

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015    The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

**(Year B)**

## Mass Times and Intentions

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – The Most Holy*

*Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

6:15 (Saturday eve, 6<sup>th</sup> June)

Roy Daniels RIP & family

(Foundation Mass)

8:30 Norma Carpenter RIP

10:00 Kitty McCadden RIP

11:30 Padraig Kilgannon RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

Mass: Prince of Peace W.S. Lloyd Webber

Offertory: Ave Maria Arcadelt

Communion: Ave Verum Mozart

4:00 **Rosary and Benediction**

5:00 First Communicants' **Going Forth Mass**

(Family Choir singing)

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June*

07:30 Private intention

10:00 Marie Rose Chan RIP

12:15 Requiem for Felix Scicluna

*Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June*

7:30 Deceased members of Onwuekwe &

Ilobi family, relations and friends

10:00 Welfare of Patrick &

Marie Chamberlain

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June*

7:30 Welfare of the Okeke family

10:00 Antoine Shun RIP

*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June*

*St Barnabas, Apostle (Memorial)*

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Phyllis Gomez RIP

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June*

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)*

07:30 Welfare of families of

Sylvester and Kenneth

10:00 Maggie Francis RIP

**First Friday - Adoration until 2:00pm**

*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June –*

*The Immaculate Heart of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)*

10:00 Thanksgiving –

Adindu & Nwagwu families

*Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June*

*11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:15 (Sat eve) Nicholas & Agnes Dias RIP

8:30 Reginald Davis RIP

10:00 Joan Stafford RIP

11:30 Welfare of Carmen Lu

**4:00 Benediction**

5:00 Rosita Ugoeke RIP

7:00 Polyphony Choir "Parables"

**Musical Meditation**

**Daily Mass & Prayer:**

**Mass:** Mon – Fri 7:30am

**Morning Prayer of the Church:**

Mon - Sat 9:15am

**Adoration & Benediction**

Mon – Sat 9:30am

**Mass:** Mon – Sat 10:00am

**Rosary:** Mon – Sat 10:30am

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

## A Thought

Today we celebrate Holy Communion itself, the precious treasure which Christ first gave (His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) to His Apostles at the Last Supper, and which He longs, every day, to give to us, not as a reward for being good, but as help to that end.

Thanks to the present English translation of the text of the Mass we can, clearly, ponder the fact that, in ourselves, we are totally unworthy to have God come into our body and soul. Echoing the words of the Centurion, we declare: "*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed*". In this profound prayer we not only admit our fallen human nature but we proclaim our firm belief that Christ can, in His Goodness, if we are truly sorry, drive out sin.

It is because Jesus, God the Son, actually comes to each of us personally, that the Church insists upon our being in the State of Grace, i.e. free from Mortal Sin. She requires us, also, under normal circumstances, to fast for one hour (water and medicines excepted) before receiving Communion. Hopefully, realising the importance of the Food of our Souls compared to earthly food, this is no big deal. We might also remember that, many years ago, the fast was for 24 hours. This was then reduced to three hours, and is now one hour.

Should we feel that our desire for Holy Communion is not as strong as it ought to be, then two child-martyrs, *Saint Tarcisius* and a Chinese girl, *Little Li*, who both gave their lives for the Holy Eucharist in times of persecution, will help us to re-kindle our love for the closest union with our God before He embraces us in Heaven. You may read their stories on the internet at:

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/MARY/TARCIS.htm> and

<http://www.myfirstholychommunion.com/portfolio-view/little-li/>.

Remember, too, that in various parts of the world, our Brothers and Sisters are still risking their lives for the Privilege of going to Communion. By following the above link, you will find some wonderful stories to inspire you and your children! Happy Feast day!

## Readings in Parish Mass Book:

**This Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June – p 85**

**Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June – p 95**

**Coffee Morning:** None this week.

## Thank You:

The collection for May 24<sup>th</sup> was **£2319.10:** £1674.90 (baskets) & £644.20 (standing orders).

## Please see Gift Aid Message.

**The Polyphony Choir** thank you for your support in raising **£109.54** towards choir funds at last week's coffee morning, and demolishing so much cake in the process!

## This week:

**We welcome Fr Denis Paul**, to say the 10:00 and 11:30 masses today.

**Father Deo** is still in Colombo, Sri Lanka, until his return on **8<sup>th</sup> June**

**We welcome** into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Tiwatope Rose Odusanya**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** **BTG School** are holding their entry appeals in both our halls.

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June:

Our congratulations to Archbishop Peter Smith on this, the fifth anniversary of his appointment.

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June:

St Bart's Parish Playgroup meets in the lower hall from 10:00 – 11:30am.

**Father Paul** leaves for his holiday, returning on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We wish him a pleasant and restful break.

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June –

**The Over 55's** meet in the hall from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Come along and celebrate the start of summer, with Pimm's, strawberries and cream and the all the usual refreshments.

## Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

There will be a **second collection** for the **Catholic Trust for England and Wales** (formerly the National Catholic Fund). It supports the extensive work of the Bishops' Conference and the central administration of the Church in this country. There is a special envelope in your Gift Aid box for this collection.

