

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(Year C)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

6:15 (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February)

Katherine Joseph RIP

08:30 People of the parish

10:00 John Buckley RIP

11:30 Sheila Donohoe RIP

**First Scrutiny for our Elect**

*(Hymn Choir singing)*

**4:00 Stations of the Cross**

5:00 Denis & Sheila O'Donoghue RIP

## Third Week of Lent:

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February

07:30 Welfare of the Ryan family

10:00 Welfare of Mary Fox

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

*Saint David, Bishop,*

*Patron of Wales (Feast)*

7:30 Thanksgiving – Helen Maduka

10:00 Welfare of Breda O'Donoghue

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

07:30 Welfare of Elizabeth Maduka

10:00 Holy Souls

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

7:30 Peter Marshall RIP

10:00 Welfare of Sylvester Onwuekwe  
and Nkem Dilim

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

#### FIRST FRIDAY

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 The priests of the

Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**until Benediction at 2pm.**

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

10:00 Welfare of Elizabeth Maduka

### Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### LAETARE SUNDAY

6:15 (5<sup>th</sup> March)

Marie Therese Auguste RIP  
and Monique Jacques RIP

08:30 Madeline Forkan RIP

**Second Scrutiny for our Elect**

10:00 Mimma Di Giacomo RIP

11:30

*(Polyphony Choir singing)*

**4:00 Stations of the Cross**

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.**

## Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for last weekend,

**21<sup>st</sup> February came to £1927.35:**

(£1207.35 in the collection baskets plus £720.00 in standing orders).

**You also gave the terrific sum of**

**£2500.00 to CAFOD for the Lenten**

**Fast Day. May God bless you for your**

**generosity!** Together with Gift Aid and Government funding, which depends on the amount raised nationally, this figure should hopefully be at least doubled!

**The Furtado Twins** thank you for helping them raise **£291.00** at their coffee morning last Sunday! The money raised will be split between **CAFOD** and **SHELTER**.

## Readings in Parish Mass Book:

**This Sunday – P. 160**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny at 11:30 Mass – P.163**

**Next Sunday – P. 168.**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny at 8:30 Mass – P. 172)**

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Adam & Alex Uygan**, Baptised here last Sunday.

**Coffee Morning:** today with **LIFE** in aid of Zoe's Place Children's Hospice after 10am and 11.30am Masses: [www.zoes-place.org.uk](http://www.zoes-place.org.uk)

## The Three Scrutinies

Commencing today at the 11:30 Mass, (and at a different Mass on each of the following two weeks) our RCIA candidates, now known as the Elect, following the Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral, will take part in the **Three Scrutinies** as part of their journey in the Catholic faith, which will come to its fulfilment at the Easter Vigil this year. Today the **First Scrutiny** takes place. Please pray for our three Elect: Lord Fiifi Boadi, Ellen & Prince Gyamera.

## The Jubilee Year of Mercy

We have obtained a number of copies of Pope Francis' special prayer for this year which continues up until November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016. These will be available in the porch. We reproduce this prayer below and wholeheartedly recommend it to you as part of your daily prayers during this jubilee year:

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.**

**Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.**

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

## In the coming week:

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> –**

**First Holy Communion Programme:**

**Session No: 6 for the children, entitled "The Word of the Lord".**

**Please ensure all candidates are ready for a 10:00 prompt start in the Upper Hall.**

## Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Rev David Coram,  
Raffaella Forte, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris,  
Agnes Healy, Patsy Hopkins, Felix Isichei, Linda Lovel,  
Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh,  
Jose Mcmillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Dominic Mascarenhas,  
Charmaine Meli, Edgar Ming, Breda O'Donoghue (Fox),

Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose,  
Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White,  
Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo; Ian and Nazim.

### 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, all of which are very much in  
need new members.

### Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

**Communion:** The next main rota will be published in the  
coming week. Meanwhile, please advise the Parish Office  
of your availability for Palm Sunday and the Easter  
Triduum, (Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday). **Time is  
running out. Please help us to avoid a last minute rush!**

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

*The next course will take place in March 2016*  
*The dates are Wednesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.*  
Further courses are planned for May and July 2016.  
Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

**The Repository:** There is a wide range of greetings cards,  
Mass cards, Mass books and devotional items available. Don't  
forget that St Patrick's Day and Mothers' Day are coming,  
closely followed by Easter.

**CTS:** Lenten booklets are now available, the Large Print  
Stations of the Cross by St Alphonsus.

### The Church Hall - Advance notice:

**The hall will be out of bounds to all users on the  
following two dates as it will be a polling station:**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – London Mayoral Election;**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – E.U. Referendum.**

### An appeal to all Altar Servers:

We would really like to find some new / existing Altar Servers  
who would be willing to serve regularly at either the **8.30am** or  
**11.30am** Sunday Masses. Both of these Masses could do with a  
few more Servers. Please speak to Fr Deo, Fr Paul, Jed or Ged.  
Additionally, a gentle reminder to all Servers: **please ensure that  
you arrive for Mass 15-20mins before Mass starts.** This is to  
ensure that there is enough time to get changed and to help  
prepare the Altar and the Sanctuary before Mass begins. We've  
seen an increase in 'lastminute.com' arrivals in the last few weeks!

## CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Good Friday, some of our young people take part  
in the Stations of the Cross. We are now seeking  
volunteers to help us re-live this important  
remembrance of the Passion and death of Our Lord. It  
will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 12 Noon.  
We need children to carry banners, to read for stations  
or perform a role. Those from Nursery to Secondary  
School age are invited to take part, with parental  
permission. Please contact Linda (07770 623230) or  
email Marion on: [mh.brown@virgin.net](mailto:mh.brown@virgin.net)  
The deadline for volunteers will be 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016.  
(NB There will be a rehearsal in the church on Maundy  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.)



### Employment Opportunities and Volunteering within

**the Catholic sphere:** Please keep an eye on the  
noticeboard in the porch nearest to the repository:  
**St John Fisher, Purley,** are seeking **Public Examination  
Invigilators** for both internal and external examinations.

### St Bart's Youth Club Grand National Draw:

This important annual fundraiser to support our Youth Club  
takes place in the hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Please  
consider helping this worthy parish cause by backing a  
horse. Application forms are in the porch and Parish Office.

### SAINSBURY ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

Once again, our Scouts, Cubs, Explorers and Beavers will be  
collecting these vouchers to put towards equipment which they  
need. A box will be available in the porch. Where possible, please  
secure any bundles with rubber bands or clips etc. Last year  
enough vouchers were collected to get several tents. If you are  
asked by the cashier whether or not you want vouchers, please say  
"YES", and then kindly donate them to help these uniformed  
groups, especially if you are not saving them for your school.

**Waste Paper bins:** Please note these are for paper etc and  
should not be used for anything organic.

**Lost Property:** Please check for anything belonging to you on  
the left hand shelf in the main porch.

### Helping you through Lent:

As an aid to your Lenten devotions, Teresa Keogh of the  
Southwark Diocesan Stewardship Team has prepared a Lenten  
Reflection on a Stewardship theme for each day of Lent and  
Holy Week, which you can receive by email each day. To sign  
up please go to: <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P>

**A Day with Mary:** The next local event will take place on  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at St Boniface, Tooting. For full  
details, please see the poster in the porch.