

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 1st November 2015

All Saints

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 1st November

6:15 (Saturday 31st October)

Carmen Vella RIP

08:30 Andy & May Byrne RIP

10:00 Vincent Nguyen Van Thanh RIP

11:30 Ellis Foundation Mass

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 People of the parish

31st Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 2nd November

ALL SOULS –The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.

NB There is an extra Mass tonight

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Holy Souls

8:00pm – Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd November

7:30 Andrew & Ann Strain RIP

10:00 Martin Keane RIP

(Foundation Mass)

Wednesday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Mem)

7:30 Deceased members of the

Onwuekwe & Iobi families

10:00 Leigh McGurdy RIP

Thursday 5th November

7:30 Thanksgiving -

Adindu & Nwagwu families

10:00 Deceased members of the

Blaquiere family

Friday 6th November – First Friday

07:30 Carlo & Pasquale Gaudiano RIP

10:00 James McEnroe RIP

Followed by Adoration until 2:00pm

Saturday 7th November

The dedication of our Cathedral

Church of St George (Feast)

10:00 Mary Theresa

Aroganampillai RIP

Next Sunday 8th November,

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (8th November)

People of the parish

08:30 Francis Butler RIP

10:00 Rita Chapman RIP

11:30 Those who have died in wars

(Plainchant choir singing)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Peter O'Hara RIP

Daily Mass & Prayer:

***Mass: Mon – Fri: 7:30am**

***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. 186

Next Sunday – P. 154

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for 25th October came to **£2280.83**: - £1560.83 (baskets) & £720.00 (standing orders).

LIFE thank you for raising the sum of **£126.00**, which has now been sent off to LIFE HQ. Many thanks to you all.

COFFEE MORNING: None this weekend

The Confirmation Candidates would like to say a **Big Thank You** to all the Parishioners who supported them in their appeal for Croydon Nightwatch. It was an amazing effort, which will help to feed and keep warm many homeless people this winter.

Next Sunday the Confirmation Group continue their journey with a Coffee Morning after all morning masses.

Next Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday**, and the 11:30 Mass will be attended by our uniformed groups.

Please look out for special arrangements in the church.

The singing will be led by the Plainchant choir.

John Byrne will once again be representing the parish, laying a wreath at the annual civic service of Remembrance on Streatham Common, at 10:30am. All are welcome to attend.

Also next Sunday, there will be a **second collection** for the **Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Administration**, which helps to meet the costs of the central administration of the diocese. Gift Aiders, please use the special envelope in your boxes. Spare envelopes are available. Please remember that standing orders do not cover special collections.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES:

Also next Sunday, at **3:00pm sharp**, the annual blessing of graves will take place at Streatham Park Cemetery, Rowan Road. There will be a short service of readings, hymns and psalms, after which there will be priests available to bless individual graves. It is very much hoped that Father Carolin's new memorial will be in place by that day. Please note that the **cemetery closes at 4:00pm**, and darkness falls quickly. Do bring an umbrella and appropriate footwear. Please be aware that moving around the cemetery quickly is not easy, and that our priests will have to get back to say Masses afterwards.

This Monday is Holy Souls day.

There will be an extra Mass at 8:00pm. All Masses on All Souls Day will be said for the souls of all the Faithful Departed.

Throughout the month of **November**, which is dedicated to the **Holy Souls**, our **Book of Remembrance** will be placed **beneath the main altar**.

You are invited to write therein the names of any of the faithful departed for whom you wish to be prayed.

BAPTISM COURSES: *The next course is on Wednesdays 18th & 25th November at 8:00pm.*

You should attend both sessions.

If you seek Baptism for your child, you will need to have attended a Baptism course within 3 years prior to this event. Please take a Baptism Details form from the porch, read the form carefully and complete in full. **Please ensure that you include the Christian (biblical/saint's) name you have chosen for your child.**

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
David Patmore, husband of the late Mary Patmore of our UCM, who died on 23rd October. His funeral service will be held at Streatham Park Crematorium, Rowan Road on Thursday 5th November at 11:30am.

Maureen Newman, mother of Maria Ippoliti, died on 25th October. Happily, she lived to see Maria and Michael Ippoliti get married just a few weeks ago.

Stephen Mulvey, of Northborough Road, died on 23rd October. His Requiem Mass will take place here on 12th November at 10:00am.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Tony Bethune, Juliette Blake, Roy Booth, Rachel Gadd, Liam Goddard, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Felix Isichei, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Ajitha Mahatantila, Dominic Mascarenhas, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Peter Ranawake, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Gift Aiders: Please be so kind as not to mix first and second collections in the same envelope. This can cause issues with the recording of each collection, for which a special new diocesan computer programme is now used.

