

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 26th March 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 26th March –

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

6.15pm (Saturday 25th March)
Welfare of Riaz Sheikh
8.30am People of the parish
10.00am Leopoldine Rebello RIP
11.30am Welfare of Dennis &
Imelda Franklin
(Hymn Choir singing)

4.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

5.00pm Alice Mary Darmody RIP

Fourth Week in Lent:

Monday 27th March

7.30am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
10.00am Thanksgiving – Clark family

Tuesday 28th March

7.30am Celia Rice RIP
10.00am Anna Querci RIP

Wednesday 29th March

7.30am Josephine Fraser & family
(Foundation Mass)
10.00am Holy Souls

Thursday 30th March

7.30am Margaret Rose Dearing RIP
10.00am Welfare of Mr & Mrs Saldanha
12Noon Funeral of Austin Martin

Friday 31st March

7.30am John Folavin Ayoola RIP
10.00am UCM – Welfare of members
7.30pm Stations of the Cross
led by the Brownies

Saturday 1st April

10.00am Welfare of William &
Delphine Desa on the occasion of their
60th Wedding Anniversary

Next Sunday 2nd April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

6.15pm (Saturday 1st April)
Len Phillips RIP
8.30am People of the parish
10.00am Bridget McDonagh RIP
11.30am Hazel & Andy McCrystal
& family (Foundation Mass)
(Polyphony Choir singing)
4.00pm Stations of the Cross
and Benediction
5.00pm Welfare of Bob Foster

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 the 10am Mass, until 11am;
then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm,
and daily at call whenever a priest is available.

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Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£1953.00**
(£1355.00 -Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

CAFOD

The Fast Day collection last weekend has
now reached **£2300.00**. Thank you on
behalf of CAFOD for your generosity.

Please also bear in mind the ongoing appeal
for East Africa, which is facing a most
devastating famine. CAFOD is a member
of the Disasters Emergency Committee,
working with other agencies in an attempt
to combat this terrible famine:

<http://cafod.org.uk/Give>

Or call 0303 303 3030

AN URGENT APPEAL TO READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please advise the Parish Office in respect of
the special Rota covering Palm Sunday
through to Easter Sunday. We desperately
need volunteers for Palm Sunday (all masses
EXCEPT the 11:30) as well as all Easter
Sunday Masses (NB no 5pm Mass that day).

*As you can see, the construction of this rota,
as well as the next main rota, which begins
next weekend is proving to be a very difficult
task. Please avoid the last minute rush!*

Today is Laetare Sunday, a word which
means "Rejoice". As it is Mothering
Sunday, children are invited to come up
to the Sanctuary, when called, to collect
a daffodil to present to their mothers.

Coffee Morning today after the 10am &
11.30am Masses with LIFE. With sale
of knitted goods. Proceeds to LIFE HQ.
Please see: www.lifecharity.org.uk

Missio: Promoters and box holders are
reminded that collection is now due for
this month of March.

In the coming week:

Wednesday 29th March

Second session of our current
Baptism Preparation Course
8pm at the rear of the church, for all
those who have signed up.

Friday 31st March

The UCM meet after 10am Mass in
the room behind the Sacristy.

Friday 31st March

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
led by our Brownies

Saturday 1st April

First Holy Communion Session 10:
"Body of Christ", in the Upper Hall
from 10am – 11.30am.

Please ensure that children arrive in
time and are collected promptly.

Sunday 2nd April

Coffee Morning after the all
morning Masses with our
Confirmation Candidates, parents,
guardians and catechists.

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

This weekend, after every Mass, there
will be a short talk from a member of
our parish team about the needs of our
sick and retired priests. Please join us
directly afterwards **in the upper hall**,
where the film will be shown, which
features priests who have served in this
area of our diocese. There is a lift
available if you cannot manage the
stairs. The screening will be followed
by a brief presentation about how you
can help our sick and retired priests,
if you would like to do so, by lending
your support to the campaign through
a gift in accordance with your means.

All are most welcome to attend.

Please join us if you can. The
feedback and response from those who
attended the formal presentations has
been very positive, and we should like
to ensure that everyone has the
opportunity to see the film.

Sick and Housebound

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Raffaella Forte, Bob Foster, Dennis Franklin, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Eugene Shaughnessy, Kathy Spicer, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Church Cleaning: Group 6: Ann Marie Charles, Islay Cowlin, Susan D'Souza, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Gloria Osiobe. ***Please could you help with cleaning?***

REPOSITORY: All ready for Easter. We also have Cards and gifts for First Holy Communions. Come and see!

