St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 16th August 2015

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions Sunday 16thAugust The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) 6:15 (Saturday eve, 15th August)

Ellen and Robert Ivan Foster RIP 8:30 Thanksgiving –

Chime family
10:00 Welfare of Marie &
Patrick Chamberlain
11:30 Carmelo Cordina RIP

4:00 Benediction 5:00 People of the parish

20th Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 17th August 10:00 Thanksgiving – Adindu & Nwagwu families

Tuesday 18th August 10:00 Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Wednesday 19th August

10:00 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

Thursday 20th August
St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor
of the Church (Memorial)

10:00 Rita Chapman RIP Friday 21st August

St Pius X, Pope (Memorial)
10:00 Veronica Nwabueze RIP

Saturday 22nd August
The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (Memorial)
10:00 Kitty Devenney RIP
Next Sunday 23rdAugust,
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:15 (Sat eve)

Christopher Joseph RIP 8:30 Fr Paul – (Recent Ordination Anniversary) 10:00 Peter & Mary

McCaffrey RIP

11:30 Teresa Lan RIP

4:00 Benediction 5:00 People of the parish

Daily Mass & Prayer:

*(NB: There will not be a 7:30am Mass until Monday 7th September 2015)

*Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 9:15am

*Adoration & Benediction

Mon – Sat **9:30am**

(First Fridays until 2:00pm)

*Mass: Mon – Sat 10:00am

*Rosary: Mon – Sat 10:30am

*Confessions: Saturday, after 10:00am Mass, until 11:00am; then in the afternoon from

5:00pm to 6:00pm, and at call, provided that a priest is available.

Readings in Parish Mass Book: This Sunday,

The Assumption of the BVM: Vigil Mass, 15th August – P 178 Sunday. 16th August – p 180 Next Sunday – P 123

Thank You:

The collection for August 9th was **£1982.19:** £1262.19 (baskets) & £720.00 (standing orders)

We welcome once again Father Denis Paul to say the 10:00am & 11:30am Masses. Our grateful thanks to Father Denis for being with us whilst our clergy have been taking their summer breaks. We pray for the safe return of Father Deo later this coming week.

Raffle prizes: Please collect these from the presbytery.

The latest edition of the Southwark Vocations Magazine is still available in the porch. If you think you may have a vocation to the Priesthood or the Religious Life, please do speak to Fr Deo or Fr Paul. You may also contact Fr Stephen Langridge, Vocations Director for Southwark on: 01227 272824 or email him at: info@southwarkvocations.com Please pray constantly for more vocations in the Church: "The harvest is great, but the

labourers are few."

ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of **England and Wales has written** to remind us all that on Friday 11th September, which is less than a month away, the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill which seeks to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. If you have not already done so, please urgently write to your MP, asking them to vote against this bill. To assist you with this, the Bishops' Conference has, this weekend, provided a special postcard, which you will find in the porch. All you need to do is add the name of your MP, your own details and a stamp. If you have neighbours who would like to do likewise, by all means take a card for them too. This is our last big opportunity before the debate to make our pro-life feelings known to our Members of Parliament, many of whom, we are told, really do take notice of the views of their constituents.

Mass Intentions: August is full. The 6:15 Mass is booked solidly 3 months ahead. Please note that up to and including the first week of September, the busiest part of the summer, there will be only one weekday Mass, at 10:00am.

Please make your voice heard!

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: To assist in the production of the next rota, please advise the parish office of any dates on which you will <u>not</u> be available up until 24th/25th October 2015 (the weekend prior to All Saints). Thank you.

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 can help with this group or any other, please contact either of the clergy, or advise the Parish Office.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Liam Goddard, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Felix Isichei, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Ajitha Mahatantila, Dominic Mascarenhas, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Please inform us if you or anybody else you know would like to be added to the list of sick and housebound, and if a priest is required to pay a visit.

MAINTENANCE: Work is continuing on the hall, including the roof. Please take care when in the area around the hall. In addition, as you may have noticed, the front garden has been transformed, with the paving being next to receive attention. Work is due to commence this week on the outside of the church itself.

