

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 24th May 2015

Pentecost Sunday

(Year B)

## Mass Times and Intentions

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

6:15 (Saturday eve, 23<sup>rd</sup> May)

Fiona Hardy RIP

8:30 John McCarthy RIP

10:00 People of the Parish

11:30 Norah & Tommy &

John Glancy RIP (Hymn Choir)

### 4:00 May Devotions:

#### Rosary and Benediction

5:00 Patrick O'Driscoll RIP

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday)

#### St Bede the Venerable (Memorial)

07:30 Agnes, John &

Eric Bethune RIP

10:00 Welfare of the Bergen family

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### St Philip Neri (Memorial)

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

10:00 Mary Savage RIP (Over 55s)

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### St Augustine of Canterbury (Feast)

7:30 Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

10:00 John Higgins RIP

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

07:30 Janet & Sampson Adindu RIP

10:00 Thanksgiving –

John & Jo Taylor

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

07:30 Welfare of the Onwekwe  
& Ilobi families.

10:00 Welfare of members of UCM

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady

10:00 Ellis Foundation Mass

### Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### The Most Holy Trinity

6:15 (Sat eve) Janet Mavis RIP

8:30 Renato Orlandozzi RIP

10:00 Hernon Family, living and dead

(Foundation Mass)

11:30 SVP Intention

5:00 People of the Parish

## Daily Mass & Prayer:

Mass: Mon – Fri 7:30am

## Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 9:15am

Adoration: Rosary & Benediction Mon

– Sat 9:30am

Mass: Mon – Sat 10:00am

Confessions: Saturday, after 10am

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

## A Thought

There is a very beautiful hymn, very appropriate to this Solemnity which, fortunately, has not been excluded from modern Catholic hymn-books. In it we pray, "*Come Holy Ghost, Creator, Come.....take possession of our Souls and make them all thine own*". Today we celebrate what is sometimes referred to as *the Birthday of the Church*, the day when, Confirmed by the Holy Spirit, the timid, fearful and, perhaps, uncertain Apostles, the first Bishops of the Catholic Church boldly emerged from their hiding place. Strengthened by the Gifts of the Spirit, given to each of us at our Confirmation, they gave, literally, their all. They received:

**Wisdom**, which helps us choose God's way of living, understanding the (often challenging) teachings of the Church, having compassion for and tolerance of the weak, whilst also being ever ready to 'grasp the nettle', to be unpopular (aka politically incorrect) and point out error, even if we are not thanked for it!  
**Right Judgement** helps us make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus, to see the dangers of certain 'alternative' ways of living.

**Courage** helps us stand up for our faith in Christ, avoiding anything which the world promotes, but which will separate us from God; this may even separate us from friends who can't or won't accept our beliefs, nor accept why we live as we do.

**Knowledge**, also, helps us choose the path that will lead to God. It encourages us to avoid whatever keeps us from him.

**Reverence** helps us confidently obey God, and inspires us to joyfully want to serve Him and others.

**Wonder** and **Awe** bring us to see how utterly great God is, and to love Him so much that we do not want to offend him by anything we say or do. This Gift is also known as '**Fear of The Lord**', which, if explained *correctly*, emphasises love and devotion which move us to obey God; far from fearing so Loving a Father, we fear the sins which can separate us from Him.

How child-like are we in our following of God? Let us pray in earnest for a renewal of these Gifts in our souls and in the souls of our young people who are growing up in an increasingly godless world.

## Readings in Parish Mass Book:

**This Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May – p 290**

(Saturday eve 23<sup>rd</sup> May – p280)

**Next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May – p83**

(NB New books begin)

**Coffee Morning:** Please come along and support our **LIFE** Group after the 10:00 & 11:30 am Masses.

## Thank You:

The collection for May 17<sup>th</sup> was **£1889.92**: £1245.72 (baskets) & £644.20 (standing orders).

The **World Communications Day** collection came to **£448.03**.

## This week:

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – Parish Office Closed.

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May:

UCM go on Pilgrimage to Aylesford with Father Paul. Members to meet outside the church at **9:00am sharp**.

**There will not** be a practice for the **Family choir** on Tuesday evening.

**Their next practice** will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** at 6:30pm,

to prepare for the First Holy Communicants' **Going Forth Mass** at 5:00pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May:

Our congratulations and prayers go to **Archbishop Peter Smith**, who today celebrates the **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination**.

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May:

St Bart's Parish Playgroup meets in the lower hall from 10:00 – 11:30am.

This day marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark becoming a Metropolitan See.

### Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May:

#### The Most Holy Trinity.

New, light blue Mass books will come into use, which will take us up to the feast of Christ the King in November. They are marked: Year B Vol 2.

**Please be advised that Trinity Sunday is the last day for fulfilling your Easter Communion.**

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Felix Scicluna**, brother of Maria Vella, who died on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Also, for **Anne Priddy**, of Silverleigh Road, Thornton Heath, who died on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Funeral details will follow shortly. As ever, as a parish, our sympathy and prayers to the families.

