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Sunday 29th March 2015

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6:15 (Saturday eve, 28th March)

Patrick Brennan RIP

8:30 John Joseph Murphy RIP

10:00 Josephine Fraser & Family -
Foundation Mass (Family Choir)

We start off in the hall, then process
into the church with palms.

11:30 People of the Parish
(Plainchant & Hymn Choirs)

5:00 Maria De Conno RIP

Monday 30th March

7:30 Helen Maduka (ACE Studies)

10:00 Welfare of John Taylor

Tuesday 31st March

7:30 Kindness shown to

Edna Graham

10:00 Thanksgiving – Helen & Joyce

**Followed by Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Right through until 8:00pm**

Wednesday 1st April

7:30 William & Delphine De Sa
58th Wedding Anniversary

9:30 Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

**(NB earlier, due to Chrism Mass at
St George's Cathedral at 11:15am)**

Maundy Thursday – 2nd April

8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Family Choir)

Good Friday- 3rd April

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

12:00pm – Children's Liturgy

Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion, with veneration of the Cross
and Holy Communion.

Please leave the church in silence.

8:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - 4th April

10:30am – 11:00am - Confessions

No confessions in the evening

8:30pm Easter Vigil

Next Sunday - 5th April

Easter Sunday – Alleluia! Alleluia!

8:30 People of the Parish

10:00 Hazel & Andy McCrystal &
Family – Foundation Mass

11:30 Welfare of Wendy Chin

NB There will be NO 5pm Mass.

A Thought

How often have even friends fallen out because, in being truthful, one has told the other something he or she didn't like hearing; the fact that what was said, was said out of loving concern, is completely overlooked. Today we see such a situation in the making as Jesus, having spent three years teaching about the Love of God, healing and bringing Truth, life and joy, has, in the eyes of the powers that be - whom He has already exposed in their hypocrisy - had the temerity to object to the abuse of the Temple for financial gain rather than its being reverently used as a place of Prayer. On Good Friday we shall hear how, encouraged by those who rejected Christ's Truth, many who had, today, cheered Jesus as King, would then go on to call for His Death on the Cross. Our Lord, in ejecting those who profaned the Temple, taught us a vital lesson; we may, sometimes, have to risk unpopularity in order to stand up for what is right; it may see us fall in the 'ratings' but, in sticking to the truth, we know that God's Will prevails; it is our fidelity to God which will bring us safely into Heaven rather than being thought well of in the here and now!

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

Palm Sunday p 180

Maundy Thursday – p 196

Good Friday – p 201

Easter Vigil - p 220

Easter Sunday – p 255

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.

Confession is always available on request, as long as a priest is free.

Thank You: The collection for March 22nd was **£2141.94:** (£1497.74 baskets & £644.20 standing orders).

Please note that in last week's newsletter, the reference to the collection for March 8th should have read March 15th - (Figures correct).

Our Coffee Morning last week raised £130.00, which was sent to **LIFE HQ**. See: <http://www.lifecharity.org.uk>

This week:

Good Friday Walk of Witness - Churches Together in Norbury:

You are invited to join with our fellow Christians at 10:45, at Norbury Park, London Road entrance, for an 11:00 start. Walk together in remembrance of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, in a public show of our common Christian belief.

On Good Friday the traditional collection for the Holy Places takes place. Your money helps to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. It also helps many other projects in the region.

Gift Aid donors are requested to use a spare green envelope from your boxes, marking them: "Holy Places".

This Sunday:

We hope you remembered

No Coffee Morning

No Stations of the Cross

Next Sunday:-

No Coffee Morning

The Church will be closed for the rest of the day after the 11:30 Mass.

Next Week:

Easter Monday 6th April – there will be only one Mass, at 10:00am Everything will be back to normal from Tuesday 7th onwards.

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Bernadette Bentley, of Crown Lane, John Joseph Flood, of Lyndhurst Avenue, and Lee Mary Hoy Tsin Sehinson, of Streatham High Road, all of whom died recently. Our sympathy and prayers to their families.

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 30th 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; Mrs Claire Rhodes; Mr Eddie Sanders.

Baptism course: Wednesdays 20th & 27th May 2015.

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. 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 4:

Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Sharon Leonidas, Juliet Mensah, Sophia Smith. **If anybody can no longer come along, 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.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

There are no Stations today, Palm Sunday.

Our Children's Liturgy Stations of the Cross

Will take place on **Good Friday at 12:00pm**

Please ensure that all children taking part attend the rehearsal on Maundy Thursday, 2:30pm.

Also, there will be Stations of the Cross at 8:00pm on Good Friday evening.

Youth Club Grand National Sweepstake:

Those wishing to participate should kindly return their entry forms no later than Easter Sunday, 5th April 2015.

ALTAR SERVERS' EASTER PRACTICES - PLEASE SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK:

If you are able to serve at any, or all of the Easter services, please sign the notice in the sacristy. All practices will last approximately 45 minutes, and will take place as follows:

For Maundy Thursday (8pm start) – Practice will take place the evening before, **Wednesday 1st April @ 7:30pm**

For Good Friday (3pm start) – Practice will take place on **Good Friday itself @ 10:30am**

For Easter Vigil – Practice will take place on

Holy Saturday itself @ 10:30am

It is always great to see so many of our servers participating – we always need as many as possible!

BISHOP THOMAS GRANT SCHOOL:

Congratulations to BTG on coming top of the Government League Tables for Lambeth, following their successful OFSTED inspection last November!

MISSIO: Box holders and promoters are kindly reminded that the next collection is due in April. Thank you.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please look out for the special rota the Easter Triduum. The next full rota has been published. If you ever 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 advise us otherwise.

Day of Penitence - Making your Easter

Confession: - This year there will be no penitential service. Instead, on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31st 2015 there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions after 10:00 Mass, through to 8:00pm. General Election, May 7th 2015.

Please take a copy of the brochure from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. This sets out various moral and social issues for you to consider.

Please see also: www.catholicnews.org.uk

Please note that our church hall will be an official polling station, and it will therefore not be possible for any groups or individuals to use it on that day.

PARISH EASTER CARD: Please take an Easter Card from the clergy. These are to be found in the porch. They contain details of all the Easter Services, through to Easter Monday. You are also invited to take an Easter Offering Envelope, which is for your traditional gift to the clergy.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSION TEAM:

We should like to thank Fr Deo, Fr Paul and you, the parishioners of St Bartholomew's for inviting us to lead your Parish Mission. We are grateful for the many kindnesses we received, and especially for the splendid response to the morning and evening sessions. It has been a graced time for us as a team, and we are sure that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless all those who took part and those who supported us by their prayers.

Brian, Maureen, Geoff, Gina and Canon Frank.

EASTER FLOWERS: Please offer what you can to help us beautify God's House for Easter. There is a special donation box in the porch. Many thanks.

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