A Day With Mary on Saturday 29th April 2017 at Westminster Cathedral, London SW1. During this event, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be crowned. For full details of this occasion, please see the notice in the porch.

CTS: With the Centenary of the apparitions of **Our Lady of Fatima** taking place, you will find some special booklets relating to this topic in the CTS rack beside the Repository.

The **Our Lady of Fatima** National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will be coming to St George's Cathedral on Saturday 13th May 2017. Seating will be limited, so you must register in advance. This event includes the consecration of our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There are some flyers in the porch. Please see: www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

GIFT AID: Our thanks to John Byrne who spoke at all Masses last weekend. We received a good response, with many of you signing up. Some of you took forms away with you, so please do return them as soon as possible. New envelopes await your collection. They come into use on the weekend of 8th / 9th April 2017, which is the first weekend of the new tax year. Please come along to the Gift Aid Office beside Our Lady's altar to collect your new box or to sign up and/or complete a Standing Order Instruction to your bank. Please note that from 8th / 9th April 2017, the contents of any out of date envelopes cannot be included in Gift Aid, and will have to be added to the loose money. If you would like to consider joining the Gift Aid scheme, please ask about how to sign up. If you are a taxpayer, the Church can claim back from HMRC tax you have already paid. All you need to do is sign a simple form! Year End Letters will be made available after the end of this tax year.

ALTAR SERVING FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

SUNDAY: please sign up on the list in the Sacristy:

Palm Sunday, 9th April (this relates to the 11.30am Mass only)

This Mass only will start with a procession from the Hall.

Practice for this Mass is on Sunday April 2nd @ 6pm (30 minutes)

Holy Week. Practices 45 – 60 minutes as follows:

Maundy Thursday, 13th April (This Mass starts at 8pm)

Practice for this Mass is on Wednesday April 12th @ 7.30pm.

Good Friday, 14th April (This service starts at 3pm)

Practice for this service is on Good Friday morning @ 10:30am

Easter Vigil, Sat 15th April (This Mass starts at 8.30pm)

Practice Holy Saturday morning @ 10.30am.

Please also consider serving on Easter Sunday itself, though please note that there will NOT be a Mass at 5pm.

LENTEN MASSES: – Each Monday at 12.00 Noon at Croydon University Hospital Chapel (Nearest entry – Woodcroft Road).

LENTEN TALKS: – At St Andrew's, Thornton Heath every Thursday. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

On Good Friday, 14th April 2017 at 12.00 Noon. We are seeking children from nursery up to secondary school age to take part, with parental permission. Please contact Linda Harries at:

l.harries@gmail.com or call her on 07770 623230. Please register your interest by Friday 7th April 2017. **NB: Rehearsal in church, Maundy Thursday 13th April at 4pm.**

LENTEN DAY OF PENITENCE AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

This will take place on the Tuesday of Holy Week, that is **11th April 2017.** Following the 10am Mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with priests available for Confession all day, closing with Benediction at 7.30pm. Please make a note of this important opportunity in your diary.

The Youth Club Annual Grand National Sweepstake takes place this year on Saturday 8th April.

If you would like to take part in this well - established event, please pick up a leaflet from the porch, and just follow the instructions to enter. It's always guaranteed to be a fun-packed day, and in taking part, you will be supporting our Youth Club in its mission to continue to provide activities for our young people. Details from Eddie Sanders on 020 8333 0690.

HELP REQUIRED: Two senior ladies of this parish require a reliable cleaner for their 3 bedroom house in Norbury. Please contact the parish office for further details.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

Our Uniformed Groups are collecting these vouchers in order to obtain equipment. Please accept or ask for the vouchers when shopping, and bring them with you to Mass. You will find a box, kindly produced by the Scouts, in the porch, in which you may put your vouchers. Thank you on behalf of all the groups for the many already received.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes – All the prizes from Rachel Menezes' Coffee Morning of 5th March may be collected from the Parish Office. Please bring your tickets with you if you have won, or think you may have won something.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 18TH TO 25TH AUGUST 2017.

Please see the poster in the porch for this pilgrimage which will be led by our own Bishop Patrick Lynch ss.cc.

SPUC AND LIFE JOINT PETITION relating to the removal of Marie Stopes Clinics' licence to carry out abortions. You are invited to sign this petition which may be found in the porch.