

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 23rd October 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

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

Thirtieth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 24th October

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Kenny and Farrell family

members, living and dead

Tuesday 25th October

7.30am Ann Strain RIP

10.00am Welfare of Anita & Alan Blaquiére

Wednesday 26th October

7.30am Denis Onwuekwe RIP

10.00am Elizabeth Doyle RIP

Thursday 27th October

7.30am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

10.00am Antoine Sy Yan RIP

Friday 28th October

Saints Simon and Jude (Feast)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am UCM Intention

Saturday 29th October – Our Lady

10.00am Former clergy of this parish,

both living and dead.

Next Sunday 30th October – 31st Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 29th October)

Leopoldine Rebello RIP

8.30am Thanksgiving – Kiran Bacchus

10.00am Erna & Barry Breese

62nd Wedding Anniversary

11.30am Those suffering in Syria & Iraq

4.00pm Rosary & 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.

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Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to £1854.00

(£1,256.00-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

TODAY 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 HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. Would those who wish to Gift Aid their contribution kindly NOT use envelopes from your boxes.

NEXT SUNDAY, we welcome **Teresa Keogh** from the **Diocesan Stewardship Team**. She will be speaking at all Masses on the subject of the spirituality of discipleship.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017

Interviews for Reception, Nursery and Primary entry end this Thursday October 26th in the upper hall. At least one parent or guardian must attend an interview along with the child, having completed an application form and provided a recent family photograph.

Dates and times are listed in the porch.

There is 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.

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

Parish Website

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. In the meantime, a brand new website is under construction. So watch this space!

Coffee Morning – None today

Next Sunday **Polyphony Choir Coffee Morning after the 8.30am, 10.00am & 11.30am Masses.** Come with empty stomachs to break your fast with a sumptuous breakfast and the by now famous (infamous?) unique chocolate cake! Not for the fainthearted!

The **Legion of Mary** meets **Tuesday** evenings at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

First Holy Communion 2017 **Confirmations 2017**

The deadline has now passed for both. No more applications may 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, currently in preparation, 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, or Deacon Ged Perkins regarding Confirmations.

Becoming a Catholic.

Do you know of anybody who has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith?

Perhaps you have discussed it with a friend or neighbour.

Maybe you have been visiting our church, thinking about joining us, and would now like to take the next step towards becoming a Catholic. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team will shortly be holding an introductory meeting. Please contact either of the priests or the Parish office ASAP.

ANNUAL NATIONAL MASS COUNT: Would all collectors kindly record their numbers for the final time on the chart provided. **NB Next Saturday an extra count will be required at the 6.15pm Mass only.**

Youth Club resumes this Friday.

!!!END OF BRITISH SUMMER **TIME (FOR THIS YEAR!!!)**

Please remember to put your clocks BACK one hour next Saturday night. This is especially important if you are coming to Mass on Sunday! Don't forget all your watches and various appliances which might not update automatically!

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 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, 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.

Recently Deceased:

Mr Topan Purswani, husband of Madeleine Purswani, who is a member of the Polyphony Choir. Topan died on 6th October 2016.

Mr Arnold Battson, former teacher of Russian at St Joseph's College, who taught many members of this congregation. Arnold died on 13th October 2016.

Our thoughts and prayers as a parish go out to the families.

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:

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 Repository

We are happy to announce that the Repository is now open! All that now remains is for the carpeting to be fitted, which should be quite soon. In the meantime, please excuse the concrete floor. Christmas stock is now on order, and should be available by November. Thank you for bearing with us during the recent works to correct the drainage issue.

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 is now scheduled to take place in February 2017 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. Please support this venture to provide for priests of this diocese in their retirement. Thank you.

A day with Mary

Saturday 29th October 2016 at Westminster Cathedral.
Saturday 5th November 2016 at St Peter's Woolwich.
Saturday 12th November 2016 at Sacred Heart Camberwell.
Full details may be found on the posters in the porch, along with details of various specially organised pilgrimages.

Gift Aid givers:

For MISSIO, Gift Aid is collected centrally, using their own envelopes. so please do not use an envelope from your box.

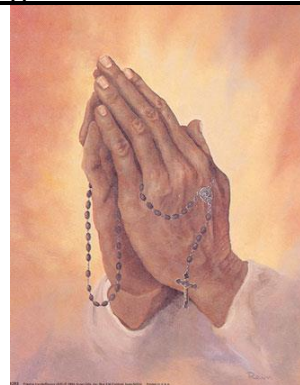
Do you have any leftover holiday currency, pre-Euro notes and coins or any old Pounds Sterling which are no longer legal tender? Please donate it to the SVP, using the special tray in the porch, or hand it in at the parish office. Please don't put any old or foreign coins into the collection or the wall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

School Open Days &

Employment Opportunities in the Catholic sphere:

Please see the noticeboards for these. Also, due to the volume of notices, there is a yellow folder in the porch, which contains a number of posters and cards advertising School Open Days.

A further thought on the Month of the Holy Rosary



As we say the Rosary we can unite ourselves with our Brothers and Sisters around the world, both those who, like us, are free to publicly profess their Faith and those who, as the news constantly portrays, are being persecuted, sometimes martyred for their Faith, the tragedy being deepened by the fact that the persecutors appear to believe that they do these things in God's Name! The Rosary has, throughout history, been the undoing of many who have sought to wipe out the Church; a notable example of its Power was at the Battle of Lepanto; why not read of this and other more recent demonstrations of Our Lady's intercessory Power. Read the story of Our Lady of Fátima or download an audio version, very suitable for children, from www.proecclesia.com/page_free%20talks.htm. Of course the Rosary, although highlighted during May and October, should never be confined to two months of the year! Again, as with so many of the treasures of our Faith, there are ample resources, including apps on the Internet as well as numerous books to aid and deepen our meditations. The Rosary knows no bounds! Our Lady has presented it to everyone with the good will to pray it. Another bonus these days, through the communications media, is the facility to join in online via webcams (at Fátima and Lourdes for instance) and, possibly, satellite TV, with the prayers of the faithful children of Mary all round the world. Mary is calling her children to come and pray for her Intercession. Are we heeding that call?

!!!CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS!!!

You are invited to attend the annual Day of Recollection, which this year takes place on Saturday November 12th 2016. This commences with registration at 10.30am and closes with Mass at 3.00pm, celebrated by Bishop Patrick Lynch ss.cc. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible, and in any event no later than Thursday 3rd November, so that names may be entered in time. This notice has also been sent out by email to all those whose addresses we hold.