

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 4th September 2016

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 4th September – 23rd Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 3rd September)

Virginia Freitas RIP

8.30am Cecilia McCarthy RIP

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Gino Ippoliti RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Brian Holland RIP

Twenty-third week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 5th September

7.30am Lawrence Ndika RIP

10.00am Tom Jones RIP and family members
both living and dead (Foundation Mass)

Tuesday 6th September

7.30am Leopoldine Rebello RIP

10.00am Ellen O'Connor RIP

Wednesday 7th September

7.30am Tom O'Callaghan RIP

10am Martin Bergin RIP

Thursday 8th September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

7.30am Geoffrey Ohen RIP

10.00am Olivia Mullaney RIP

Friday 9th September

*24 Hours for the Lord
Adoration into the night.*

*From 8.30pm until 9.00am next day, there is
a rota to cover periods of 30 minutes each.*

7.30am Thanksgiving and special intention
of the Muoghalu family

12.00 Noon - People of the parish

8.00pm Roy Daniels RIP (Anniversary)

Saturday 10th September - No morning Mass;

Adoration continues until 9am

9.30am - Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Door

Next Sunday 11th September 24th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 10th September)

In thanksgiving – Sandra Assuncao

8.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Carlton Jones RIP

11.30am People of the parish

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Holy Souls

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 133

**Thank you for your continuous
generosity: Last weekend's collection
came to £2042.00 (£1430.00 Baskets;
£612.00 Standing Orders)**

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017

ADVANCE NOTICE

Fr Deo will be holding 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 session, together with the child, after having first completed an application form and provided a recent family photograph.

This process applies even if you have attended interviews in previous years.

The first four sessions will be for secondary school transfers only, followed by four separate sessions for primary, nursery and reception classes.

Please bring with you any forms which schools may have given you, and that require completion by Father Deo.

(Some schools send forms directly to us.)

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 are now displayed on the central notice boards in the front porch, either side of the central main doors

Application forms are located on the left hand cabinet in the main porch, that is on the side nearest to the repository. Please remember that interview dates and times will not be published in the newsletter.

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 are to be held.

Parish Website – There have been problems with this recently. The Polyphony choir has kindly offered to host the newsletter for us. Please go to: www.polychoir.co.uk and click on "Newsletter" at the top of home page. Our grateful thanks to the Polyphony choir for this.

Twenty Four Hours for the Lord, and Visit to the Holy Door. Next Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September 2016

Please see the programme in the porch.

We should like to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament overnight from Friday to Saturday. The rota, which you will find in the main porch, is divided into shifts of 30 minutes, each with two people present. There are currently no names for the period from 1.00am to 6.00am. We shall most likely close the church until 6.00am on Saturday morning to continue.

On the Saturday there will be no Mass or confessions here in the morning.

We have hired a 53 - seater coach to take us to and from St George's Cathedral where we shall pass through the Holy Door. The coach will leave from outside the church, or as close as possible to it, at 9.30am sharp. There will be Adoration and an opportunity to go to Confession, followed by Holy Mass at 12.30pm. We intend to leave the Cathedral just before 1.30pm to return home. Please bring refreshments for the journey. Please add your name to the list if you would like to go by coach, which will be on a first-come-first-served basis. At the time of going to press, **the list is almost full. Therefore anybody else wishing to come along will need to make their own way to the Cathedral.**

First Holy Communion 2017

Please would parents/guardians collect application forms for those children wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year. Forms are on the left hand cabinet in the main porch.

URGENT CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Former Catechists are asked to get in touch with to help with First Holy Communions and Confirmations for 2017, We desperately need extra people in order to run successful programmes for both these Sacraments. Please see Fr Deo or Fr Paul, or contact Teresa Furtado regarding First Holy Communions and Deacon Ged Perkins regarding Confirmations.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Bishop Pat will visit us to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates on Friday 30th June 2017 at 8pm. Please watch out for further details in the newsletter.

