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Sunday 14th June 2015

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 14th June

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Saturday eve, 13th June)

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

Monday 15th June

07:30 Private intention

10:00 Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP

Tuesday 16th June

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh Family

10:00 Nora Donohue RIP

Wednesday 17th June

7:30 Welfare of Filomena Policelli

10:00 Mary Garvey RIP

Thursday 18th June

07:30 Helen Maduka (ACE Studies)

10:00 Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Friday 19th June

07:30 Welfare of Victoria

10:00 Welfare of James Desa

& Family

Saturday 20th June

*St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain,
(Memorial)*

10:00 James Desa 50th Birthday

Next Sunday 21st June

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Sat eve) Giovanna Giannini RIP

8:30 Bernadette Bentley RIP

10:00 Mario Rodrigues RIP

11:30 Welfare of Moira Scully

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Michael Howlett RIP

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 10:00 am Mass until 11am; then 5:00pm to 6pm, and at call, where a priest is available.

A Thought

On Friday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Seat and Symbol of His Burning Love for us, Love which moved Him to Die for us, in agony, on the Cross on Good Friday, and also moved Him, at the Last Supper, to institute the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in which, through Holy Orders and Father's words and gestures, that once-for-all Sacrifice will be made present in our churches and offered until the end of time. Christ, of course, does not suffer any more; He just wishes us to join ourselves, in our own particular time and place, to His Sacrifice and longs to give Himself to each of us, in Communion.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is often linked to one Saint in particular, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who, round about 1673, was privileged to have Jesus show her His Sacred Heart, lamenting that although He showers unlimited Love on Mankind, so many simply show ingratitude in return. Among the revelations Jesus made was what became known as the "Great Promise", namely that those, who, on the First Friday of nine months in a row, received Communion, would be granted all the Graces they needed to live a life which would bring them safely to Heaven. Of course, as we must recognise, this does not guarantee that one will get to Heaven, come what may. Rather, it promises that all the spiritual assistance we need to overcome sin and move closer to God are ours for the asking; we are, of course, expected to make our best efforts to use these helps! Jesus asked for the setting up of last Friday's Feast, to make up for Man's ingratitude.

It is significant that these visions occurred when they did because, at the time, a Heresy, Jansenism, presented God as anything but Loving, Merciful and Forgiving, but rather as someone to be feared, a concept which is totally at variance with the Church's Teachings.

In an age when the meaning of 'love' has been so distorted and debased, this Devotion is another priceless asset to us in our journey towards Heaven.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday, 14th June – p 95

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Coffee Morning: This week, you are invited to join the UCM in the hall after the 10:00 & 11:30 Masses. Cakes and bric-a-brac will be on sale, and there will also be a raffle.

Thank You:

The collection for May 31st was **£1780.99:** £1136.79 (baskets) & £644.20 (standing orders).

(Please see Gift Aid Message.)

This week:

There will be a **second collection today** 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. NB Those who Gift Aid by Standing Order will still need to use an envelope for this collection.

(Please see Gift Aid Message.)

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

Father Paul is now away on holiday until July 17th. We wish him a happy and restful time away.

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **May Adele Olugbemisola McCoy-Gbolade**

Thursday 18th June:

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

Friday 19th June:

The UCM meet in the upper hall from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

Next Sunday is Fathers' Day.

Coffee Morning – None next week. Both halls will be in use all day for a private function.

Recently deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Stefan Czarnecki, who died peacefully in hospital in Worthing on Friday 5th June 2015. Many will remember Stefan, the younger brother of Chris (Knights of St Columba), and son of Irena and Jan Czarnecki (Polyphony Choir). Stefan spent his final years at St Bridget's Cheshire Home in Littlehampton. He had no surviving family members. Details of his funeral will follow. Also, Robert Sidney Whitmore of Biggin Hill, SE19, who died at King's College Hospital on Wednesday 10th June. Our sympathy to the family. His funeral service will be held here on Friday 26th June at 12:30pm.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, 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.**

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 3:

Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

Thanks to those who have put their names forward so far. However, as you can see from the size of the above group, we remain desperately short of cleaners. If you would like to offer your help, please make yourself known to either of the clergy, or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Mass Intentions: July is filling up very quickly.

We hope you like our new "user-friendly" envelopes, which are available in all the porch areas of the church. Just hand your envelope to any of the clergy, or post it through the presbytery letter box. Please note that during August and early September, there will only be one Mass each day, which will be at 10:00am. Please remember that if a funeral occurs, your intention may have to be moved.

Leaflets and posters for display in the porch:

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

Parish Website:

Following feedback received, you may have noticed that some changes have been made recently. More changes and increased content will follow in due course.

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 27th/28th June to 12th/13th September. Thanks to all those who have already responded. This will help us to cover the summer period as best we can. The next rota will be sent out this week, and will run from 27th/28th June until 01st/02nd August. Please arrange any further changes between yourselves.

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.

Employment opportunities in Catholic Schools:

Please see the notice board for all job advertisements.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2015:

Confirmations this year will take place on Sunday 15th November 2015 at 12:00 noon.
In order to join the programme, it is important that candidates complete an application form.
Application forms are now available in all porches.
Please ensure your forms are completed and returned no later than Wednesday 17th June 2015.

Enrolment will take place during the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday 28th 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. **(NB: the application form mentioned above is not the same as the enrolment form.)**

There will be a short meeting in the **Hall** immediately after the enrolment Mass, at which details of the programme will be provided, along with the opportunity for parents or guardians and candidates to fill in the enrolment forms and ask any questions. The session should finish by 7:00pm.

Baptism Course: Our next course will take place on **Saturdays 11th & 18th July 2015 at 3:00pm.** Please take a Baptism Details Form from the porch in order to apply. Kindly complete it in full and either hand it to one of the clergy or bring it to the Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS:

These are now available for viewing in an album, on the right hand shelf of the main porch. Instructions for placing orders are also available. Our thanks to John Taylor once again for making this possible.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES AND END OF YEAR STATEMENTS:
We still have a number of boxes and end of year letters. **It is most important that you take your envelopes, even if you pay by standing order. This is because your standing order does not cover second collections.**

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!

New Altar Server Training:

Would you like to become an Altar Server? And have you made your First Holy Communion? If the answer to both these questions is "yes", we have a training course for new servers coming soon. It will take place at **6:00pm on both Sunday 12th July and Sunday 19th July.** Prospective servers will need to attend **both** sessions, each of which will last for **one hour**. Please request an **application form** from the **Sacristy**, and return it before **Sunday 28th June** so that we can get an idea of numbers.

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. Please see posters.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: GOOD NEWS!!!

CAFOD finally received our parish donation on 19th May 2015, almost 10 weeks late! The Gift Aid envelopes were also received, for tax to be reclaimed from HMRC. Deo Gratias!