

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

## Mass Times and Intentions

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter*

6:15 (Sat eve, 11<sup>th</sup> April)

Welfare of the Lawrence family

8:30 People of the Parish

10:00 Jamie Mitchell Fernandes RIP

11:30 Phyllis & Hannah & Kathleen

McCarthy RIP (Foundation Mass)

### 4:00 Benediction

5:00 Patrick O'Hara RIP

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

07:30 Welfare of the Okeke family

10:00 Requiem Mass for

William James O'Sullivan

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

7:30 Jamie Mitchell Fernandes RIP

10:00 P J Barrett RIP

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

7:30 Jamie Mitchell Fernandes RIP

10:00 Mary Savage RIP

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

07:30 Mary Patmore RIP

10:00 John Joseph Flood RIP

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

07:30 Helen Maduka (ACE studies)

10:00 Requiem Mass for

Reginald Davis

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

10:00 Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

### Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

### Third Sunday of Easter

6:15 (Sat eve) Patrick Towey RIP

8:30 Simon & Doreen Menezes RIP

10:00 Welfare of Catherine Dunne

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 John Joseph Murphy RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

5:00 John & Mary Durkin RIP

### 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

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

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

## A Thought

"Amen", a seemingly insignificant word, yet, said prayerfully, a word which speaks volumes. Our Lord, emphasising a Truth, is recorded at times, saying, "Amen, Amen, I say to you..." How many times do we say Amen during the Mass, apart from in our daily Prayers? One might sometimes believe that the word has been deleted from the end of the 'Our Father', when said outside Mass, however, reading the *In Brief* section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2857-2865) shows that, far from being 'tacked on' to the end of this prayer, just how significant the 'Amen' is. **2865:** *By the final "Amen," we express our "fiat" concerning the seven petitions: "So be it."* In a way it puts the 'seal' on the words of this and many other prayers. "Yes, I believe", is another meaning of this word.

There is also a clear explanation of this on Catholic Answers:-  
<http://www.catholic.com/quickquestions/what-exactly-does-amen-mean>  
Maybe we all need, from time to time, to study, anew, in detail, this and other prayers which, perhaps, familiarity can cause to be said without a lot of thought. How many other commonplace words might surprise us with their significance?

**Congratulations:** to **Tanya Borg** and **Scott McCarthy** who were married here on Friday afternoon. We wish them both a long and happy marriage, offering our best wishes and prayers for the future.

## This Sunday:

**Coffee Morning:** after all morning Masses with the **Youth Club**, with all proceeds to **HCPT**, who take handicapped children to Lourdes.

**We Welcome** into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Akai Johnson & Leo Levitas.**

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM:**  
Our sincere thanks to all of you who took part in the Holy Week services during the Easter Triduum, leading up to Easter Sunday: Our choirs for providing such wonderful, prayerful music; Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; those who cleaned the Church, prepared the floral displays. So many of you gave generously of your time and talents in order to make it such a meaningful celebration of the Passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank You and God bless you all for the wonderful generosity you continue to show towards us priests. You kindly gave to Fr Paul & I an amazing £4973.00 as your Easter offering!

A special thanks to our Altar Servers from Jed and Ged: A huge thank you to all the Altar Servers who made the Easter services go so well. It was fantastic to see so many of both our younger and older servers. You're a real credit to the Parish. Thank you!

**Readings in Parish Mass Book:**  
**This Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April - p 259**  
**Next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April – p 262**  
**This week:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> -The UCM** meet in the upper hall 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>:** Please note there will be no Family Choir practice.

**Next Sunday:**  
**Coffee Morning:** with Marianna Partridge, to raise funds to help fund her expedition to Borneo, where she will be taking part in various projects to help improve the lives of impoverished local communities.

**Next Sunday**, there will be a **second collection** for the **maintenance of St George's Cathedral**, the mother church of our diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

**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 priest to visit.**

**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 life at 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; Mrs Lucy Nwagwu;  
Mr Gerard Perkins; Mr Tony Price; Mrs Claire Rhodes;  
Mr Eddie Sanders; Sister Ann Ugoh.

**Baptism course:** Wednesdays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015. At 8:00pm in the room behind the sacristy. Further sessions will be announced in due course.

**The Parish Website:** Please note that the current appearance and functionality are only temporary, and we shall continue to develop the site over the course of the next few weeks. Therefore it may be a while before you begin to notice any significant changes. We are aware that some of you have had issues downloading the newsletter and/or accessing the website if using certain makes of mobiles. In the meantime, we welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

**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 are no longer able to come along, please advise the Parish Office.**

**Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?**

We are currently desperately short of cleaners. If you are willing and able to help the parish in this way, please make yourself known to either of the clergy, or get in touch with the Parish Office.

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch. Please give full details of your intention and state clearly if it is for a living or deceased person. Despite what it says on the envelopes, **please do not put them into the collection baskets.** (We are exploring the possibility of using envelopes which are larger, clearer and easier to deal with.) Please note that there are no spaces left for Masses in April, whilst May is fast filling up. Please provide contact details in case we need to get in touch with you. NB: when funerals occur, we are obliged to reschedule Masses.

**Holy Communion 2015:**

Please would parents who have not yet returned their slips and money for the Going Forth party please kindly do so via the parish office. Please note that Fr Deo will be taking in all Communion books very soon, so please make sure your child completes all their work and is fully up-to-date.

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

**Leaflets and posters:** Please kindly present any leaflets and posters which you would like to have displayed in the porch to one of the priests, or take them to the Parish Office.

**General Election, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk)

**Please note that our church hall will be an official polling station, and it will therefore not be available at all for any part of Polling Day.**

**CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES:**

Have you heard of **Marriage Encounter?** Marriage Encounter is a weekend away to explore where you are going and to enliven your relationship, bringing you closer and deepening your commitment to your lifetime together. The whole focus of the weekend is on you as a couple and your relationship – it's not relationship counselling or a retreat and you will not have to spill out personal details to others.

Marriage Encounter is for anybody who knows there's always more to learn about each other, and that it's the weekends away that spice things up at home. Most of all, Marriage Encounter is for anyone who believes they made the right choice on their wedding day and every day since. The weekend is presented from a Catholic Christian perspective, but any married couples are welcome to attend. There are spaces available on the weekend at Park Place (Wickham, near Fareham, Hampshire) from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June. For information and online booking, go to: [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) or contact Chris & Mary Farrall on 02380 275401