

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 29th May 2016

CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 29th May – Corpus Christi

6.15pm (Saturday 28th May)

Christopher Joseph RIP

8.30am Josephine Taylor – 80th Birthday

10.00am Phyllis Gomez RIP

12 Noon First Holy Communion

“Going Forth Mass”

Norma, Tommy & John Glancy RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm People of the parish

Ninth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 30th May (Bank Holiday)

7.30am Sursattie Agnes Bethune RIP

10.00am May & Martin Lavan RIP

Tuesday 31st May – Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30am Hernon Family, living and dead
(Foundation Mass)

10.00am Welfare of Alan Blaquiére

Wednesday 1st June

St Justin, Martyr (Memorial)

7.30am Chris Czarniecki RIP

(Foundation Mass)

10.00am Welfare of Olivia Mullaney

Thursday 2nd June

7.30am Margaret Tobin RIP

10.00am Welfare of Liam & Rita Sheridan

Friday 3rd June – Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Friday (Parish Mass Book Page 87)

7.30am François Alexis RIP

10.00am James Forkin RIP

Adoration until Benediction at 2pm.

Saturday 4th June – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

10.00am Michele O'Brien RIP

Next Sunday 5th June – 10th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 4th June)

Welfare of Maureen Nawrat

8.30am Christine Clark RIP

10.00am Danny Friel RIP

11.30am The Pope and the Church (SVP)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm 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.

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday – P. 83

Next Friday – P. 87 Next Sunday – P. 93

Thank you for your generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£1928.14**
(£1316.14 baskets; £612.00 Standing orders)

Next weekend, we shall be holding a **Special second Collection** to promote humanitarian support in the **Ukraine**, as requested by the **Holy Father** himself. This will NOT involve Gift Aid, being effectively for an organisation outside the Archdiocese. Please support this special initiative of Pope Francis.

“MONEY SUNDAY”

Between this weekend and next, Mr Gerard Fergal Keane will speak to you all briefly about the Gift Aid scheme. After Mass, please go to the little room behind Our Lady's Altar in order to collect your new boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes and End of Year Letters. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme and/or sign a Standing Order Form to make payments direct from your bank account, please see the Gift Aid Organisers.

IMPORTANT GIFT AID INFORMATION:

Would all Gift Aiders, whether existing or new, please be aware that there have recently been significant changes to the tax system. Gift Aiders should therefore review very carefully whether or not they will be paying sufficient tax in 2016-17 in order to cover the gift aid that St Bartholomew's will claim back on their donations.

The major points that may take people out of paying sufficient tax are:

a) The first £1,000 of investment income is tax free from 2016.

b) The first £5,000 of Dividend Income is tax free.

c) Tax free personal allowance is up to £11,000 from April 2016, rising to £12,500 in future.

d) Higher Rate tax threshold rises to £43,000 from April 2016

It will be appreciated that many of our gift aid donors who rely on pensions and savings will be falling out of income tax completely (e.g. you would need to have bank savings and shares worth something over £100,000 to use up the two new tax-free allowances on interest and dividends) and many others too will no longer be paying tax. Clearly, those Gift Aiders who are affected by these changes should advise the Parish Office if they will need to leave the Gift Aid scheme.

We should like to remind Gift Aiders that all personal Gift Aid information is treated in the strictest confidence by the Gift Aid organisers, the Diocesan Gift Aid team and the Parish Office.



First Holy Communion

We pray for all our First Holy Communion children, as they gather together for their “Going Forth” Mass at 12.00 Noon today.

May they all continue to receive Our Blessed Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the rest of their lives.

We also pray for their parents and catechists and all who have supported them throughout the First Holy Communion programme.



In the coming week:-

Monday 30th May – Bank Holiday
(Parish Office Closed)

Monday 30th May – Fr Paul leaves for his summer break back home in Ghana. We wish him a safe journey and a happy and refreshing time away.

Next Sunday: Coffee Morning with LIFE after the 10am and 11.30am Masses. Knitted items for babies will be on sale. Proceeds to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice: www.zoes-place.org.uk;

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Frances Caulfield, Raffaella Forte, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Joan Huie, Felix Isichei, Linda Lovel, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose Mcmillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Charmaine Meli, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Pietro Mobile, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Mrs Bobby Thain, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Church Cleaning: Group 5 this week:

Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Emma Morrone, Livia Pappano, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli.

We need new volunteers. Can you help? Please let us know.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES: For those signed up, *The next course is on Saturdays July 23rd & July 30th at 3pm*

Please see the newsletter for details of future courses.

The Church Hall - Advance notice:

The hall will be closed to all users as follows:

2/ Monday – Wednesday 6th – 8th June - BTG Admissions Appeals

3/ Thursday 23rd June – E.U. Referendum.

4/ Monday 25th July – Friday 2nd September – Proposed dates for Hall Refurbishment, to be confirmed.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD:

Please watch out for details of our own response to Pope Francis' plea for this event to take place in every parish during the Year of Mercy. In any event, this will require round-the-clock presence of parishioners, in particular during periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St George's Cathedral:

This is scheduled to take place on Saturday 10th September 2016.

