

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 14th August 2016

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 14th August –

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6.15pm (Saturday 13th August)

Tom Houlihan RIP

8.30am For all sick and housebound

10.00am Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP

11.30am Carmelo Cordina RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm People of the parish

Twentieth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 15th August

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Amelia Yoo Foo RIP

Tuesday 16th August

7.30am Welfare of all members of

the Cortes Rodrigues family

10.00am Saaraa Bacchus (birthday)

Wednesday 17th August

7.30am Deceased members of

the Cortes Rodrigues family

10am Elizabeth Dawtry RIP

Thursday 18th August

7.30am In thanksgiving to God (Angela)

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Friday 19th August

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am With grateful thanks for the

intercession of St Bernard (Angela)

Saturday 20th August - St Bernard,

Abbot & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10.00am Rita Chapman RIP

Next Sunday 21st August

21st Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 20th August)

People of the parish

8.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Welfare of Deacon Ged & family

11.30am Carol Onwuekwe-Ilobi RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Peter & Patrick 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.

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday P 188

(Saturday Evening – p 186)

Thank you for your continuous generosity: Last weekend's collection came to £1716.00 (£1104.00 Baskets; £612.00 Standing Orders).

We still have raffle prizes for Isaac and Hanna in the parish office.

Please remember that both halls are now closed for redecoration and will be out of bounds to all users until September. *If you have a valid reason to enter the hall, please firstly seek clearance from the parish office.*

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017

ADVANCE NOTICE

This process will begin in the autumn. As usual, Fr Deo will hold interviews based on the entry level of the children. At least one parent or guardian seeking a reference for their child must attend an interview **at a scheduled interview session**, together with the child, after having first completed an application form and provided a recent family photograph. (Application forms will be made available in the main porch in due course.) This process applies even if you have attended interviews in previous years. Please bring with you any forms which schools may have given you, and which require completion by Father Deo. Many forms will be sent directly to the parish office. References are given based on evidence of Catholic practice in respect of Mass attendance by parents and children. Please note that if you have only recently begun to attend Mass here, you may need to approach your previous parish priest. **Details of the interview sessions will be announced by way of notices on the central notice boards in the front porch, either side of the central main doors. Please note that dates of interview sessions will not be published in the newsletter. It is therefore essential that you always check the notice boards for information when you attend Mass.** Please tell anybody you know, who may be seeking a reference, to ensure that they come here in order to find out when and where interview sessions will be held.

We welcome to our parish

Father Modestus Etrima,

from Arua Diocese in Uganda, who will remain with us for another few weeks. Meanwhile **Fr Deo** sends his best wishes to all from Tanzania.

Twenty Four Hours for the Lord, and Visit to the Holy Door. Please

keep in your diaries **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September 2016** for these events, which form part of our participation as a parish in the Extraordinary Year of Mercy.

We should like to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament overnight from Friday to Saturday. In order to keep a constant watch, we ask that people join a rota for that purpose. Entry will be arranged via the Presbytery for security reasons. Please sign up on the rota, which you will find in the main porch, for minimum shifts of 30 minutes, preferably with at least two persons to cover each shift.

PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP

This has been rescheduled for Saturday October 15th 2016. Please keep this date free in your diaries, and watch out for further news of this important event which will enhance the vital role of music in the many liturgies during the Church's year.

First Holy Communion 2017

Registration Forms will be available next weekend for those children wishing to receive this Sacrament next year. Forms will be left on a windowsill in the porch.

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Eva Marie Hindshaw & Romeo-James Lemince who were Baptised here last Sunday.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

This weekend, at all Masses, Nadia and Onye, our two parish representatives at World Youth Day will give you a brief account of what took place at this event which was attended by Pope Francis.

Sick and Housebound:

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. We want to bring Christ to such people, ensuring that they do not feel forgotten by the Church. However, we must first know of their need so that we may contact them and reassure them of their importance to the parish family. Also, if you know of anybody who has recently moved into the parish, do give them a New Parishioner Registration Form, and encourage them to get in touch with us.