**Sick and Housebound:**

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Stefan Czarnecki, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Mary Ellen Fox, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, James McDonald, Ajitha Mahatantila, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter, 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 priest to visit.**

**Baptism course:** We expect to be in a position to announce sessions for July shortly. Those on the May course will be contacted shortly.

**Church Cleaning This Week: Group 6:**

Juliette Blake, Islay Cowlin, Jeannette Da Silva, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen & Shirley Osei-Owusu

**Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?**

Thanks to those who have put their names forward so far. However, we remain desperately short of cleaners. If you would like to help, please make yourself known to either of the clergy, or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**The Catenian Rosary Group:** Please continue to put your unwanted, unused, or broken rosaries in the container in the porch. There has been a great response so far. In fact, last week we sent off **1.5kg** in weight of rosaries! The Catenians have written to us, to express their thanks.

**Mass Intentions:** May is **fully booked**, and June is almost full. We hope you like using our **new clearer, larger envelopes**, which are now available in all the porch areas of the church. We suggest that you use one envelope for each Mass, unless you wish to have Mass said more than once for the same intention. If need be, kindly put a note inside your envelope with any extra details. Please try to avoid using Mass Intention envelopes for the weekly collection. You may hand your envelope to any of the clergy, or just post it through the door of the presbytery.

**Leaflets and posters for display in the porch:**

Please kindly hand these to the clergy, or Parish Office.

**CAFOD – DEC APPEAL FOR NEPAL:**

You may continue to donate by phone on: 0500 85 88 85 or online at: [www.cafod.org.uk/Nepal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Nepal) Please see posters.

**Waste Matters:** - For health and safety reasons, you are politely requested **not** to place disposable nappies or other organic material in the waste paper bin in the porch.

**Parish Website:** We expect to have this fully updated by the end of May. In the meantime, you can still download and print the newsletter from the website.

**Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** are kindly requested to contact the Parish Office with dates which they expect to be unable to make from 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> June through to 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> September. The next rota is being compiled, and will run from 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> June until 01<sup>st</sup> / 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2015.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Extra help is greatly needed** with the **Going Forth Party** on **Sunday 7th June**. It is traditional for us to call upon the parents whose children celebrated this sacrament *last year (2014)*, to assist in organising *this year's* party. If you can help in any way, please call Teresa Furtado as soon as possible, on 07742 911152. Many thanks in advance.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:**

**Boxes of new envelopes are available from today.**

Please collect these, along with your end of year statement, from the usual room on the right hand side of the passage way at the very front of the church. A member of the Gift Aid team will be on hand to deal with any questions you may have. This is also a good time to consider, if you do not already do so, making your contributions to the Parish, using the Gift Aid Scheme, **provided that you are a tax payer**. The great advantage is that, if you give regularly, using Gift Aid, **the Church can claim back 25p for every £1 you put into the collection**. And all *you* have to do is sign a form! If you wish, you may also pay by standing order for regular donations, with envelopes supplied for second collections. Gift Aid is a vital source of income for the parish. During the financial year ended April 2014, we reclaimed **£17,687.36** from HMRC!!!

**Diaconal Formation Update from Ged Perkins:**

*As I reach the end of my 2nd year of formation, I just wanted to express my appreciation to the whole parish for all the support and prayers that you have given me during my journey.*

*I shall shortly be receiving the minor ministry of Acolyte on the 5th June 2015. This ceremony will take place at The Annunciation and St Augustine Catholic Church, 88 Beckenham Hill Road London SE6 3PU at 7:00pm. You are very welcome to attend the service.*

*My 3rd year of formation will commence in September 2015 which, God willing, will lead to my ordination as a Permanent Deacon in June or July 2016. So please do continue to keep my family and myself in your prayers.*

**A Date for your diary:** On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm, here at St. Bartholomew's, the **Polyphony Choir** will be offering a short (about 45 minutes) musical meditation on the theme of **Parables**. Entrance will be free, and there will be a retiring collection in aid of our **SVP** group. Please see the posters in the porches for further details.

**Job advertisement for the Archdiocese of Southwark: Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office Co-ordinator:**

The JPIC office, based at Cathedral House in Westminster Bridge Road, is looking for a new co-ordinator to be responsible for all the administration associated with the promotion of JPIC issues. This is a part-time job, for around 21.5 hours per week. Salary £27,000pa to £30,000pa, depending on experience, pro rata for part-time hours. If you would like to apply, please email your CV to [sarah.wood@finance-rcdsouthwark.org](mailto:sarah.wood@finance-rcdsouthwark.org) by the closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Full details are on the diocesan website [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

**Employment opportunities in Catholic Schools:**

Please see the notice board for all advertisements.

**The Knights of St Columba** are holding a fundraising Dance for **Mary's Meals** on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, from 7:30 pm to 11:30pm, at the Irish Association Centre, 138-140 Hartfield Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 3TG. **Tickets are just £10.00.**

There will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Please contact **Bro Melvin Carty**, on 8764 3320 or 07930 366721, for full details.