St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 8th November 2015 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Remembrance Sunday** **(Year B)**

Mass Times and Intentions:
Sunday 8th November
6:15 (Saturday 7tht November)
People of the parish
08:30 Francis Butler RIP
10:00 Rita Chapman RIP
11:30 All those who have died in wars.
(Our uniformed groups will be present)
(Plainchant choir singing)
4:00 Benediction
5:00 Peter O'Hara RIP

32nd Week in Ordinary Time:
Monday 9th November
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)
07:30 Margaret Smith RIP
10:00 Donald Woodruff RIP

Tuesday 10th November
St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family
10:00 Antoine Shun RIP
Wednesday 11th November
St Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial)
7:30 Christine Strain RIP
10:00 Welfare of Mary Kenny
Thursday 12th November
St Josephat, Bishop & Martyr, (Memorial)
7:30 Holy Souls
10:00 Requiem for Stephen Mulvey
Friday 13th November
07:30 Loretto Hogg RIP
10:00 Lily Burns RIP
Saturday 14th November
Our Lady
10:00 Anthony & Yvette Vaz
54th Wedding Anniversary

Next Sunday 15th November,
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:15 (14th November)
David Davies RIP
08:30 Deceased members of the Rebello & Lawrence families
10:00 People of the parish
12:00 CONFIRMATION
4:00 Benediction
5:00 Albert Rego 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. 154
Next Sunday – P. 157

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for 1st November came to **£2271.66: -** £1551.66 (baskets) & £720.00 (standing orders).

Today 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. Do join in with the singing, and feel free to do so from the gallery if you would like to help lead the congregation.
John Byrne will be representing the parish, laying a wreath at the annual civic service of Remembrance on Streatham Common, at 10:30am.

Also today, 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 be aware that standing orders do not cover second collections.

COFFEE MORNING:
Today with the Confirmation Group after ALL morning Masses. They are raising funds for Sowodadezm Senior High School Education
Jomoro District in Ghana.

IMPORTANT NOTE: NEXT SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, OUR CONFIRMATION MASS WILL BE AT 12:00 Noon.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES:
This afternoon at **3:00pm sharp**, at Streatham Park Cemetery, Rowan Road. From the car park, go past the office, beside the crematorium, and proceed along the main road, turning left at the end. We gather by the new tombs. There will be a short service of readings, hymns and psalms, after which the priests will be available to bless individual graves. Father Carolin's new memorial is now in place, and will be formally inaugurated today. Please note that the **cemetery closes at 4:00pm,** and darkness falls quickly. Please be aware of traffic. Do bring an umbrella and appropriate footwear. Please remember that our priests will have to get back to say Masses afterwards.

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 prayers to be said.

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. This may be returned to the parish office.

In the coming week:
Monday 9th November – the UCM meet in the upper hall, **2pm – 4pm**.

Friday 13th November – Over 55's meet in the upper hall, **2pm – 4pm**.
A talk on the locality in wartime will be given by Richard Bush and Andrew McMillan. Please bring items for "Bring & Buy"

Church Cleaning: Group 6 this week:
Juliette Blake, Islay Cowlin, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Shirley Osei-Owusu. Please let the parish office know if you are willing to join one of our cleaning teams, some of which need new members**. (Apologies for omitting Group 5 last week!)**

Recently Deceased:

Last weekend, we reported the death of Maureen Newman. The entry should have read as the ***Grandmother*** of Maria Ippoliti. Apologies to Maria and her mother.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:
Jessica Anane, Tony Bethune, Juliette Blake, Roy Booth, Rachel Gadd, Liam Goddard, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Patsy Hopkins, 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.

THE REPOSITORY: In addition to our vast Christmas stock, we also have many items suitable for **Confirmation**. Bearing in mind our forthcoming Confirmations, now would be a good time to make your selection before stock runs out. We have a great deal of stock available for all occasions.

CONFIRMATION 2015 - IMPORTANT DATES:
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.
Saturday 25th November – "Now & Forever" – 7:30pm.
***(Please note change of date from 18th November*)**

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.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The Annual day of recollection will take place on Saturday November 14th 2015, at BTG School. You are welcome to attend, and you may register there at 10:30am

The Children's Liturgy Group are seeking budding actors (Nursery to Year 2) for their Nativity Play, which will take place during the Christmas Eve 6:15 Mass. Rehearsal essential. Please contact Marion on 020 8761 3895 or (mh.brown@virgin.net) by 6th December 2015.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES FOR 2016:
Dates have now been allocated for each family. The lists are available in the main porch. Would parents kindly check that a) names are correct and b) dates are suitable. Should any changes be required, please contact one of the First Communion Team as soon as possible.

The Family Choir is now taking a break. 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 any 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.

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 **this coming Wednesday 11th November at 6:30pm**, immediately before the Confirmation candidates t 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.

St James the Great School Christmas Fayre:
This takes place on **Sunday 6th December**. This is an important fundraising event for the school. You may hire tables to sell goods, sponsor a stall or advertise in the programme. Please see the Notice board for details. All parishioners are welcome to take part.

Father Carolin's Grave:
We are delighted to announce that the new memorial for the Carolins is now in place in Streatham Park Cemetery. Grateful thanks are due to all who have so far contributed **£3855.00** towards the total cost of **£4500.00.** It is abundantly clear from your response that Fr Carolin was indeed greatly loved and held in the highest esteem for the enormous contribution he made to St Bartholomew's. Should you wish to contribute, kindly send a cheque payable to: **"Richard Bush – Fr Carolin Grave A/c"** and hand it in to the parish office or to Fr Deo or Fr Paul.