

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 6th September 2015

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 5th September

6:15 (Saturday eve, 4th September)

Tom Jones RIP & Family

(Foundation Mass)

8:30 Ellis Foundation Mass

10:00 People of the Parish

11:30 Krystyna Andes

(1st Birthday)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Welfare of

Maureen O'Donoghue

23rd Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 7th September

07:30 Thanksgiving – Adindu

& Nwagwu families

10:00 Sarah O'Dwyer RIP

Tuesday 8th September

The Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Edna Graham RIP

Wednesday 9th September

07:30 Welfare of Ileomoh family

10:00 Roy Daniels RIP

Thursday 10th September

07:30 Philip Cowie RIP

(100th birthday)

10:00 Antoine Shun RIP

Friday 11th September

07:30 Ellen & Robert Ivan

Foster RIP

10:00 Cyril Joseph Gomez RIP

Saturday 12th September

The Most Holy

Name of Mary (Memorial)

10:00 Jack Chapman RIP

Next Sunday 13th September,

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Sat eve)

Mary McCarthy RIP

8:30 People of the Parish

10:00 Margaret Towey (Snr) RIP

11:30 Fr James Carolin M.A. RIP
(16th anniversary, 12th September)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Edna McLoughlin RIP

Daily Mass & Prayer:

*Mass: Mon – Fri: 07:30am

*Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 9:15am

*Adoration & Benediction

Mon – Sat 9:30am

*Mass: Mon – Sat 10:00am

*Rosary: Mon – Sat 10:30am

*Confessions: Saturday, after

10:00am Mass, until 11:00am;

then in the afternoon from

5:00pm to 6:00pm, and at call,

provided that a priest is available.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday – p 126

Next Sunday – P 129

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for August 30th was

£1877.46: £1157.46 (baskets) &

£720.00 (standing orders)

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Anton François Bauskis, Raffaele Josef Constantini & Marley Ellis Francis Lindo Cumberbatch.**

We welcome back Father Deo from his summer break. And once again we express our grateful thanks to Father Denis Paul for being with us in recent weeks.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: Would those of you who take Communion to housebound parishioners kindly confirm the names of those you visit to the Parish Office, so we can update the list. Thankyou.

Mass Intentions: A few weekday Masses now remain for September.

THE PILGRIM: Please pick up your **FREE** copy of the September issue of our Southwark newspaper.

Coffee Morning: today with Allison Furtado, raising money for the 2016 Coloma School tour to South Africa, **after all morning Masses.**

“ASSISTED DYING” BILL:

This coming Friday 11th September, the House of Commons will have the second reading, debate and vote on Bob Marris MP's Bill which seeks to legalise assisted suicide. This would put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. If you have not already done so, please write urgently to your MP, asking them to vote against this bill. A suggested template letter is available in all the porches. Time is running out, as the debate approaches, to make our pro-life feelings known to our Members of Parliament, many of whom, we are told, really do take notice of the views of their constituents. Please do make your own voice heard! With this bill in mind, The Good Counsel Network, under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes, announces a National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life, to be held on Thursday 10th September 2015, which is the day before the “Assisted Dying” Bill is debated. Please see the poster in the porch, which suggests ways in which you might like to take part in this prayerful event for human life.

Next Sunday, 13th September is designated as **Racial Justice Day**. A **Second Collection** will be taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Gift Aiders, please use a spare yellow envelope from the back of your box, or pick up an envelope from the porch, marking on it your number and “Racial Justice Day”. **Please kindly use a separate envelope for each collection.**

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 3: Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Jeannette Da Silva. As you can see, this group really is in dire need of new volunteers. If you can help with this group or any other, please contact either of the clergy, or advise the Parish Office.

Please pray for Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Tony Bethune, Juliette Blake, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Liam Goddard, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Felix Isichei, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Ajitha Mahatantila, Dominic Mascarenhas, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo. Please inform us if you or anybody else you know would like to be added to the list of sick and housebound, also if they would like one of the priests to visit them.

The late Father James Carolin M.A.

