

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 1st March 2015

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

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Second Sunday of Lent

6:15 (Saturday eve, 28th February)

Veronic Mahon RIP

8:30 Stanislaus Cieslewicz RIP

10:00 Simon Bekit RIP

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 Thomas Corr RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

(4:00 Stations of the Cross)

5:00 Welfare of James Carrol

Monday 2nd March

7:30 Norah Moynihan RIP

10:00 Welfare of the Maduka family

Tuesday 3rd March

7:30 Welfare of Mary Kenny

10:00 Renee Paterson RIP

Wednesday 4th March

7:30 Welfare of the Okeke family

10:00 Thanksgiving (Muoghalu)

Thursday 5th March

7:30 Thanksgiving

Adindu & Nwagwu families

10:00 Thanksgiving for recovery of

Nathan Kinful

Friday 6th March

7:30 Elisabeth Davies RIP

10:00 Louis Briffa RIP

(8:00pm Stations of the Cross)

Saturday 7th March

10:00 People of the Parish

Next Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

6:15 (Sat eve) Kathleen Fogarty RIP

8:30 Daryl Desa RIP

10:00 Bernard Pereira RIP

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 Anthony Evans RIP

(4:00pm Stations of the Cross)

5:00 Welfare of Sister St Thomas

More M.C.

Fr Paul will be away this week, from Tuesday until Friday, attending a monastic profession.

Tanzania Trip: This has now been postponed until next year, due to concerns about the Ebola Virus. We intend to go at the same time of year.

A Thought

At every Mass offered anywhere in the world, participants have the privilege, through the words and gestures of the Mass, of accompanying Christ in His once-for-all Sacrifice of His Life to His Father on Calvary.

Lent gives us yet another means of meditating on the Passion; the fourteen Stations (or Way) of the Cross, put before our mind's eye the events of Christ's Passion from His condemnation by Pilate to His burial. This devotion, which can, of course, be practised every day of the year, is available in a variety of formats; very young children will benefit from being taken and shown the pictures in church, with a very simple explanation from Parents (or, maybe, they can be asked to tell the story in their own words). Others of us may already have a 'favourite' Stations book we use; even those who are now housebound can still make the Stations this way.

A beautiful, simple and soul-searching version is that by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, published by CTS. For those of us who are 'into' mp3 players etc. this version can be downloaded free from <http://wdtprs.com/blog/2009/02/way-of-the-cross-by-st-alphonsus-liguori-voice-and-with-chant/>. A more contemporary version, by Father Hugh Thwaites, SJ, can be downloaded free from

http://www.proecclesia.com/talk_HTW_av.mp3. Of course there are many versions available; it all depends on what we hope to gain, spiritually, from this great Devotion. EWTN Catholic TV is very worth looking at.

How we meditate on the Passion is up to us. If we *really* don't have time to come and make the Stations in church (on our own, if we prefer) or to spend a half-hour or so making them at home, why not try, daily, during Lent, to say the beautiful Act of Contrition which is often part of the Way of the Cross: *"I love Thee, Jesus, my love above all things! I repent with my whole heart of having offended Thee! Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what thou wilt!"*

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.

Confessions may be heard outside of these times, by arrangement, and when there is a priest available.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday 1st March – p 155

Next Sunday 8th March – p 158

This Sunday:

Coffee Morning with the St Anne's Group. To help raise funds for the water tank at the Kahangi Community Maternity Clinic in Uganda.

CAFOD: Jed Murphy will be speaking at all Masses this weekend. Please hand in your **Lent Fast Day envelopes** at the second collection.

Stations of the Cross 4:00pm today.

Thank You: The collection for February 22nd was **£1946.36:**

(£1302.16 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

The sum of **£215.00** was raised for HCPT towards the cost of sending a sick child to Lourdes. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

St Patrick's Missionary Society has written to thank everybody for their generosity both in prayer and in giving to the appeal made here three weeks ago. Please see their thank you poster, displayed in the porch.

Next week:-

Coffee Morning: with our Rainbows and Brownies.