## Coffee Morning with the UCM

After the 10:00 and 11:30am Masses.

### **Sick and Housebound:**

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Stefan Czarnecki, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Mary Ellen Fox, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Ajitha Mahatantila, Peter Mendonca, Monica Milligan, Edgar Ming, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter, 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.**

**Baptism course:** We expect to be in a position to announce sessions for July shortly. Those on the May course will be contacted shortly.

### **Church Cleaning This Week: Group 2:**

Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua, Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya & Victoria Okonko

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

Thanks to those who have put their names forward so far. However, 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. Thank you.

**The Catenian Rosary Group:** Please put your unwanted, unused, or broken rosaries in the container in the porch. We shall be doing this on an ongoing basis.

**Mass Intentions: June is already fully booked.** We hope you will like using our **new clearer, larger envelopes**, which are available in all the porch areas of the church. We suggest that you use one envelope for each Mass, unless you wish to have Mass said more than once for the same intention. If need be, kindly put a note inside your envelope with any extra details. Please try to avoid using Mass Intention envelopes for the weekly collection, or indeed any other purpose. Just hand your envelope to any of the clergy, or post it through the presbytery letter box.

### **Leaflets and posters for display in the porch:**

Please kindly hand these to the clergy, or Parish Office.

### **CAFOD – DEC APPEAL FOR NEPAL:**

You may continue to donate by phone on: 0500 85 88 85 or online at: [www.cafod.org.uk/Nepal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Nepal). Please see posters.

**Waste Matters:** - For health and safety reasons, you are politely requested **not** to place disposable nappies or other organic material in the waste paper bin in the porch.

**Parish Website:** We expect to have this fully updated in the coming weeks. If you can't download the newsletter, please go [www.polychoir.co.uk](http://www.polychoir.co.uk) and click on "Newsletter" at the top of their home page.

### **Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy**

**Communion:** You are kindly requested to contact the Parish Office with dates when you expect to be **unavailable** for the period 27<sup>th</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to all those who have already responded. The next rota is being compiled, and will run from 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June until 01<sup>st</sup>/02<sup>nd</sup> August.

**The Hall:** Will all uniformed groups and other hall users kindly note that BTG school will be holding their annual admission appeals from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, from 9:00am to 5:00pm in both upper and lower halls. Please bear in mind that tables and chairs will be left out as a result.

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2015:**

**Application forms are now available in the main porch. Please ensure your forms are completed and returned no later than Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

**Enrolment will take place during the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.** Young people, accompanied by a Catholic parent or guardian, along with any adults wishing to be confirmed, should attend the 5:00pm Mass in order to collect an official enrolment form. Candidates who attend school need to be in Year 8 or above on the enrolment date. **(Please note the application form mentioned above is a separate form.)**

There will be a short meeting in the Hall after the enrolment Mass where details of the programme will be provided and the opportunity for parents or guardians and candidates to fill in the forms and ask any questions. The session should finish by 7:00pm. **Confirmations will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 12:00 noon.**

**Baptism Course:** Our next course will take place on **Saturdays 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 3:00pm.** Please take a Baptism Details Form in the porch in order to apply.

### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES AND END OF YEAR STATEMENTS:**

**It is most important that you come and take yours, even if you pay by standing order.** This is because your standing order does not cover second collections. A full box of envelopes is produced each year, and those who give by standing order need only use the extra envelopes. Envelopes and statements are in the usual room on the right hand side of the passage way at the very front of the church. You should retain your end of year statement in case you are required to prove to HMRC what you have given. **If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office.** Gift Aid is a vital source of income for the parish. During the financial year ended April 2014, we reclaimed the sum of **£17,687.36** from HMRC!

**A Date for your diary:** Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm, here at St. Bartholomew's, the **Polyphony Choir** will be offering a short (about 45 minutes) musical meditation on the theme of **Parables**. Entrance will be free, and there will be a **retiring collection** in aid of our **SVP** group. Please see the posters in the porches for further details.

### **Job advertisement for the Archdiocese of Southwark:**

#### **Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office Co-ordinator:**

The JPIC office, based at Cathedral House in Westminster Bridge Road, is looking for a new co-ordinator to be responsible for all the administration associated with the promotion of JPIC issues. This is a part-time job, for around 21.5 hours per week. Salary £27,000pa to £30,000pa, depending on experience, pro rata for part-time hours. If you would like to apply, please email your CV to [sarah.wood@finance-redsouthwark.org](mailto:sarah.wood@finance-redsouthwark.org) by the closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Full details are on the diocesan website [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

### **Employment opportunities in Catholic Schools:**

Please see the notice board for all advertisements. There are also a number of Open Days coming up for potential students of many of the schools in our diocese.

**Help wanted:** A parishioner is seeking coaching in GCSE Mathematics for her son who is taking exams in May 2016. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

### **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: GOOD NEWS!!!**

CAFOD finally received our parish donation on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015, almost 10 weeks after it was sent! The accompanying Gift Aid envelopes were also received, so that more can be reclaimed from HMRC. Deo Gratias!