Details of this Year of Mercy event will be released in due course.

We plan to hire a coach in order to get everybody there and back.

Please mark this date in your diaries.

*****FORTHCOMING DIACONAL ORDINATION*****

God willing, The Most Reverend Archbishop Peter Smith will be ordaining to the Permanent Diaconate:-

Ged Perkins, Robert Smith and Piotr Ziezio

on Friday 17th June 2016 at 6:30pm at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Amigo Hall. Your prayers for all three candidates, as well as your presence, are kindly requested.

If you would like to attend, please add your names, contact details and the numbers attending, to the sheet that is on the right hand windowsill in the porch, closest to the Repository. This information will enable us to let the diocese know the estimated numbers for catering purposes. We are also planning to hire a coach so that as many parishioners as possible can travel together.

CTS – Please do take a look at the CTS rack outside the Repository. There is a large selection of booklets on many aspects of our Catholic faith, the Year of Mercy, the Sacraments etc. All booklets are small enough to slip in your pocket or handbag as appropriate, so that they can always be available to you when you stop to dip into them.

The Knights of St Columba invite you to attend their Pilgrimage to Aylesford on Sunday 12th June 2016. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

Lost Property: Please check to see if anything is yours. Items will have to be disposed of if not collected by the end of the month.

Bright Lights Catholic Festival for Young Adults – 17th – 19th June 2016: This festival celebrates 20 years this year. If you are aged between 16 and 30, Please take a postcard. Full details may be found on their web site: www.brightlights.org.uk.

First Communion Photographs:

These are now available in an album in the porch. Please place your orders and John Taylor will print them accordingly.

Employment Opportunities in our Catholic Schools:

Please see Notice board nearest to the Repository for more information: St James the Great, Thornton Heath, are looking to employ a Key Stage 1 Class Teacher (some experience of phonics an advantage).

St James the Great also seek a Clerk to the Governors.

John Fisher, Purley, want to take on a Cover Supervisor.

Laleham Lea, Purley, need a Full Time Teacher.

Laleham Lea are also looking to take on a School Business Manager.

St Joseph's, Crown Dale are seeking a Foundation Governor.

St Philomena's, Carshalton, need a Teacher of Religious Education (Maternity Cover – One Year Temporary).

There are also various School Open Days advertised in the porch.

Mass Intentions: Please be aware that the 6.15pm on Saturdays is already booked well into July 2016, with other Mass times fast filling up. You will also notice that there is usually one Mass each weekend for the intention of all parishioners. Please use the special envelopes as and when you need them. Either Fr Deo or Fr Paul will be happy to sign a Mass card, should this be required. We keep a small stock of Mass cards in the presbytery.

The Sainsbury's Vouchers offer has now expired. Sincere thanks from the Scout group go to all who handed in their vouchers to help them get equipment.

Director of Music Tony Price writes:

Choir members needed + a new choir for young people.

I intend holding a Parish "Come and Sing" event on **Saturday 25th June 2016**, in order to encourage new singers to join the Hymn, Plainchant and Polyphony Choirs. Therefore, during all Masses on **3rd/4th June 2016**, I shall be offering a few brief words of encouragement to parishioners to involve themselves in that event, which itself will be supported on the day by those already involved in the singing at St. Bart's. I'd very much like to include mention of the possibility of the formation of a new Choir for Young People in my appeal, but before that is possible, a leader is needed.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in forming a choir in our parish for younger people (that is from First Communion to Confirmation), then please do call Tony Price (020 8647 4435) or have a word with Father Deo, with absolutely no obligation. So far it has proved impossible to find someone with the appropriate skills, who would be prepared to offer the necessary commitment (two Tuesday evenings 6.30 - 7.30pm, the 11.30am Masses on the second and third Sunday each month and the Christmas Eve Mass). Whilst there hasn't been a call from parishioners for the Family Choir to be re-formed, it would be really great to be able to offer an opportunity to our younger parishioners to become involved in the music in our parish liturgies after their First Holy Communion and as they then move towards Confirmation, growing in knowledge and love of our Catholic Faith.

Over to you!

Uncollected Confirmation Photographs:

Would the following families kindly collect the photographs which they ordered, and which are still awaiting collection in the porch:

Elworthy, Ogecin & O'Shaughnessy.

Can you help prisoners & their families?

You are invited to come & see the opportunities for you to volunteer to help those in prison, prisoner's families, and ex-offenders. The Catholic prison charity Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) works in several prisons across London and relies heavily on volunteers to help those in need.

Saturday 11th June. Drop in any time between 9.30am – 1.00pm at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

Details from: Thomas.Brindle@prisonadvice.org.uk;

The Passage are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in our kitchen during our breakfast and lunch services for homeless people. Duties will include serving food and drink, helping to prepare food, tidying and washing up. We are looking for a regular weekly commitment. If you are interested please get in touch by emailing volunteering@passage.org.uk or by telephoning 0207 592 1863. Full details for these and other roles can be found on our website www.passage.org.uk/volunteering.