UCM Members – Please note that the monthly Mass has been moved from March 6th to March 13th, on which day their newest members will be invested.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Frances Carter, Stefan Czarnecki, Mary Downey, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Mary Ellen Fox, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Elliott Kelley-Campbell, James McDonald, Ajitha Mahatantila, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Mary Patmore, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter John Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo. **Please inform us if you know of anybody else who should be, or would like to be added to this list, and/or requires a visit from a priest.**

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sharon Cook of Beulah Road, who died in the past week.

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.

We are glad to see an ever increasing number of Baptisms in this parish. Baptisms normally take place at 1:00pm on Sundays. Please note that there is no guarantee that your child's Baptism will be the only one taking place at any one time, and increasingly there will be more than one family involved in this first Sacrament of our lives.

Baptism courses: Tuesdays 17th & 24th March 2015; Then on Wednesdays 20th & 27th May 2015. All held at 8:00pm in the room behind the sacristy.

Parish Website: We are pleased to announce that the Parish Website is now up and running as promised.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 6:

Juliette Blake, Islay Cowlin, Jeannette Da Silva, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Shirley Osei-Owusu
If you can no longer come, please advise the Parish Office.

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We are currently desperately short of people to join our church cleaning groups. Naturally, many volunteers have ceased working over time, so that in some cases there are only one or two people to cope alone. If you are able to offer your services for this important work for the Church, please contact one of the priests, or the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council 2015: Father Deo has written to invite some parishioners to become members of the new PPC. The first meeting will be held at 8:00pm on Thursday 5th March in the Priests' House.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch. Please provide contact details in case of need.

Confirmation Photographs: Remaining copies of photographs are awaiting collection in the porch.

The Children's Liturgy Group are looking for volunteers to read (secondary children) and role play (reception -year 6) for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12noon. Rehearsal: Maundy Thursday, 2:30pm. Email Marion Brown: mh.brown@virgin.net or Linda Harries: l.harries@gmail.com by March 15th latest.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Patrick Lynch: from Friday March 13th to Sunday March 15th 2015.

Bishop Pat looks forward to meeting parishioners.

Parish Mission:

Canon Frank O'Sullivan has sent the following message to us all, to introduce himself and his team, in preparation for this important event in our parish:

A MESSAGE FROM CANON FRANK O'SULLIVAN AND BRIAN & MAUREEN DEVINE.

We are really looking forward to 21st – 28th March when we shall sharing with you our preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We first met 35 Years ago, and have been friends ever since. I have served in five Parishes during my 58 years of Priestly Ministry. Since my retirement I have been involved in Marriage Ministry, and have given various courses.

Brian and Maureen Devine have seven grown up children. They have a wealth of experience in Marriage and Parish Ministry.

In the past, Parish Missions often focussed on sin. *Our* focus is on a loving Father, who is merciful, compassionate and forgiving; a God who showed how much he loves us by suffering, dying and rising from the dead, to reconcile us to God and to each other. Jesus came to bring us 'salvation', to heal us and make us whole, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. All of us need to be healed by the Spirit of Love. So, please ask the Lord to help you prepare for the Mission. Please mark it in your diaries, and keep an eye on the Newsletter for details.

The Repository: Kindly approach Father Deo or Father Paul if you would like them to bless any items for you.

CTS Please see the CTS rack for some excellent booklets to help you to make the most of your preparation for Easter. Having made your selection, please put your money for these into the CTS slot in the wall in the porch.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This beautiful remembrance of Christ's journey to his Crucifixion on Calvary will take place every Sunday at 4:00pm and every Friday at 8:00pm, throughout Lent, right up to and including Palm Sunday, **except during the Mission.**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: If you wish to make your confession outside of the scheduled times, either of our priests will be happy to help, if available.

Rubbish bin: For reasons of health and safety, please use this bin for paper only. Please take other items home.

Lost Property: Please check at the back of the porch as there are a number of items left in the church recently.

Employment Opportunities in Catholic Schools: Coloma Convent Girls' School, Croydon, are seeking a Full-Time Geography teacher;

Bishop Challoner School, in Shortlands, need a Religious Studies teacher for maternity cover;

Thomas More, Purley, are seeking Examination Invigilators.

Please see posters in the porch for more information.

General Election, May 7th 2015.

Please take a copy of the letter (leaflet) from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.