Spare Gift Aid Envelopes: Please note that these are **not** for non-diocesan collections where a special envelope is provided: i.e. - CAFOD; ACN; MISSIO etc.

The SVP are happy to accept **all your unwanted current and old foreign, pre-Euro and old British notes and coins.** Please put them in the **special basket in the porch.**

Open Days and Admissions to our Catholic Schools.

Please see all the notice boards in the main porch.

Employment Opportunities in our Catholic Schools:

There are a number of positions currently available. These are all on the noticeboard nearest to the repository, and contain all essential information, including closing dates.

THE REPOSITORY: In addition to our vast Christmas stock, we also have many items suitable for **Confirmation**. Bearing in mind our forthcoming Confirmations, (see below) now would be a good time to make your selection before stock runs out. There are many other things available. Come and see!

CONFIRMATION 2015 - IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday 7th November – 3rd Session – 10:00am;
Sunday 8th November – Coffee Morning after all Masses;
Wednesday 11th November – Rehearsal – 7:30pm;
(NB: Altar servers' Practice at 6:30pm)
Saturday 14th November – Mass, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation - 10:00am.
Sunday 15th November – **CONFIRMATION 12:00pm.**

COFFEE MORNINGS 2016: If you would like to hold a coffee morning next year, please contact the Parish Office.

MAINTENANCE: The garden has been developed further, and really looks a treat! Also, you may notice that all the carpets in the church, the repository and Reconciliation room have all been cleaned in the past week. It has made quite a difference. There is a slight residual aroma, which should soon subside.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: The Annual day of recollection will take place on Saturday November 14th 2015, at BTG School, commencing at 10:30, and ending with Mass at 3:00pm, celebrated by Bishop Patrick Lynch ss.cc. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend this event.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Dear parishioners,

I wanted to bring to your attention the importance of safeguarding being our collective responsibility. It is imperative as a community we do not perceive safeguarding to be solely a matter that is the business of the police or social services. All of us have a role to play in the protection of children and vulnerable adults, specifically within our church and more widely in the community. It is through our collective diligence and being actively curious about these matters, that any concerns raised, can be dealt with robustly.

The expectation of the diocese is for parents to ensure they are monitoring and supervising their children at all times. Children should never be left unsupervised in any areas of the church. Carers of vulnerable adults will also need to ensure that adequate supports are put in place. My intention in raising this issue is not to cause fear or anxiety, but is rather a reminder of the importance for us all to take on the responsibility of safeguarding within our community. We must all take this matter very seriously.

I would ask that if at any time anyone has any concerns, however small they may seem, please do not hesitate to contact me. This will enable us to have a conversation so that a decision can be made with regard to an appropriate response, ensuring that matters do not drift. You are also within your rights to contact the police or social services in addition to speaking with me directly, if you so wish. I am more than happy to support anyone who may wish to contact statutory services. I have worked for thirteen years within a statutory context, (Children's Services and the NHS) managing child protection matters. I am a qualified social worker and systemic psychotherapist.

If you wish to contact me, please call or text me on 07849 108715, and I shall respond to any query you may have.

Nana Bonsu-Amako

NOTICES FOR ALTAR SERVERS:

Practice for the Confirmation Mass will be held on **Wednesday 11th November at 6:30pm**, immediately before the Confirmation candidates themselves hold their own practice (7:30pm).

Please would those servers wishing to serve kindly add their names to the special list in the sacristy.

Guild of St Stephen Mass will be on **Saturday 9th January 2016 at 10:00am**, followed by refreshments in the hall.

New Altar Server Training resumes on **Sundays 17th & 24th January 2016 at 6:00pm**. If you have not yet filled out an application form, please see one of the priests. Prospective new servers must have made their First Holy Communion, and will need to attend **BOTH** sessions.

The Family Choir: We today thank those Family Choir members who have continued their loyal contribution to the liturgy at St. Bart's since last Easter. It is disappointing that so few parishioners were prepared to continue to lead the singing of contemporary liturgical music. The Family Choir will now take a break. Both Tony, our Director of Music and the Parish remain committed to encouraging a choir for children and adults to sing at the 10:00am Sunday Mass. We hope and pray for a fresh start after Easter, in time for the First Holy Communion Masses, at which the Family Choir has always played such an integral and important role. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter nearer the time. In the meantime, Louis Pearson (the Family Choir's organist) will lead hymns at the 10:00am Mass on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month, and we thank him for his commitment.

St James the Great Firework Display will take place on **Friday November 6th**. This is an important fundraising event for the school. Please see posters for full details.