

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 20th September 2015

Home Mission Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 20th September

Home Mission Sunday

6:15 (Saturday eve, 19th September)

Michael McCready RIP

8:30 Sharon Bergin RIP

10:00 Tony Kamalaghan RIP

11:30 Special Intention (Anna)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Pacome Agboigba RIP

25th Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 21st September

St Matthew, Apostle &

Evangelist (Feast)

07:30 William O'Sullivan RIP

10:00 Welfare of Mary Kenny

Tuesday 22nd September

07:30 Welfare of Aneesh

and Jasmine & family

10:00 Tracey Lawrence RIP

Wednesday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest (Memorial)

07:30 Rose Kennedy RIP

10:00 Welfare of Mary

Clare (birthday)

Thursday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham

(Memorial)

07:30 Janet & Sampson Adindu RIP

10:00 Zarreno & Maria Borg RIP

Friday 25th September

07:30 Michelle O'Brien RIP

10:00 UCM intention

Saturday 26th September

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs (Memorial)

10:00 Marcel Jouan RIP

1:00pm Wedding of

Charmaine Brandt & Haval Shali

Next Sunday 27th September,

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Appeal by Aid to the Church in Need.)

6:15 (Sat eve) Keith Darcy RIP

8:30 People of the parish

10:00 Thomas Corr RIP

11:30 SVP Intention

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Dominic Cu Van Tran 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**

10:00am 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 132

Next Sunday – P 135

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for September 13th was

£2076.38: £1356.38 (baskets) &

£720.00 (standing orders)

The **Racial Justice** Sunday Second Collection raised a total of **£587.38**

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Emeliana Jane Bailey & Abel Anthony Gooden Caballero Hope-Webb.

Hayden Michael Osei Afriye was baptised last Sunday. (Our apologies for omitting his surname.)

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHOIRS:

Few parishes can boast the varied choral tradition of our parish, with something for all musical tastes.

***Polyphony Choir** – Practices commence next Tuesday 22nd September at 8:00pm. www.polychoir.co.uk;

***Family Choir** – Practices commence Tuesday 6th October at 6:30pm. Your support is much needed to ensure the continuation of contemporary liturgical music at the 10:00 Mass.

***Plainchant Choir** – Recommences this Sunday 20th September at the 11:30 Mass. Those who enjoy singing the Mass in Latin are asked just to come along. **There is no rehearsal.**

***Hymn Choir** – Recommences next Sunday 27th September at the 11:30 Mass. Do come and Join them singing traditional hymns and English chant Mass. **There is no rehearsal.**

Today is designated as Home Mission Sunday. Today's **second collection** assists the Bishops of England and Wales in support of the spread of the Gospel in our own lands. It goes to support a wide range of parish evangelisation. Gift Aid givers should use a spare yellow envelope or pick up a spare envelope. You may also donate online at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations

You will also find, in the porches, some **Home Mission Sunday Prayer Cards**, which bear this year's theme: "**PROCLAIM God's Mercy**". Please take one home for your family. www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15

A **Pastoral Letter** from Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Peter Smith, on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, will be read at all masses. Copies are available in the porch, and their letter is published on the Parish Website.

Aid to the Church in Need,

Next weekend we shall be having an appeal on behalf of this charity, which will be made by Michael Casey.

There will also be an opportunity to pick up information on the work of ACN, and to purchase devotional and other items which help to both fund and increase awareness of their work. This will be in the main porch.

There will be a second collection for ACN. Special envelopes will be provided for Gift Aid use.

Given the dire situation affecting our brethren across the world, including persecution and murder, we have a duty to reach out and help the needy and persecuted Church, through prayer and fasting and, where possible, through almsgiving, aware as we are of the many calls upon our generosity in these difficult times.

Coffee Morning: Next Sunday, after all morning Masses, with the Confirmation Group. (No Coffee morning this weekend.)

Church Cleaning Group 5: Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Emma Morrone, Livia Pappano, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli. Can you help us with the cleaning of God's house? If you would like to volunteer to do this, please get in touch.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:

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

Please inform us if you or anybody else you know might wish to be added to the list of sick and housebound, also if they would like one of the priests to visit them.

The renovation of the grave of Father James Carolin M.A.

Former Parish Priest of this parish:

Private contributions are invited towards this project, at a cost of approximately £4500.00. Please send cheques payable to:

"RICHARD BUSH – FR CAROLIN GRAVE A/C".

