

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 22nd March 2015

Parish Mission Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

## Mass Times and Intentions

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### Mission Week Commences

6:15 (Saturday eve, 21<sup>st</sup> March)

Elisabeth Davies RIP

8:30 Stephen Cowie RIP (4<sup>th</sup> anniv)

10:00 Sauveur Vella RIP

11:30 People of the Parish

4:00 Stations of the Cross

5:00 Mary Conroy RIP

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Mission

7:30 Thomas Clark RIP

10:00 Thanksgiving – Obi Ohen

11:30 Funeral service for

Mary Patmore

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Mission

7:30 Mrs Giggins RIP

10:00 Helen Boamah (Birthday)

1:45pm Requiem for

Norma Carpenter

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Mission

#### Solemnity of The Annunciation

#### of the Lord

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

10:00 Patrick D'Souza RIP

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Mission

7:30 Janet & Sampson Adindu RIP

10:00 Requiem for Mary Savage

12:30 Mass for Anointing of the Sick

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Mission

7:30 Ellis Foundation Mass

10:00 UCM intention for Mary

Savage RIP & Mary Patmore RIP

6:30pm Stations of the Cross with

St James the Great School

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Mission

10:00 Guild of St Stephen Mass

With enrolment of new servers

#### Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March,

#### Palm Sunday of the

#### Passion of the Lord

6:15(Sat eve) Patrick Brennan RIP

8:30 John Joseph Murphy RIP

10:00 Josephine Fraser & Family

(Foundation Mass)

This Mass begins with the blessing of

palms in the hall, followed by a

procession into the church.

11:30 People of the Parish

(Plainchant Choir & Hymn Choir)

5:00pm Maria De Conno RIP

## A Thought

We have, today, heard Jesus remind us that, “*If a man serves me he must follow me*” Through the Mass and the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Confession, we have, readily to hand, the means by which we may follow Our Lord and live in (or even regain) the State of Grace and so be constantly prepared for our Judgement and Eternity.

We also hear, regularly, through the Charity, Aid to the Church in Need, how for the Faith from which, sadly, we can be tempted to lapse or to practice indifferently, others of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ daily incur persecution, exile and even death for publicly practising. Bishop Patrick noted the generosity of our Parish when it comes to giving financial aid to those who, on our behalf, help those in the world who are often living in dire poverty or, as we have heard today, are denied their freedom to practise their Faith. Of course, as we will appreciate, this open-handedness is only of real value when it is underpinned by Faith as it is then united to God, the Author of all Goodness.

While we may be limited, financially, in what we can give, spiritually we are only limited by our own determination; “*Ask and you will receive....*”; beginning with our Morning Offering we can dedicate every prayer, work, suffering and joy of each day to helping those who are in need of any kind. Every moment of the day can become a prayer if it is offered to God and lived in union with His grace. As the story of *The widow's mite* illustrates, unlike the world, God looks into our hearts and not at externally ‘significant’ actions in our lives.

**Lost Property:** This is to be found in the second drawer on the right hand side of the porch. Please take a look.

## Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – p 173

Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – p 180

**Thank You:** The collection for March 8<sup>th</sup> was **£2071.30:** (£1427.10 baskets & £644.20 standing orders).

**!!Update: CAFOD Lent Fast Day total has now reached: £2300.00!!**

## 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 whenever there is a priest available.

**Canon Frank O’Sullivan will be speaking at all Masses this weekend, to formally open our Mission week.**

The planned appeal by Aid to the Church in Need will now take place later in the year.

## This Sunday:

**Coffee Morning: Life Group** after the 10:00 & 11:30 Masses.

## Stations of the Cross at 4:00pm

**The Knights of Saint Columba** will be distributing their **Holy Week Posters**, this weekend, for which a small donation would be much appreciated, towards the **KSC Provincial Seminary Fund**

**Deanery Penitential Service:** at English Martyrs, Streatham at 7:00pm tonight. Opportunity for confessions.

**Please see note overleaf about our provisions for Easter Confessions. We welcome into the Church,** through the Sacrament of Baptism, Colm Evan Jones.

## Next Sunday:-

**No Coffee Morning**

**No Stations of the Cross**

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of William James O'Sullivan, of Melrose Avenue, who died on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. Our sympathy and prayers to the family.

