8.00am John & Lily Robertson RIP
9.15am People of the Parish
11.00am Antonio Stephen Barilone RIP
12.30pm **Baptism:** Aaron Majerek
5.00pm Katie Hall RIP (McGovern)
Journey in Faith Rite of Welcome

Monday 16th November
10.00am Special Intention (Maguire)

Tuesday 17th November
10.00am Agnes Achampong RIP

Wednesday 18th November
10.00am Anna Maria Fernandes RIP

Thursday 19th November
10.00am Anne Funge RIP (Spink

Friday 20th November
10.00am Paddy Keavey RIP (Keavey)

Saturday 21st November
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
6.00pm Annette McDonagh RIP (Lohan) neé Doherty

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King
8.00am Deirdre O'Donovan RIP (Maguire)
9.15am Eleanor Welham RIP (McGovern)
Baptism Rite of Welcome
11.00am Thanksgiving Mass for Canon Saju
People of the Parish
12.30pm **Baptism**: Isla-Rae Taylor
1.30pm **Baptism**: Vivienne Corlett
5.00pm Tony Jiggins RIP (Atkinson)

THANK YOU *It was a great joy and privilege to have so many parishioners present at my installation as a Chapter Canon. I am deeply grateful to you all for your prayers, and encouragement. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who attended the Installation Mass, whether you travelled by the coach, so thoughtfully organised by Susan Allatt or made your own way. Thank you for your continued kindness and support; please be assured of my prayers for you*. **Fr Saju**

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 5 will be held on Saturday 14th November at 9.15am in the Church Hall and on Friday 20th November at 3.45pm in HTH.

First Holy Communion Parents Review Session to be held on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity House.

RCIA: The Journey in Faith Group for further information please email: bromleyrcia@rcaos.org.uk or ring Matt Gibbs on 07955 084287 or email Deacon Barry.

Post RCIA Journey in Faith Monthly Meeting led by Fr Saju. Next session on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm in the Upper Room. All those who have previously attended our Journey in Faith Group are welcome to attend.

9.15am Sunday Mass:

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

Advent:

Early morning Masses in Advent to be celebrated at 7.30am in Holy Trinity Chapel on Tuesday and Friday mornings. All welcome.

Advent Talks to be given by David Wells on Saturday 5th December after the 10.00am Mass. The first talk will be given at 10.45am in St. Joseph's Church Hall and the second talk will be given at 12 noon in the church. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

School/Parish Christmas Carol Service and Social Event on Thursday 10th December starting at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's Church. Following the Carol Service, refreshments will be available to purchase in the church hall. More information and poster to follow.

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

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.

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.

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 24th November at 7pm. Email: bromleybereavement@rcaos.org.uk

Funeral: Alan O'Donnell RIP died on Monday 9th November 2026. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course. May he rest in peace.

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**, Roque Gustilo, May Kent, Robert Tring, Eileen Day, Gina Clark, Theodore Bennett, Salma Moujalled, Peter Tease, Daniel McLoone, Catherine Rideout, Maria Dillane, Maureen Webster, 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,** Alan O'Donnell, Lucia Holder, Graham Morton, Bogna Krzewka, John & Lily Robertson, Antonio Stephen Barlione, Katie Hall, Agnes Achampong, Anna Maria Fernandes, Anne Funge, Paddy Keavey, Annette McDonagh, Eleanor Welham, Tony Jiggins, Maria Concepción Siliezar Flores, Richard Simmonds and Bill Gillett. ***May they rest in peace.***

South East Area Carol Service with Canon Victor Darlington will take place on Sunday 13th December 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at St Saviour's Catholic Church, 175 Lewisham High Street, London SE13 6AA. All welcome to attend. See poster in foyer of church.

The Uniform Groups will be holding a Table Sale after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 15th November to raise funds for MND (Motor Neurone Disease). Please support.

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

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' on Saturday 14th November 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).

Christmas Trees. We will be selling Christmas Trees again his year for delivery to your home. Please see order form in the foyer of the church or contact the parish office. **Closing date Friday 27th November 2026.**

Mary's Meals. We would like to invite you to watch a short film introducing the amazing work of this charity. Mary's Meals provides a meal daily for 3 million children worldwide in their school or nursery. Come and see how **at St Swithun's Church Hall on Sunday 15th November at 11.00am.**

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

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: £444.90 Building Fund: £47.00
Archbishop's Appeal: £110.00
Offertory Collection last week:
St. Joseph's: £860.85 St. Swithun's: £173.63
Archbishop's Appeal:
St Joseph's: £422.52 St Swithun's: £92.74

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.

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.

Youth Club. If you would like to contribute to supporting our Youth Ministry please indicate **"Youth"** as the reference when donating to the church. This will help us to provide new games equipment and refreshments. Thank you.

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Youth Services. This collection supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

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 14th November
6.00pm Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan RIP

Sunday 15th November
10.00am Peace in the World (Jenny)

Monday 16th November
10.00am Wellbeing of Anne & Tracy Gibson (Bates)

Saturday 21st November
6.00pm Int. Anthony & Raisha on their wedding

Sunday 22nd November
10.00am George Mariathas & Siblings RIP

Monday 23rd November
10.00am Wellbeing of Oliver Shepherd (Bates)

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 17th 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 **Saturday 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 8th December 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 25 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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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
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St. Joseph's Playgroup Ltd: Monday-Friday. For enquiries ring: Caroline O'Brien on 07961 413694.