Should you prefer to contribute electronically, please contact the Parish Office for details. Thanks to all who have so far given **£2385.00**. You may see the current poor state of Father Carolin's grave on our website, under the heading "**Project**".

BAPTISM COURSES: If you are seeking Baptism for your child, you will need to have attended a Baptism course within the 3 years prior to the Baptism. The date for the next course is this coming **Wednesday 23rd**

September 2015 at 8:00pm. This double session will be held in the room behind the Sacristy. Please take a Baptism Details form from the porch. Please read the form carefully and complete the form in full, **ensuring that you include the Christian (biblical) name you have chosen for your child.** You may hand your completed form to one of the priests, or drop it in to the Parish Office. Further dates will be published shortly. We always receive excellent feedback on our Baptism courses which add much knowledge and value to this vital Sacrament.

THE BUTTERFLY SERVICE: This annual event for all those who have lost babies and young children will take place on Sunday 27th September 2015 in the St Barnabas chapel, which is in the grounds of Croydon University Hospital. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

Spare Gift Aid Envelopes: You will find some special spare Gift Aid envelopes in each of the porches. Please note that they are not for non-diocesan collections where a special envelope is provided: ie CAFOD; ACN.

Job Opportunities: Please see the notice board.

Open Days and Admissions to our Catholic Schools.

Please see the notice board for all dates and times:

St James the Great (No Open Days – visit by arrangement)
Bishop Thomas Grant (Several Open Mornings and Evenings)

St Andrew's Primary have an Open Morning on Wednesday 14th October.

CTS: The four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John along with the Simple Prayer Book are always available in the CTS rack in the porch. These are also available in LARGE PRINT versions on request. They will all fit rather nicely in your pocket, handbag or schoolbag, and most cost as little as £1.95.

Foreign Coins: Please do not put these into the collection baskets or wall boxes for candles. Please see below how the SVP can benefit from your unwanted currency.....

The SVP are happy to accept **all your unwanted foreign notes and coins.** Please put them in the **special basket in the porch.** This way, your spare holiday money can do some good. Also, if you have any obsolete and pre-decimal currency, whether British, pre-Euro or other, the SVP can still accept all of these. So, why not take a look around the house and see what you have tucked away in a drawer or perhaps see what might be down the back of your sofa?

NB: This is SVP Awareness Month.

MAINTENANCE: Work on the paintwork and external doors across all our buildings is now complete. The front garden has been transformed, and a new path laid. During further torrential rain, the Repository was once again flooded, leaving a somewhat unpleasant odour. Please bear with us whilst this is being dealt with. The Repository remains open, with Christmas stock having now arrived.

OUR UNIFORMED GROUPS: We really need more help with running the scouts. No experience is required - just enthusiasm and energy! Call Nick Andon on 07740 942966

COFFEE MORNINGS 2016: If you would like to hold a coffee morning next year, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH YOUTH CLUB: runs every Friday from **6:30pm until 10:00pm** during term time. The club is open to all young persons between the ages of 11 and 16. New adult helpers are urgently needed, either parents or others, who might be able to give up some time to support our youth. No experience is necessary, so do please consider putting yourself forward for this admirable vocational work. Please contact Eddie Sanders on 020 8333 0690.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SCHOOL

REFERENCES: Parents and guardians are kindly requested to take a **Reference Form** from the main porch. Please read the form carefully and complete it in full and sign it. Only original forms will be accepted.

An interview with Fr Deo is essential. **Here are the dates and times for open sessions, all of which are to be held by Fr Deo in the Upper Hall:**

For Secondary Schools ONLY:

Tuesday 29th September 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 1st October 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday 3rd October 2015 – 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday 6th October 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

For Primary, Nursery & Reception ONLY:

Thursday 8th October 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday 10th October 2015 – 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday 13th October 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 15th October 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Our apologies for any disruption this may cause to regular users of the hall. Regrettably this is unavoidable.

CONFIRMATION GROUP "AWAYDAY" to Dalesdown, in Horsham, takes place on Saturday 26th September 2015. All candidates are to meet at the Hermitage Lane 250 Bus Stop at the bottom of Green Lane, (Brixton direction), at 7:45am sharp. Please make sure that you bring a packed lunch and your Confirmation folder. We expect to arrive back at the same bus stop at approximately 5:00pm. Please ask your catechists if you need any information.