

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 11th September 2016

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 11th September – 24th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 10th September)

In thanksgiving – Sandra Assuncao

8.30am Christine P. Clark RIP

10.00am Carlton Jones RIP

11.30am People of the parish

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Holy Souls

Twenty-fourth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 12th September

The Most Holy Name of Mary (Memorial)

7.30am Martin Bergin RIP

10.00am Jack Chapman RIP

Tuesday 13th September

St John Chrysostom, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Margaret Towey RIP

Wednesday 14th September

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross (Feast)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Patrick & Wiliam Colleran RIP

Thursday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Welfare of Anne Harris & family

Friday 16th September - Sts Cornelius, Pope,

and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial)

7.30am Martin Bergin RIP

10.00 Holy Souls

Saturday 17th September

St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10.00am Cynthia & Mark Wise –Thanksgiving

on their Silver Wedding Anniversary

Next Sunday 18th September - 25th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 10th September)

People of the parish

8.30am Sharon Bergin RIP

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

11.30am Michael McCready RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

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 136

Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to £1818.00

(£1206.00 Baskets; £612.00 Standing Orders)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Education Service**. Our

apologies for not putting this in last week's newsletter. Would Gift Aid givers, please use a spare envelope and mark it accordingly.

Next Week there will be a second collection for **Home Mission Sunday**, supporting the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Gift Aid givers should use a spare envelope.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017

Fr Deo will shortly be holding interviews.

At least one parent or guardian seeking a reference for their child must attend an interview during 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 such an interview in the past.

Details of the interview sessions are displayed on the central notice boards in the front porch, either side of the central main doors. There is no need to book an appointment. Please come along and wait to be called.

There will be four sessions for secondary school transfers only, followed by four sessions for primary, nursery and reception classes combined.

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.

Application forms are located on the left hand cabinet in the main porch. Please send in your application forms to the Parish Office as soon as possible, preferably to reach us before the interview sessions. Please remember that interview dates and times will not be published in the newsletter.

Parish Website

We continue to have problems with this The Polyphony choir is kindly hosting the newsletter for us. Please go to: www.polychoir.co.uk and click on "Newsletter" at the top of home page. Many thanks to the Polyphony choir.

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 vital Sacraments. If you might be able to help us, please see Fr Deo or Fr Paul, or contact Teresa Furtado regarding First Holy Communions. Please get in touch with either of our priests or with Deacon Ged Perkins regarding Confirmations.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Bishop Pat will visit us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here on Friday 30th June 2017 at 8pm.

Please watch out for further details about the Confirmation Programme which will appear in the newsletter.

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Eliana Amarachi Isoken Igbineweka, Jayden Munachi Agbon & Jeremy Kamsi Agbon, who were Baptised here last Sunday.

The Return to our Parish of the Legion of Mary.

Next weekend, at all Masses, we welcome Mr Sean Naughton, President of the North Surrey Curia of the Legion, who will be speaking to us all about the Legion of Mary, an institution not seen at St Bartholomew's for many years now. Many have called for its return to this parish, and we now intend to re-establish the Legion of Mary as soon as possible.

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, 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:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dina Cepparulo of Upwood Road who died on Tuesday 6th September 2016. Her funeral will take place here on Wednesday 28th September at 10am, followed by burial at Streatham Park.

Church Cleaning: Group 2 this week:

Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua, Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya, Victoria Okonko.
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:

The next course will take place on Wednesdays 21st September and 28th September 2016 at 8.00pm. Application forms may be collected from the porch. Further dates will be announced shortly for November 2016 and January 201 courses.

!!!!WARNING!!!!

THERE IS STILL SCAFFOLDING TO THE REAR AND SIDES OF THE CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY WHILST WORK CONTINUES ON THE ROOF. PLEASE TAKE CARE AROUND SCAFFOLDING. IN PARTICULAR PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN STAY WELL AWAY. WORK IS ALMOST COMPLETE, AND WE EXPECT THE SCAFFOLDING TO BE REMOVED SHORTLY.

!!!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 up and running again very soon.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Please look out next week for an important announcement concerning this fund to support priests in their retirement.

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 today.**

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 Euros, pre-Euro notes and coins or any old Pounds Sterling which are no longer legal tender? Maybe check down the back of your sofa and see! Please donate any such money to the SVP, who can get value for it and put the proceeds towards their important work amongst the needy of the parish. Please use the special tray in the porch, or hand it 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 current rota runs until October 8th & 9th 2016. Please check your diaries for the next rota which will take us from 15th & 16th October up to 19th & 20th November, which is the Feast of Christ the King. Please advise the Parish Office of you're the dates which you can and cannot make by the end of the coming week, so that the rota can be prepared.

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. They are too numerous to mention individually in the newsletter.

PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP

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