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Sunday 1st February 2015

Education Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 1st February 2015

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (*Saturday eve, 31st January*)

Veronica Mahon RIP

8:30 Jim Clark RIP

10:00 Marcient Lomis RIP

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 Raimondo Sinatra RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

5:00 Maude & Mary Donohoe

Monday 2nd February

*The Presentation of The Lord,
Candlemas (Feast)*

7:30 Welfare of Peg Foley

10:00 Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

Tuesday 3rd February

St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (Mem)

7:30 Welfare of the Bergin family

(Blessing of throats at this Mass)

10:00 Requiem Mass for Louis

Philippe Lalande

Wednesday 4th February

7:30 Helen Maduka (ACE studies)

10:00 Rose Marsh RIP (Over 55's)

Thursday 5th February

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Mem)

7:30 Thanksgiving & welfare of the
Okeke family

10:00 John & Margaret McNamara RIP

Friday 6th February

*St Paul Miki & Companions,
Martyrs (Mem)*

7:30 Thanksgiving Adindu &

Nwagwu families

10:00 UCM intention

First Friday Exposition until 2pm

Saturday 7th February

10:00 Welfare of John Bergin

Next Sunday 8th February

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Sat eve)

Annie Hunter-Gillespie RIP

8:30 Fred Simes & Family

(Foundation Mass)

10:00 William Rebello RIP

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 Thanksgiving (D Lawrence)

5:00 Mrs Ann O'Connor RIP

A Thought

Saint Pope John Paul II, in *Domicae
Cenae* (1980), said, of Eucharistic
Worship, that it is "...both in the
celebration of Mass and in our devotion to
the Blessed Sacrament...like a life-giving
current that links our ministerial..
Priesthood to the common Priesthood of
the Faithful...".

As we are now privileged, at St.
Bartholomew's, to be invited to adore Our
Lord every day, it is hoped that more of
our Parish Community will answer
Christ's call. Even a brief visit, maybe a
few minutes out of a busy day, can bring
great Graces and Blessings. With very
young children this can gradually be built
up into longer visits as they come to
appreciate and love God's presence and
never-ending Love for them and their
Parents.

There is a touching story of a man who,
daily, would pop into church and say,
"*Jesus, this is Jim. I have to be going
now. Will you come with me?*" then leave.
One day he had a fatal accident. As he lay
there, life ebbing away, he heard: "*Jim,
this is Jesus. I have to be going now. Will
you come with me?*". The lesson here is
that if we are, to the best of our
understanding and ability, faithful to
Jesus, He will amply repay our love when
we die.

On Good Friday alone, the Tabernacle
lies empty. Even then we ought to be
reverent in church; how much more, then,
we ought at other times, to show those
who see us, believers or not, that we are,
truly, in the Presence of God. Bishop
Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz, has this to
say: "...we should (even) try to be
respectful and silent in church after Mass,
in consideration of those who may be
trying to make their thanksgiving
Prayers".

We are very fortunate here, that many
fellow Parishioners pray the Morning
Prayer of the Church before weekday
Mass and, afterwards, pray a decade of
the Rosary. Why not join them in Prayer,
both for ourselves, our Families and for
our suffering Brothers and Sisters who
may, even today, be killed for publicly
showing the Faith we take for granted!

Daily Mass & Prayer:

Mass: Mon – Fri 7:30am

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 9:15am

Adoration: Mon – Sat 9:30am

Mass: Mon - Sat 10:00am

Rosary: Mon – Sat 10:30am

**Confessions: Saturday, after 10am
Mass until 11am; also 5pm to 6pm.**

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

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This Sunday:

Music at 11:30 Mass

Mass: Mass of St. Luke *Wilfred
Trotman*

Offertory: Day by day *Martin How*
Communion: Thy perfect love
John Rutter

Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament will be held at **4:00pm**
today. Please note the earlier start.

Today is Education Sunday, and
there will be a second collection for
the **Catholic Education Service**. This
is a national collection, and contrary
to last week's newsletter, there is not
a Gift Aid envelope available for this.

Coffee Morning: with **The Family
Choir**. Come along after the 10:00 or
11:30 Masses and enjoy sausage and
bacon sandwiches, hot and cold
drinks, cakes galore and a raffle!

We Welcome Fr Denis Paul who is
saying the 10:00 and 11:30 Masses.

We welcome into the Church this
afternoon, through Baptism, Ava
Karina Barry.

This week:-

**Tuesday 3rd – St Blaise - Blessing of
throats during the 7:30 Mass only.**

**Friday 6th – First Friday exposition
after 10:00 Mass until 2:00pm.**

Next Sunday: We welcome
Fr Francis Ayogu MSP, who will
appeal at all masses on behalf of
St Patrick's Missionary Society.