Lost Property: – We have 3 folding umbrellas and 3 pairs of spectacles in the porch. Could they be yours? We also still have Johanna's umbrella in the parish office.

Foreign currency: - Please do not put your foreign coins into the collection baskets or the candle boxes, since they jam up our counting machine. Please hand any foreign notes and coins in, and the SVP will have them converted into Pounds Sterling for their funds. This way, your spare holiday money can still do some good.

The late Father James Carolin M.A. Former Parish Priest of St Bartholomew's:

Those who remember Fr. Carolin may know that he is buried in Streatham Park Cemetery, together with his mother Rosalie and his sister Audrey. Due to the poor state of their grave, Father Deo has decided that it should be renovated. With the approximate cost at £4500.00, work is already underway, for completion in time for the annual blessing of graves in the cemetery in November, the month of the Holy Souls. Private contributions are invited from any parishioners, former parishioners and indeed any others who might be interested. We regret that contributions cannot be gift aided for this project, as it is fundamentally a private arrangement and therefore it does not attract charitable status. If possible, please write a **cheque**, payable to: "RICHARD BUSH - FR CAROLIN GRAVE A/C". Please hand your cheque to one of the clergy or to the Parish Office, or just post it through the door of the Priests' house. If you would prefer to pay electronically, please contact the Parish Office for further details in order to achieve this. As at the time of writing, the total stands at £1270.00.

Thanks to all who have contributed so far.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS:

All orders are now ready for collection in the porch. **COFFEE MORNINGS 2016:** If you would like to run a coffee morning next year, please contact the Parish Office. A schedule is now being put together. Most Sundays are available, except during August. You can run one after all the morning Masses or just the 10:00 & 11:30. If you wish to raise funds for a charity, whether as an individual, a family or parish group, we should like to hear from you!

BAPTISM COURSES: If you are planning the Baptism of your child, you will need to have attended a course within 3 years prior to Baptism. Courses will recommence in September, and details will be provided in the newsletter in the coming weeks. Many parents have commented on how meaningful, helpful and spiritually uplifting our Baptism courses are, which is a great tribute to the knowledge and dedication of our catechists who provide them.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 22nd August 2015 at St Saviour's Church in Lewisham High Street. One of many Saturdays dedicated to Our Lady at various churches across the country. The day includes a procession, the Rosary, Mass, Exposition and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Please take a packed lunch. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

THE DIVINE MERCY: Three Forthcoming events: Pilgrimage on Monday 31st August 2015 (Bank Holiday) at Aylesford Priory.

Pilgrimage on Saturday 12th September 2015 at the shrine of St Augustine, Ramsgate in Kent.

Retreat on Sunday 13th September 2015 at the church of St Sebastian & St Pancras, Kingsbury, London NW9. Please see posters in the porch for full details.

Gift Aid: Please avoid mixing 1st and 2nd collections in the same envelope, as each collection has to be counted and recorded separately.

If you have lost your envelopes, please kindly refer to the item below this one. For any queries about Gift Aid, please contact the organisers via the parish office.

Spare Gift Aid Envelopes: You will notice some special Gift Aid envelopes in each of the porches. These are intended for Gift Aid givers only, whenever you forget your envelope, whether for the main collection or any other diocesan collection. They are not intended for other second collections from outside the archdiocese. Please just write your Gift Aid number on it, along with the name of any second collection if applicable. If you cannot recall your number, kindly add your name and address. Please note that all Gift Aid records are kept confidentially.

Coloma Convent Girls' School, Croydon, St Mary's High School, Croydon and Ursuline College, Wimbledon all announce their Open Evenings for Entry in September 2016. Please see the various notice boards in the porch for details.

THE BUTTERFLY SERVICE: This annual event for all those who have lost babies and young children takes place on Sunday 27th September at the St Barnabas chapel in the grounds of Croydon University Hospital. Please see the poster in the porch for details of this event.