

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 6th December 2015

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 6th December

Second Sunday in Advent

6:15 (Saturday 5th December)

Len Phillips RIP

08:30 Antoine Chung Ming Kan RIP

10:00 Stella Chok Wing RIP

11:30 Maureen Newman RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 SVP Intention

Second Week in Advent:

Monday 7th December

*St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church (Memorial)*

07:30 Ellis Foundation Mass

10:00 Stella Chok Wing RIP

Tuesday 8th December

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

(Solemnity)

7:30 Welfare of Elizabeth

& Ned Moloney

10:00 Cyril Joseph Gomez RIP

and deceased relatives

Wednesday 9th December

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

10:00 Mervyn Dessa RIP (birthday)

Thursday 10th December

7:30 Welfare of Rita & Liam Sheridan

10:00 Requiem Mass for Idy Rastrick

Friday 11th December

07:30 Antonio Procaccino RIP

10:00 Antoine Shun RIP

Saturday 12th December

Our Lady

10:00 Robert & Ellen Foster RIP

Next Sunday 13th December,

Third Sunday in Advent

6:15 (5th December)

Janet Adindu RIP

08:30 Ian Dallas RIP

10:00 John & Nan Delaney & family

RIP & Patrick Connors RIP

11:30 Mick & Matt Donohoe RIP

4:00 Benediction

5:00 People of the parish

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. 84

Next Sunday – P. 87

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for last weekend,
29th November came to **£2076.16:**
(£1356.16 in baskets and £720.00 in
standing orders).

The Polyphony choir thank you for
your support in raising **£110.00** at
their coffee morning last week.

The UCM thank all those who
supported their Coffee Morning on
22nd November, which raised **£167.24.**

COFFEE MORNING TODAY:

With the **LIFE GROUP** after the
10:00 & 11:30 Masses. There will be
a sale of knitted goods. Proceeds will
go to Zoe's Hospice. Please see:
www.zoes-place.org.uk

Next Sunday's Coffee Morning will
be with Louise Fernandes after **all**
morning Masses. There will be bacon
rolls, croissants, pastries and cakes to
enjoy, so please be hungry! Louis is
raising funds for her World Challenge
visit to Morocco next summer, where
she will both learn about the culture
and engage with the community,
including contributing to that
community by teaching English.

In the coming week:

Friday 11th –

The Over 55's meet in the upper hall
from 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Next weekend the Knights of St
Columba** will be distributing their
annual **Christmas Posters.** Please
take one home to place in a window.
You are invited to make a donation to
the **Seminary Fund,** which helps to
pay for the training of new clergy.

BAPTISM COURSES: *The next
course will be in January 2016.*

Please look out for details

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.
Proof of Baptism of at least one
parent is required, and at least one of
the Godparents must be Catholic.

THE REPOSITORY: We have an
extensive Christmas stock.

Please make your selection before
stock runs out. We have a great deal
of items available for all occasions.

CTS: Booklets for **Advent** and
Christmas are now in the rack in the
porch. Also, with the **Year of Mercy**
soon to commence, there are also
booklets to accompany you through
this special year, shortly to be
inaugurated by Pope Francis.

Church Cleaning: Group 4 this week:
Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Sharon
Leonidas, Juliet Mensah, Renata Serrao,
Sophia Smith.

Please let the parish office know if
you are willing to join one of our
cleaning teams, which all need new
members.

**Readers & Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion:**

**Based on responses received, the
next rota has now been published,
covering the period 12th/13th
December 2015 to 16th/17th January
2016. Kindly arrange any swaps
amongst yourselves. Please advise
us of your Christmas Eve and
Christmas day availability ASAP.**

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Tony Bethune, Juliette Blake, Raffaella Forte; Rachel Gadd, Liam Goddard, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Patsy Hopkins, Felix Isichei, Linda Lovel, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Ajitha Mahatantila, Dominic Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Peter Ranawake, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

