

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 23rd August 2015

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 23rd August

6:15 (Saturday eve, 22nd August)

Christopher Joseph RIP

8:30 Fr Paul – (Upon the recent Anniversary of his Ordination)

10:00 Peter & Mary

McCaffrey RIP

11:30 Teresa Lan RIP

4:00 Benediction

5:00 People of the parish

21st Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 24th August

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW,
APOSTLE (FEAST)**

10:00am Malachy Ezeilo RIP

7:30pm People of the Parish

Tuesday 25th August

10:00 John & Mary Cradock RIP
and the welfare of Patricia Settle

Wednesday 26th August

10:00 Janet & Sampson
Adindu RIP

Thursday 27th August

St Monica (Memorial)

10:00 Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

Friday 28th August

St Augustine,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10:00 Gordon Marazzi RIP

Saturday 29th August

The Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial)

10:00 Fred Montague RIP

Next Sunday 23rd August,

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Sat eve) Chris Ryan RIP

8:30 Stefania Romanska RIP

10:00 Mary Patmore RIP

11:30 Bridget & Joe McDonagh RIP
and Anne & PJ Morgan 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 – p 123

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Thank You:

The collection for August 16th was **£1631.49**: £911.49 (baskets) & £720.00 (standing orders)

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Sofia Villacin Cardoso.**

We welcome back Father Denis Paul, to say the 11:30 Mass today

Father Deo has unfortunately been ill whilst on holiday, and has had to delay his return until 3rd September. He asks your prayers for a speedy recovery and for his safe return.

Tomorrow, Monday 24th August, is the Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle, the patronal Saint of this parish. There will be Mass at 10:00am and at 7:30pm. All are invited to the hall after both Masses for tea and coffee.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Would those of you who take Communion to housebound parishioners kindly confirm your current list to the Parish Office, as we are currently amending the list. Thankyou.

ASSISTED DYING BILL:

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written to remind us all that on Friday 11th September, which is less than 3 weeks 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. Last week's supply of post cards all went after the first Mass of the day! A suggested letter template is available in all the porches. Time is running out, as the debate approaches, 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. Please make your voice heard!

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

Coffee Mornings: resume on Sunday 6th September with Allison Furtado, raising money for the 2016 Coloma Convent School tour to South Africa. This will be after all morning Masses.

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: To assist in the production of the next rota, if you have not already done so, please advise the parish office of any dates you will **not** be available **up until 24th/25th October 2015.**

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 1:

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

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 has now commenced on the paintwork across all our buildings.

Foreign currency: - Please kindly avoid putting any foreign coins into the collection baskets or the candle boxes, since such coins seriously jam up our counting machine. This can sometimes mean that the coin count has to be done by hand. Please hand any foreign notes and coins in at the Parish Office. They will go to the SVP, who have them changed into Pounds 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, Rowan Road, 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, with completion expected to be 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 the necessary details. Thanks to all who have contributed so far. As at the time of writing, the total stands at **£1410.00.**

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS:

All orders are now ready for collection in the porch.

COFFEE MORNINGS 2016: If you would like to hold 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 a parish group, we should be happy 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.

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.

Spare Gift Aid Envelopes: You will find 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.

WALSINGHAM – The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady. The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage takes place there on Sunday 6th September. There is also a fundraising campaign in progress. Please see posters in the porch.

Open Evenings are coming up at various Catholic schools, 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.

Lost Property: – We now have 4 small umbrellas and 2 pairs of glasses in the porch. Could they be yours? We also still have Johanna's umbrella in the parish office.

Job Opportunities:

The Education Commission for the Southwark Diocese are seeking a **Media & Communications Officer**. The closing date for this post is Friday 4th September 2015 at 12:00 Noon. Please see poster in the porch for full details.

John Fisher School, in Purley, are seeking to employ an SEN Administrator. Please see the notice board. Closing date, 9th September 2015 at 12:00 Noon.