Thank You: The collection for January 25th was **£2241.99:** (£1597.79 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

The Life Group raised £101.00 at last Sunday's coffee morning in aid of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice.
See: <http://www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool/>

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Frances Carter, Stefan Czarnecki, Mary Downey, Mary Ellen Fox; Edna Graham, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Patrick Kerwick, Ajitha Mahatantila, James McDonald, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Mary Patmore, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Edythe Thirlwall, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:

Simon Menezes of Osborn Road died on 24th January; Also, the mother of Betania Berhane (Cranwell) died last week in Ethiopia;
Moiria Marie Callanan of Norbury Avenue died on 28th January.
Our sympathy and prayers go out to all the families.

Baptism: Those seeking baptism for their children are kindly requested to take and complete a registration form, to be found in the porch, and return it to the Parish Office. You will then be contacted in order to book places on a course. Please note that Baptism courses are necessary for all new parents, and for those having subsequent children, where 3 years or more have passed between births.

Baptism courses: The next sessions will be on Tuesdays 17th & 24th March 2015 at 8:00pm.
Further sessions will be on Wednesdays 20th & 27th May 2015 at 8:00pm.
Courses are held in the room behind the sacristy.

Parish Website: We hope to have our website back shortly. For the time being, to see the newsletter online and download a copy, go to www.polychoir.co.uk and click on **Newsletter** at the top of the home page. Our grateful thanks to the Polyphony Choir for this.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 2: Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya, Victoria Okonko,

Would you like to help keep our Church clean?

We would welcome any adults, both men and women, who would be prepared to give up an hour or two every six weeks or so in order to spruce up the church. Some of the groups have shrunk somewhat, and this vital work now falls to only a few people, who just can't do it alone. It would be helpful if all those who are in the existing groups would kindly contact the parish office to confirm whether or not they are still able to attend. In the meantime, if you feel able to offer your services in this important work for the Church, please get in touch with Father Deo or Father Paul, or contact the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council 2015: Father Deo invites each Parish Group to put forward one person to represent them on the PPC. Please would each group kindly nominate one member, so that Father may arrange the first meeting of the new PPC as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions: Please remember to add your contact telephone number in case of need. If possible, kindly write your intention in block letters. For a deceased person, please add "RIP".

If a funeral takes place, we are obliged to move your mass to another date, and shall do our best to inform you. Please hand your envelope to one of the priests rather than putting it into the collection basket.

Whilst it is customary to make an offering when requesting a Mass intention (the sum of £10 is suggested) please do not feel obliged if you are not able to afford it. It is, after all, an offering and not a fee.

Confirmation Photographs: Copies of photographs are still available for you to order. Please make your choices from the photograph album on the windowsill in the porch, and complete the order form beside it. **Please do not** leave any money with your order. John Taylor will then provide copies for you to collect from the same place.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: The next rota, which will cover the period **14th/15th February to 22nd/23rd March 2015**, should be published by next weekend. Thanks to all those who took the trouble to confirm their e-mail addresses and masses at which they perform these ministries. If you have not yet done so, please contact the parish office with your details, so that an up-to-date list may be compiled.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Patrick Lynch: This will take place from **Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 15th, 2015**. Please put this in your diaries.

Parish Mission: Monday March 23rd to Sunday 29th 2015. This will be given by **Canon Frank O'Sullivan**, who is busy putting the mission programme together. Please keep these dates free. Details to follow shortly.

CAFOD: We have now heard from a parishioner who is interested in becoming the CAFOD Representative for this Parish. Watch this space for further news!

The Repository has just taken in a new stock of religious items. There are statues, rosaries, greetings cards, prayer books, Catholic diaries, medals and many devotional items. Kindly approach Father Deo or Father Paul if you would like them to bless any items for you after purchase.

Job Vacancies. Please see posters in the porch:- St Andrew's Primary School are seeking a Teaching Assistant and a Midday Meals Supervisor; John Fisher School, in Purley, are looking for a new Head Teacher, an Inclusion Coordinator, and Invigilators for forthcoming Public Examinations. Virgo Prep are seeking 2 Early Years & KS2 teachers. St Philomena's in Carshalton need more Examination Invigilators during May and June 2015.

BTG School Presents: "Les Misérables" on Wed 4th, Thur 5th & Fri 6th February at 7:00pm. Please note that tickets may **only** be purchased **online** at: www.wegotickets.com/btg Prices are £8.80 for adults and £5.50 for students/children. For full details, please see the poster in the porch.

Father Paul is in his home country of Ghana this week, and will return on 5th February.