

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 16th October 2016

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 16th October – 29th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 15th October)

Ellis Foundation Mass

8.30am Jim Clark RIP

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Maria & Arturo Giannini RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

5.00pm Kathy Holmes RIP

Twenty-ninth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

7.30am Recovery and health of Joe Ryan

10.00am John Breen RIP

Tuesday 18th October

St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

7.30am Recovery and health of Ron Baker

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Wednesday 19th October

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Maria-Louisa Luengo RIP

Thursday 20th October

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Holy Souls

Friday 21st October

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Holy Souls

Saturday 22nd October

St Pope John Paul II, Pope

10.00am Sophia Maria Mumbi RIP

Next Sunday 23rd October – 30th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 22nd October)

Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am David Davies RIP

10.00am Francis & Shirley D'Souza RIP

11.30am People of the parish

(Hymn Choir singing)

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

5.00pm Peter 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.

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Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£1,760.38**
(£1,162.38-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

This was once again a huge success.

You gave a total of **£2000.00!** This will be added to by Gift Aid contributions and through government fund matching.

Next Sunday is **World Mission Day**, a day of prayer for the evangelisation of the world. As ever, a special collection will be held for **MISSIO**, another important organisation towards which your past generosity is legendary! Once again, special envelopes will be made available from this weekend. Would those who wish to Gift Aid their contribution kindly **NOT use envelopes from your boxes.**

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017

Fr Deo continues to hold interviews for Reception, Nursery and Primary entry in the coming weeks. These take place in the upper hall, with waiting in the lower hall. 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.

Details of the interviews are in the porch. No need to book - Just turn up.

Please bring with you any forms which schools may have already given to you.

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 in the porch. Please send in your application forms to the Parish Office, preferably before the interview sessions.

Parish Website

We may continue to have problems with this. Should our website be inaccessible, 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 their home page. Many thanks to the Polyphony choir.

LIFE COFFEE MORNING TODAY

after the 10.00am & 11:30am Masses.

Next Sunday UCM Coffee Morning after the 10.00am & 11.30am Masses.

The **Legion of Mary** now meet on **Tuesday** evenings at 7.00pm in the parish hall, commencing this week.

First Holy Communion 2017

The deadline has now passed. No more applications will be accepted.

URGENT CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Former Catechists are asked to get in touch with to help with First Holy Communions and Confirmations for 2017. We still 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.

ANNUAL NATIONAL MASS COUNT: Would all collectors kindly record their numbers on the chart provided. The count continues this weekend and next.

PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP CANCELLED

We are disappointed to have to tell you that this event has been called off. Despite the enormous effort put in by our Director of Music, Tony Price, who is working tirelessly to assure the continuation of the great musical tradition in our parish, sadly nobody put themselves forward.

BTG School presents:

"Little Shop of Horrors".

Performances from 19th – 21st October at the Michael Croft Theatre, at Alleyn's School in Dulwich.

Full details on the poster in the porch.

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.

Please pray for our sick and housebound:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, 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, Gladys Laskey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose Mcmillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

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:

Application forms may be collected from the porch. The next course takes place on BOTH Wednesdays 16th & 23rd November 2016. Keep an eye out for January 2017 dates.

The Church Roof

As you will have noticed, nearly all the scaffolding has been removed, with the job having been completed just in time for the autumn and winter weather.

The Repository

The drainage works relating to the repository have now been successfully completed and the floor levelled off. The next step will be to lay down fresh carpeting. Whilst some work is being done on the roof of the building, we expect to have the repository up and running by next weekend. With Christmas stock already here, we should have that on display well in time for advent. In the meantime, the temporary repository remains open by Our Lady's altar.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN

If you completed a Contact Card last week you will receive a personal invitation to a presentation together with details of the times of the presentations, which will take place before Christmas [or other appropriate timescale] in our parish hall. Only one card need be completed per family, as provision will be made for other family members to attend. Please either hand in your completed card with the offertory collection or place it in the box provided in the church porch. For those who would still like the opportunity to take part, there are a number of cards still in the porch, with pencils available for filling them in. Thank you.

A day with Mary

Saturday 29th October 2016 at Westminster Cathedral.
Saturday 5th November 2016 at St Peter's Woolwich.
Full details may be found on the posters in the porch.

Useful tips and requests for Gift Aid givers:

- 1/ If you are absent, just use the envelope dated for your next visit.
- 2/ For MISSIO, Gift Aid is collected centrally, using their own envelopes. so please do not use an envelope from your box.

Do you have any leftover holiday currency, pre-Euro notes and coins or any old Pounds Sterling which are no longer legal tender? Please donate it to the SVP, using the special tray in the porch, or hand it in at the parish office. Please don't put any old or foreign coins into the collection or the wall boxes.

School Open Days &

Employment Opportunities in the Catholic sphere:

Please see the noticeboards for these. There is also a yellow folder in the porch, which contains a number of posters advertising School Open Days. Please read them carefully, as different schools have different methods.

The Youth Club resumes on Friday, 28th October.

A thought on the Month of the Holy Rosary



We find ourselves already half way through the month of the Most Holy Rosary. Throughout this month of October, our Blessed Mother gives us a timely reminder of this great and powerful Prayer through which we may meditate upon the Lives of Her Son and Herself. The Rosary which, time and again, Mary has, in her many appearances, called on her children to say, presents us with an overview of the History of Salvation as in the New Testament. Thanks to Saint John Paul II, whose feast day occurs next Saturday, and who had a particular devotion to Our Blessed Lady (Read his *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*) this treasury has been enriched by the Luminous Mysteries (or Mysteries of Light), which bring before our eyes the part of Our Lord's Public Ministry from His Baptism in the Jordan to His institution of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper. (The origins of the Luminous Mysteries are attributed to another relatively recent Saint, that is St Gorg Preca of the island of Malta.) One of the beauties of the Rosary is that it can be said by anyone, regardless of their education or ability, and at so many different 'levels'. Adults and children alike can gain great Graces from this Prayer. One way of presenting it is to compare it to a movie of the Lives of Christ and His Mother: the 'scenes' of the Mysteries in our mind's eye are accompanied by the 'background music' of the Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glory Be's; like many a film it begins joyfully then skips a few years and launches into various episodes of the Hero's Life. Events then take what appears to be a down-turn but, of course there then comes the Happy and Triumphant ending, pointing towards even greater things to come!

This Prayer can be said at any time and in any place; maybe as we are travelling to or from work or as we prepare for / give thanks after Mass. It can be said in its entirety or just one Mystery at a time. In school, children have responded very positively to a Decade at the end of a day. A great apostle of the Rosary was Father Patrick Peyton with his telling slogan that

"The Family that Prays together, Stays Together".

The Family Rosary has been, and continues to be, a source of many Graces and Blessings for Parents and Children alike.