

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 5th April 2015

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

(Saturday 4th April – 8:30pm
The Easter Vigil In the Holy Night
People of the Parish)

Easter Morning:

8:30am People of the Parish
10.00 Hazel & Andy McCrystal
& family – Foundation Mass
11:30 Welfare of Wendy Chin

**The Church will be closed after this
Mass. There is NO evening Mass.**

Monday 6th April

Bank Holiday Monday

No early Mass this morning

{Parish Office Closed}

10:00 Welfare of Ron Gomez
(birthday)

Tuesday 7th April

7:30 Thanksgiving – Adindu &
Nwagwu families

10:00 Caitan Pereira RIP

Wednesday 8th April

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

10:00 Requiem Mass for
John Joseph Flood

Thursday 9th April

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Jim Swift RIP

Friday 10th April

07:30 Thanksgiving - & Special
Intention (Muoghal)

Next Sunday - 12th April

Second Sunday of Easter

6:15 (Sat eve) Welfare of the
Lawrence family

8:30 People of the Parish

10:00 Jamie Mitchell Fernandes RIP

11:30 Phyllis & Hannah & Kathleen
McCarthy RIP (Foundation Mass)

5:00 Patrick O'Hara RIP

Daily Mass & Prayer:

Mass: Mon – Fri 7:30am

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 9:15am

Adoration: Mon – Sat 9:30am

Mass: Mon – Sat 10:00am

Confessions: Saturday, after 10am

Mass until 11am; also 5pm to 6pm.

Confession is also available on
request, as long as a priest is free.

A Thought

Once more we are celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, recalling the momentous event which is the basis of our faith; this, more than anything, conclusively proved that Jesus is, as He claimed to be, God and, therefore, Conqueror of Death. Through the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Mass and Sacraments, Christ is, as promised, with us, "...until the end of time". Through the teachings of the Church we can be sure of what we must do (*or not do*) in order, one day, to share in His Risen Life in Heaven. Sadly there can sometimes be presented to us a somewhat one-sided view of Divine Love. God loves us. Of that there is no doubt; He created us to, ultimately, enjoy Eternal Happiness - again true! We do well to remember, though, that if we are to get there, we, too, have a part to play. As St. Augustine noted, "*God, who created you without your consent, will not (it could read **cannot**) save you without your co-operation.*"; in other words, if we are to attain Heaven we must, to the best of our ability, obey God's Laws - challenging as they may be - or, to put things another way, to reach our journey's hoped-for end we must follow the route-map! If we misuse a domestic appliance and it goes wrong, it is no use claiming under the guarantee! Likewise with our God-given life; It must be lived *in accordance with the Maker's Instructions* in order to lead us to Heaven.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

Easter Sunday, 5th April - p 255

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Thank You: The collection for March 22nd was **£2224.06:** (£1579.86 in baskets & £644.20 standing orders).

This Sunday, Easter Day:

Today's collection is your personal gift to your clergy. Kindly use the special envelopes provided.

Mini Easter Eggs will be waiting for all those children able to eat them! Be sure to see one of the priests after Mass to claim yours!

No Coffee Morning today.

Youth Club Grand National Sweepstake: Those wishing to participate should kindly return their entry forms **no later than today.**

This week:

Friday 10th – Over 55's meet in the Upper Hall.

Saturday 11th – Youth Club Grand National Event. Details overleaf.

**Next Sunday, 12th April:-
Divine Mercy Sunday.**

Coffee Morning: with the **Youth Club**, with proceeds to HCPT.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Reginald Davis, of Christian Fields, who died 29th March 2015. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Frances Carter, Stefan Czarnecki, Mary Downey, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Mary Ellen Fox, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Elliott Kelley-Campbell, James McDonald, Ajitha Mahatantila, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter, John Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Please inform us if you know of anybody else who would like to be added to the list of sick and housebound, and if they require a visit from a priest.

Our New Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will hold their first full meeting on Thursday 30th April 2015. In conjunction with Father Deo, the PPC will assist in the smooth running of life at St Bartholomew's.