Please pray for our sick and housebound:

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

Recently deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Dawtry**, sister of Sabina Bush. Elizabeth died on 8th August 2016. Our sympathy and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

Church Cleaning: Group 4 this week:

Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Sharon Leonidas, Juliet Mensah, Renata Serrao, Sophia Smith.

Please could you give up some time to help clean the church? The burden continues to fall on very few people. (Thanks to those who have recently come forward. We really do still need more kind souls to help)

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

If you are considering having your child Baptised, please look out for more dates in the autumn, when courses resume. If you seek Baptism for a second or subsequent child, then you need to show that you have been on a Baptism Preparation Course within the three years prior to the next Baptism.

!!!!WARNING!!!!

THERE IS STILL SCAFFOLDING TO THE REAR AND SIDES OF THE CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY. THIS IS DUE TO ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK WHICH IS PROGRESSING WELL ON THE ROOF. THIS IMPORTANT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, DONE PRIOR TO THE WINTER, WILL SAVE US FROM SERIOUS LEAKS INTO OUR BUILDINGS. WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE CARE WHEN MOVING AROUND THE SCAFFOLDED AREAS. IN PARTICULAR PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN STAY WELL AWAY. PLEASE BEAR WITH US OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WHILST THIS VITAL WORK CONTINUES.

!!!DANGER!!!

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN ANY OF THE WINDOWS IN THE GALLERY. THEY WILL STRIKE THE SCAFFOLDING AND MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY AND DAMAGE. CLEAR NOTICES HAVE BEEN POSTED AT THE FOUR POINTS AT WHICH THE WINDOW CORDS ARE LOCATED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY DURING THE WARMER WEATHER.

The Repository

Whilst essential repairs are carried out on the Repository, following the flooding which we experienced in recent months, a limited stock of Mass cards and greetings cards may be found in the little room behind Our Lady's Altar, bearing the notice "Temporary Repository. New drainage needs to be installed, with most of the work taking place outside the building. However, this could take some time. Once the floor is ready and safe to use, the Repository will reopen. At this point in time, we cannot give you a definite date.

VERY 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. Please be aware that all such matters are treated in the strictest confidence by the Gift Aid team and the parish office.

A few useful tips and requests for Gift Aid givers:

- 1/ If you miss a week or more, please don't worry! Just use your next envelope, and discard those from missed weeks.
- 2/ If you forget your envelope, there are some emergency envelopes in the porches. Just add your Gift Aid Number and date. For second collections, please add also the name of the collection on the front.
- 3/ Please don't use anybody else's envelope under any circumstances.
- 4/ Please do not mix first and second collections in one envelope. Always use a separate envelope for second collections.
- 5/ If you have moved parish, please advise the appropriate Gift Aid team at your previous parish and contact our own Gift Aid team to transfer to our scheme.
- 6/ If you give by Standing Order, you will still need envelopes for second collections.
- 7/ Please do not use out of date envelopes. Do contact the Gift Aid team if you need new ones. (See also Emergency Envelopes).
- 8/ Please carefully seal your envelope. If money escapes from the envelope it cannot be recorded against your Gift Aid number.
- 9/ If you are in any doubt about being in the Gift Aid scheme, please contact the Gift Aid team as soon as possible.

Youth 2000 Summer Prayer Festival, under the title "Conquerers" takes place at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 25th to 29th August 2016. Please see poster and flyers.

"A Day with Mary" The next event in our diocese will be on Saturday 20th August 2016 at St Saviour's Lewisham. Full details may be found on the poster in the porch.

Sponsorship request:

One of our altar servers, Sean Raghoo, is taking part in the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk to raise money to help those with dementia, including through research and practical assistance. This takes place on September 3rd 2016. To add your support, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MW16seanraghoo>

ST PHILOMENA'S OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION are holding a reunion for past pupils, including Mass, on Saturday 10th September 2016. Further info from www.stphils.org.uk (click on "partnerships").

THE PILGRIM

Please take a **FREE** copy of the August edition of our Diocesan Newspaper. It contains many interesting and helpful articles. **Please ignore the cover charge!** Inside you will find a donation envelope in aid of the restoration of "England's Nazareth", the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.