**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, 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 would like to be added to the list of sick and housebound, and if they require a visit from a priest.**

**Our New Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** will hold their first full meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015. In conjunction with Father Deo, the PPC will assist in the smooth running of the Parish of St Bartholomew's.

**The officers are as follows:**

President – Fr Deo;  
Chair – Mr Richard Bush;  
Vice – Chair – Mr Gordon Clark;  
Secretary – Mr Gerard Cowie;  
Assistant Secretary – Mr Richard Harries;  
Treasurer – Mr Tony McGing;

Assistant Treasurer – Mr Savio Fernandes;

**Members:** Mr John Ambler; Mr Melvin Carty;  
Mrs Teresa Furtado; Sr Ann Ugoh;  
Mrs Lucy Nwagwu; Mr Gerard Perkins;  
Mr Tony Price; Mr Eddie Sanders.

**Baptism courses:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015;  
Then on Wednesdays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015.  
All held at 8:00pm in the room behind the sacristy.  
Further sessions will be announced in due course.

**The Parish Website is now up and running.**  
*However, please note that the current appearance and functionality are only temporary, and we shall be further developing the site over the course of the next few weeks. In the meantime, we welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.*

**Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?**  
We are currently desperately short of people to do this.

**Church Cleaning This Week: Group 3:**  
Patricia Branch, Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Elfriede Kormawa. **If you can no longer come, please tell the Parish Office.**

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch. Despite what it says on the envelopes, **please do not put them into the collection baskets.**

**Confirmation Photographs:** Please note that, due to illness, some orders have been unavoidably delayed.

**BISHOP PATRICK LYNCH** has written to thank us all for the tremendous welcome he received over the course of the three days he spent in this parish during his Episcopal Visitation. As he said during his homily last weekend, we have much to be proud of in this parish, in particular the generosity of our diverse community, in giving of their time and talents, not to mention their financial support, which has remained legendary despite the recession.

## PARISH MISSION

Our sessions start on Monday morning and finish with a final gathering for everyone on the Saturday morning. A buffet lunch will be provided after the closing session. The evening session each day, is a repeat of the morning one, so choose which one you would like to attend each day. Morning sessions will commence at 11:00, finishing at 12:30; Evening sessions will run from 8:00pm -9:30pm. On Thursday there will be the usual morning session. There will also be a one-off Mass for the Anointing of the sick. This will take place at 12:30pm. All are welcome, and, of course, anybody may seek anointing if they so wish. Please remember to pray our Mission Prayer each day, even if you can't attend the sessions themselves.

Please be prepared for sessions to be moved between the Church and the hall, should numbers demand. If you can offer lifts, or if you need a lift, please contact the Parish Office.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Apart from today, the **only three** remaining Stations of the Cross will be as follows:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm, with pupils from St James the Great School. Places will be reserved for them. Our Children's Stations are on Good Friday at 12:00 noon. Finally, Stations at 8:00pm on Good Friday evening.

**Employment Opportunities in Catholic Schools.**

**Please see posters in the porch for full details:**

**READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** are kindly requested to advise the Parish Office of their availability for the various services over the Easter Triduum, for a special rota. The next main rota is underway. If you wish to be removed from the rota, whether temporarily or permanently, please advise the Parish Office. You will then also be removed from the email list until you wish to go back on.

**The Scout Group** are collecting **Sainsbury's Vouchers**. Please place them in the box on the shelf in the porch.

**Making your Easter Confession:** - This year, as we did during Advent, instead of a penitential service, on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions after the 10:00 Mass, right through until 8:00pm. We should like to offer this as our response to the Holy Father's request for all parishes to keep "24 Hours for the Lord" which we could not arrange previously due to our pre-arranged Episcopal Visitation.

**General Election, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

Please take a copy of the brochure from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. There are many important moral and social issues to consider. These are clearly set out in the above. Please pray about these issues, and for an outcome which will be good for all. Please see also: [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk)

**PARISH EASTER CARD:** Please take home with you an Easter Card from the clergy. These are to be found in the porch. They contain details of all the Easter Services, beginning with Palm Sunday, which is next Sunday. You are also invited to take an Easter Offering Envelope, which is for your traditional gift to the clergy.