The officers are as follows:

President – Fr Deo;
Chair – Mr Richard Bush;
Vice – Chair – Mr Gordon Clark;
Secretary – Mr Gerard Cowie;
Assistant Secretary – Mr Richard Harries;
Treasurer – Mr Tony McGing;
Assistant Treasurer – Mr Savio Fernandes;

Members: Mr John Ambler; Mr Melvin Carty;
Mrs Teresa Furtado; Sr Ann Ugoh;
Mrs Lucy Nwagwu; Mr Gerard Perkins;
Mr Tony Price; Mrs Claire Rhodes;
Mr Eddie Sanders.

Baptism course: Wednesdays 20th & 27th May 2015.
At 8:00pm in the room behind the sacristy.
Further sessions will be announced in due course.

The Parish Website is now available once again. However, please note that the current appearance and functionality are only temporary, and we shall be further developing the site over the course of the next few weeks. Therefore it may be a while before you begin to notice any significant changes. We are aware that some of you have had issues downloading the newsletter and/or accessing the website if using certain makes of mobiles. In the meantime, thank you for your patience, and we welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We are currently desperately short of people to do this.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 5:

Elizabeth Ayoola, Sandra Hodgson, Emma Morrone, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli, Kelly Bello, Livia Pappano. **If anybody can no longer come along, please tell the Parish Office.**

Mass Intentions: Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch. Please give full details of your intention and state clearly if it is Despite what it says on the envelopes, **please do not put them into the collection baskets.**

MISSIO: Box holders and promoters are kindly reminded that the next collection is due in April. Thank you all for your continued support.

Holy Communion 2015:

Please would parents who have not yet returned their slips and money for the Going Forth party please kindly do so via the parish office. Please note that Fr Deo will be taking in all Communion books very soon, so please make sure your child completes all their work and is fully up-to-date.

Lost Property: This is to be found in the second drawer on the right hand side of the porch. Please take a look.

General Election, May 7th 2015.

Please take a copy of the brochure from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. This sets out various moral and social issues for you to consider.

Please see also: www.catholicnews.org.uk

Please note that our church hall will be an official polling station, and it will therefore not be possible for any groups or individuals to use any part of it that day.

**SUPPORT YOUR PARISH YOUTH CLUB!
YOUTH CLUB GRAND NATIONAL FUN EVENT
ON SATURDAY APRIL 11TH 2015**

The day starts at 1:00pm with a Sale, Bingo games and, of course, you get to watch the Grand National itself on our large screen TV, which is scheduled to start at 3:45pm.

And they're off!!! The afternoon continues until 5:00pm, so there will be plenty of opportunities for you to come along and take part. But that is not all! No! From 7:00pm until 11:00pm there will be Bingo (**Including Irish Bingo – if you are curious as to what that is, you will have to come along and find out!**) in the lower hall. The Sale and games will continue. Refreshments and sandwiches will be available, and the Youth Club Tuck Shop will be open, which will no doubt bring back happy memories for those of us who were members when we were all much younger than we are now! There will be drinks available, though please feel free to bring your own. If you are able to offer assistance at any time during the proceedings, Eddie Sanders will be very happy to hear from you on: 020 8333 0690, if you can help him over the fences!

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CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES:

Have you heard of Marriage Encounter? Marriage Encounter is a weekend away to explore where you are going and to enliven your relationship, bringing you closer and deepening your commitment to your lifetime together. The whole focus of the weekend is on you as a couple and your relationship – it's not relationship counselling or a retreat and you will not have to spill out personal details to others.

Marriage Encounter is for anybody who knows there's always more to learn about each other, and that it's the weekends away that spice things up at home. Most of all, Marriage Encounter is for anyone who believes they made the right choice on their wedding day and every day after. The weekend is presented from a Catholic Christian perspective but any married couple is welcome to attend.

There are spaces available on the weekend at Park Place (Wickham, near Fareham, Hampshire) from 19-21 June. For information and online booking visit: www.wme.org or contact Chris & Mary Farrall on 02380 275401