

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 19th April 2015

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Times and Intentions

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6:15 (Saturday eve)

Patrick Towey RIP

8:30 Simon & Doreen Menezes RIP

10:00 Catherine Dunne RIP

11:30 John Joseph Murphy RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 John & Mary Durkin RIP

Monday 20th April

07:30 Mary Savage RIP

10:00 Joseph & Mary Josephine

Naganathan RIP

Tuesday 21st April

*St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church (Memorial)*

7:30 Welfare of Tom & Mary Gannon

10:00 Recovery of Kay Curtin

Wednesday 22nd April

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

10:00 Requiem Mass for

Mary Lee Hoy Tsin Sehinson

*Thursday 23rd April - St George,
Martyr, Patron of England
(Solemnity)*

07:30 Janet & Sampson Adindu RIP

10:00 Welfare of Ben Ohen

Friday 24th April

07:30 Jim Swift RIP

10:00 UCM intention

12:15 Requiem Mass for

Bernadette Winifred Bentley

Saturday 25th April

St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)

10:00 Holy Souls

Next Sunday 26th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

6:15 (Sat eve) Elisabeth Davies RIP

8:30 John Joseph Murphy RIP

10:00 Thanksgiving (Helena)

11:30 Giovanni Caterino RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

5:00 Ellis Foundation Mass

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.

A Thought

Last week we celebrated **Divine Mercy Sunday**, instituted, at Jesus' request, on the Sunday after Easter by Saint Pope John Paul II, who died on the eve of this day, in 2005. In 2001 he spoke of Divine Mercy as, "...*the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity...*". On April 30, 2000, he had canonised Saint Faustina Kowalska, the Polish Nun to whom Jesus appeared, asking her to spread devotion to His Mercy, telling her of Mankind's urgent need of Mercy and His great desire, in Love, of forgiving those who repented of their sins. He asked that, at 3 o'clock, the hour of His Death on the Cross, we pray and meditate on His Death. There is even a special prayer for this hour. Saint Faustina, at Christ's request, kept a diary of His appearances and Teachings; He told her, "*Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.*" (*Diary, 300*) Great promises were attached to the day itself: "*I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy*" (*Diary, 1109*).

Christ also, as we will readily understand from praying, "...*forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...*", expects us to show mercy to others.

We must, of course, regularly seek God's Mercy in Confession, so increasing the Grace we need in order to avoid sin. Is regular Confession a priority in your life? How about saying the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** as part of your preparation. Find out more about Divine Mercy at <http://www.marian.org/whatwedo/> and read what our Holy Father has just said to us about it.

Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul © 1987 Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

This Sunday: Second collection is for the **maintenance of St George's Cathedral.**

Coffee Morning: with **Marianna Partridge**, to raise funds to help fund her expedition to Borneo to do community work there for impoverished local communities.

We Welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Nevaeh Arowojolu, Isla Rose Bobb-Mai Croken, Eden Menezes and Riley Jay O'Shaughnessy**

Thank You:

The collection for April 12th was **£2304.29:** £1660.09 (baskets) & £644.20 (standing orders).

The **Holy Places** collection, taken on Good Friday, came to **£634.96** **Father Paul and I** are most grateful for your **amazing Easter offering**, which has risen to **£5271.30!** God bless you and thank you for the generosity you show towards your priests.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:
This Sunday, 19th April - p 262
Next Sunday, 26th April – p 266

Next week:

Next Sunday:

There will be a **second collection** for **Ecclesiastical Education**. This collection helps in the training of students for the permanent diaconate and the priesthood, and certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. Next Sunday is also designated as **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Please take a brochure about Vocations from the porch. If you think you may have a calling to the Priesthood or the religious life, please speak in confidence to one of the clergy.

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Olive Wood who died recently. She was the sister of Canon Frank O'Sullivan, who led our recent mission. Our thoughts and prayers go out 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 priest to visit.

Our New Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will hold their first full meeting on Thursday 30th April 2015.

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: This is still being developed. We welcome any feedback and suggestions you may have.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 1:

Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam.

If you are in this group, but can no longer come along, please advise the Parish Office.

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We remain desperately short of cleaners. If you would like to help, please make yourself known to either of the clergy, or contact the Parish Office.

VIP NOTICE RE CAFOD LENT FAST DAY:

CAFOD never received our first instalment of £2000.00. It now appears that our donation was lost in the post. If you wrote a cheque **payable to CAFOD** (Not to St Bartholomew's) and handed it in **on the actual weekend of the appeal ONLY**, please check with your bank to see if your cheque has cleared. If not, please **stop** it. **Please note that this only applies to 2-3 people, with a total of £65.**

Everything else is accounted for. Regrettably, the Gift Aid forms which accompanied the cheques also failed to be delivered to CAFOD.

Leaflets and posters: Please do not leave or display these in the porch without first asking Fr Deo.

General Election, May 7th 2015.

Various moral and social issues for you to consider. May be found at: 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.

Sons and Daughters of The Living God:

A series of seminars bearing this title will take place in the Parish Hall of **Our Lady and St Philip Neri**, 208 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE, from 22nd April to 17th June 2015 each Wednesday, from 8:00pm to 10:00pm. (Optional Mass at 7:00pm in the Church). There will be a special day as part of the seminars on Saturday 23rd May 2015. The seminars, hosted by **Light of Christ Prayer Meeting**, will include keynote speakers, workshops, prayer and scripture. These will be lively gatherings, in which the Holy Spirit is invited to refresh and renew all those taking part. Please take a brochure from the porch.

Annual Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage: Are you a couple celebrating either your **1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+** Wedding Anniversary? A special Mass of celebration will take place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 25th June 2015. **Booking is essential.** If you would like an invitation from Archbishop Peter, please contact one of the priests **by 30th April at the latest.** Please see posters for more details.

A word of thanks: The family of Mary Patmore would like to show their appreciation by thanking everybody for their kind messages, prayers and support, and all those of you who attended Mary's funeral service.

The Family Choir: Monica Milligan has agreed to step down from the Family Choir. We thank her for all the hard work she has put into running the choir so successfully over a great number of years, and we wish her well for the future. There will be an opportunity for the parish and the diocese to show their appreciation to her in the near future. Tony Price has been asked to keep the Family Choir together until alternative arrangements are made, and it is hoped that the members will continue their wonderful contribution to the liturgy in the parish into the future; in the first instance, for the children and families at the forthcoming First Holy Communion and Going Forth Masses. He will contact members shortly. NB: There will be **NO** practice this Tuesday.

Support for Scouts:

The St Bartholomew's Scout Group has been running for over 50 years and is one of the largest and most successful in Lambeth, with numbers growing steadily in recent years. To cope with the increasing numbers, we desperately need help to run our scout meetings on Thursday evenings 7.30-9.15, to accompany us on outings and camps, and to help manage the scouts (aged 10½ - 15). You don't need experience, training is provided, and there are a range of worthwhile and fun roles. You would need to agree to a DBS (formerly CRB) check. If you think you might like to help out, please contact either Nick Andon nick.andon@kcl.ac.uk 020 8670 4848 or Mark Leggett leggettmark@hotmail.com 020 3638 4759.

Mass Intentions: Please note that April is now full, and only a few spaces are available for May.