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 our 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, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently deceased: The funeral of **Martin Bergin (Senior)** will take place at St Michael's in Fern Avenue, Pollards Hill on Tuesday 6th September at 10.30am, followed by burial at Figges Marsh cemetery. His body will be received into St Michael's church on Monday 5th September at 7.00pm

Church Cleaning: Group 1 this week:

Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam.
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:

Dates for the autumn will be released soon. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for dates. Application forms are in the porch,

!!!WARNING!!!

THERE IS STILL SCAFFOLDING TO THE REAR AND SIDES OF THE CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY. THIS IS DUE TO ESSENTIAL PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE ROOF.

PLEASE TAKE CARE AROUND THE SCAFFOLDED AREAS. **IN PARTICULAR PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN STAY WELL AWAY.** PLEASE BEAR WITH US FOR A LITTLE LONGER UNTIL THIS VITAL WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED. MEANWHILE, THE HALL REDECORATION IS NEARLY DONE.

!!!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 UNUSALLY WARM WEATHER.

The Repository

Whilst repairs continue on the Repository drainage, a limited stock of Mass cards, greetings cards and a few selected items may be purchased from the little room behind Our Lady's Altar, bearing the notice "Temporary Repository" on the door. If there is something which you particularly wish to have, kindly ask for it to be reserved for you. Once the floor is ready and safe to use, the Repository will reopen. At the moment, we can't give a definite date for this, as it may take some time to remedy the drainage issue completely. The solution lies mainly outside the building, and we hope we can be back in operation soon.

Hall Redecoration

Finishing touches have now been made, and the newly decorated hall will reopen as scheduled on Monday this week.

New Altar Server Training

Would you like to become an Altar Server?

And have you made your First Holy Communion?

If the answer to both these questions is "yes", we are going to be holding a training course for new Servers on **both** **Sunday 18th September & Sunday 25th September, at 6pm.** Prospective servers will need to attend **both** sessions, each of which will last for **one hour**. Please collect an **application form** from the Sacristy, and return it no later than **next Sunday 11th September** to give us an idea of the numbers.

VERY IMPORTANT GIFT AID INFORMATION:

Due to recent significant changes to the tax system, Gift Aiders are advised to 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. Anybody affected by these changes should advise the Parish Office if they 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 are absent, just use the envelope dated for your next visit.
- 2/ If you forget your envelope, you may use an emergency envelope.
- 3/ Please never use anybody else's envelope.
- 4/ Please use separate envelopes for first and second collections.
- 5/ You might like to consider using a Standing Order instead.
- 6/ Standing Order givers still need envelopes for second collections.
- 7/ Please do not use out of date envelopes.
- 8/ Please firmly seal your envelope to stop the contents falling out.
- 9/ If you have any queries, please contact the Gift Aid team.

Do you have any unwanted holiday currency, any pre-Euro coins or any British coins which are no longer legal tender?

If so, please donate them to the SVP, who can get value for them and put the proceeds towards their important work amongst the needy of the parish. Please use the special tray in the porch, or hand them in at the parish office. Please try not to put any old or foreign coins into the collection or the wall boxes, as these clog up our counting machine.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The new rota will be published next week and emailed out as usual, running from 3rd&4th September to October 8th&9th 2016. Thanks to all who responded with their availability. Please would you now take a look at your diaries ready for the rota which follows, and which will take us up to the Feast of Christ the King, 19th & 20th November. Paper copies will be available.

THE PILGRIM – Please take your free copy from the main porch. The September edition contains a detailed article on World Youth Day, attended by Nadia and Onye. Read their account in the porch.

Employment Opportunities in the Catholic sphere

The Diocesan Education Commission is re-advertising the post of a full-time Buildings Officer. There is a poster in the porch.

Parish Youth Club

This club is for those aged 10 to 16 years, and starts up again this Friday 16th September, open from 6.30pm to 10.00pm. New members are most welcome, *and they should be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the first occasion*, when the basic rules will be explained and joining forms completed. Please phone Eddie Sanders for further details on 020 8333 0690.

School Open Days: – Please see the noticeboards for these, as there will be a number of them over the coming months.

PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP

This will be on Saturday October 15th 2016. Please keep this date free.