Former Parish Priest of St Bartholomew's:

Those who remember Fr. Carolin, **the anniversary of whose death falls on Saturday 12th September**, may know that he is buried in Streatham Park Cemetery, Rowan Road, together with his mother Rosalie and his sister Audrey. Due to the poor state of the grave, Father Deo has decided that it should be renovated. With an approximate cost of **£4500.00**, work on the memorial is expected to be ready in time for the annual blessing of graves in November, the month of the Holy Souls. Private contributions are invited from any parishioners, former parishioners and indeed any others who might be interested. We regret that contributions cannot be gift aided for this project, as it is fundamentally a private arrangement and therefore it does not attract charitable status. Please make your **cheque** payable to: **"RICHARD BUSH – FR CAROLIN GRAVE A/C"**. Please hand your cheque to one of the clergy or to the Parish Office, or just post it through the door of the Priests' house. If you would prefer to contribute electronically, please contact the Parish Office for details. Thanks to all of those who have contributed so far. As at the time of writing, the total has reached: **£2140.00**.

BAPTISM COURSES: If you seek Baptism for your child, you will need to have attended a Baptism course within the 3 years prior to the Baptism. The proposed dates for the next course are **Wednesdays, 23rd & 30th September 2015 at 8:00pm**. You will need to attend both sessions, which are held in the room behind the Sacristy. Dates will be confirmed next weekend. Please take a Baptism Details form from the porch. Please complete the form in full, ensuring that you include the Christian (biblical) name you have chosen for your child. Please either hand your completed form to one of the priests, or drop it in to the Parish Office.

THE BUTTERFLY SERVICE:

This annual event for all those who have lost babies and young children will take place on Sunday 27th September 2015 in the St Barnabas chapel, which is in the grounds of Croydon University Hospital. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

Spare Gift Aid Envelopes: You will find some special Gift Aid envelopes in each of the porches. These are intended for Gift Aid givers only, whenever you forget your envelope, whether for the main collection or any other diocesan collection. (They are not intended for other second collections from outside the archdiocese.) Please just write your Gift Aid number on it, along with the name of any second collection if applicable. If you cannot recall your number, kindly add your name and address. Please note that all Gift Aid records are kept confidentially.

Job Opportunities: Please see the notice board.

First Holy Communion Photographs:

All orders are now ready for collection in the porch.

Foreign Coins: Please do not put these into the collection baskets or any of the donation boxes for candles etc. Our counting machine breaks down because it cannot cope with these coins. Also it causes extra delays for our money counters. **Please see below how the SVP can raise money from all your unwanted currency.....**

The SVP are happy to accept all your unwanted foreign notes and coins. Please put them in the special basket in the porch. This way, your spare holiday money can do some good. Also, if you have any obsolete and pre-decimal currency, whether British, pre-Euro or other, the SVP can still accept all of these. So, why not take a look around the house and see what you have tucked away in a drawer or perhaps see what might have fallen down the back of your sofa? **This is SVP Awareness Month.**

MAINTENANCE: Work on the paintwork and external doors across all our buildings is almost complete. The front garden has been transformed, with the paving being next to receive attention. During recent torrential rain, the Repository was flooded recently. The resulting nasty aroma has almost gone during the last few days. Please bear with us whilst this is being dealt with. Thankfully the Repository remains open, with Christmas stock now here.

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

The new rota has now been published, covering the period from 19th /20th September to 24th /25th October 2015. Please kindly arrange any changes amongst yourselves.

COFFEE MORNINGS 2016: If you would like to hold a coffee morning next year, please contact the Parish Office. Most Sundays are available, except during August. You can run one after some or all the morning Masses. If you wish to raise funds for a charity, whether as an individual, a family or a parish group, we should be happy to hear from you.

PARISH YOUTH CLUB:

Starts up again next **Friday, 11th September**. Runs from **6:30pm until 10:00pm**. The club is open to all young persons between the ages of 11 and 16. New adult helpers are urgently needed, including parents or others able to give up some time to support our youth. No experience is necessary, so do please consider putting yourself forward for this admirable vocational work. **Please contact Eddie Sanders for details on 020 8333 0690.**