The Children’s Liturgy Group are seeking budding actors (School Nursery to Year 2) for their Nativity Play taking place during the Christmas Eve 6:15pm Mass. Older siblings are welcome to join us in singing carols then too. **Rehearsal:** 23rd December at 4pm. To sign up, please contact Marion on 020 8761 3895 or (mh.brown@virgin.net). Alternatively, talk to one of the group members at school [e.g. Giovanna (07799545109) at St Andrew’s school or Teresa (020 8765 0126) at St James the Great School]. **Deadline: 13th 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. **Please note that any changes made will NOT appear on the lists in the porch**

A NOTE REGARDING PARISH SAFEGUARDING:

You will find in each of the porch areas a notice which gives contact details of Nana Bonsu-Amako, our Safeguarding Officer. Please address any questions or concerns on safeguarding issues directly to Nana, in confidence.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS WORLD GIFTS:

Please pick up a catalogue which will provide you with an excellent opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in need, in the true spirit of Christmas. Instead of, or as well as giving a present to somebody, you in fact give a gift to others on behalf of that person. Please take a catalogue and see how you can help others this Christmas, remembering the words of Our Lord, that if we do good to the least of our brethren, we do it to Him.

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. See our Facebook page or contact Miles on **07790 441242.**

SPUC are running a **petition** to the Home Secretary to appeal against her plans to establish buffers zones around abortion clinics. **You will find this petition in the porch.** We hope that as many of you as possible will sign this as part of the great struggle to protect vulnerable unborn human lives.

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES AND SERVICES 2015:

Our Christmas Greetings card will be distributed next weekend. To give you advance warning, There will be a Day of Penance on Wednesday 16th December, with Confessions from 10:30am until 8:00pm. We shall have Midnight Mass on New Year’s Eve, then a Mass at 12:00 Noon on New Year’s Day, and not the usual 7:30am and 10:00am.

NOTICES FOR ALTAR SERVERS:

PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

Practices for both Christmas Eve Masses

will take place on Sunday 20th December:

1/ Practice for the 6:15 Mass at 6:00pm;

2/ Practice for Midnight Mass at 6:30pm.

Please add your names to the list which is on one of the doors in the Sacristy.

The Guild of St Stephen Mass will take place on **Saturday 9th January 2016 at 10:00am.** Refreshments in the hall will follow.

New Altar Server Training: This 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 to collect one.

Prospective new servers must have made their First Holy Communion, and it is essential that they attend BOTH sessions.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & READINGS:

The Polyphony Choir and the Brass Quintet of St Bartholomew’s Orchestra will be performing at this annual Christmas Celebration here on **Sunday 20th December 2015 at 2:30pm.** Tickets **£2:00** from the repository or on the door. There will be a **retiring collection on behalf of the SVP.** Tickets include a reception in the hall, with **mince pies and mulled wine.** Full details are on posters in all porch areas

MUSIC: St Bartholomew’s Orchestra will be playing a concert at **Virgo Fidelis Church** today, **6th December at 7:30pm.** Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

The Friends’ Association of St. James the Great School
Christmas Fayre

This weekend - SUNDAY 6th December – 11.00 - 3.00 pm

All parishioners are welcome

A PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER REGARDING THE JUBILEE OF MERCY:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Tuesday the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “I am the Immaculate Conception” is how Our Lady described herself to Saint Bernadette she appeared to her in Lourdes. It is a great joy and blessing that Our Lady the Immaculate Conception is the principal patron of the Archdiocese of Southwark.

This year the Solemnity will also mark, as I mentioned in my letter to you last week, the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The Holy Father will open the Holy Door at St Peter’s Basilica, and it “will become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope.” Next weekend in Cathedrals round the world, including our Cathedral of St George in Southwark, similar Doors of Mercy will be opened. We are invited during this Jubilee to make a pilgrimage in order to pass through a Door of Mercy; a journey of faith and reconciliation, with God and one another.

The wonder of God’s mercy should also be an inspiration to us: as we are grateful for the opportunity to receive His gift of mercy, so should we be lavish in being merciful, especially through reflecting on and practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

May this Extraordinary Jubilee be a time of blessing for you all,

+Peter, Archbishop of Southwark

Given at Southwark 30th November, 2015, Feast of Saint Andrew.