St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 4th October 2015

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions Sunday 4th October

6:15 (Saturday eve, 3rd October) Mrs Katerine Joseph RIP 8:30 Sarah Bacchus (Birthday) 10:00 People of the parish 11:30 Thanksgiving for Monica Milligan

4:00 Rosary and Benediction 5:00 John Singh RIP

27th Week in Ordinary Time: *Monday 5th October*

07:30 Thanksgiving – Onwuekwe & Ilobi families
10:00 Ellis Foundation Mass

Tuesday 6th October

07:30 Thanksgiving – Adindu & Ilobi families 10:00 Simon Ross RIP

Wednesday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial) 07:30 Welfare – Okeke family 10:00 Welfare of Eileen McCarthy

Thursday 8th October

07:30 Deceased members of the Garofalo family 10:00 Joseph Patrick Abreu RIP

Friday 9th October

07:30 Thanksgiving – Augustine Akaadom and family 10:00 Audrey Mary Carolin RIP and family – Foundation Mass

Saturday 10th October Our Lady

10:00 Antoine Shun RIP

Next Sunday 11th October, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Sat eve) Albert Sequeira RIP 8:30 Jess Power RIP 10:00 David Davies RIP

11:30 People of the parish

4:00 Rosary and Benediction

5:00 Deceased members of the Enright & O'Leary families

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 140 Next Sunday – P 143

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for September 27th was £1850.91: £1130.91 (baskets) & £720.00 (standing orders)

The total amount which you gave to

The total amount which you gave to Aid to the Church in Need was an incredible £1900.00!!

In addition to the above, you also helped to raise £242.00 for the Confirmation Group Coffee Morning. Unclaimed raffle prizes for this and past Coffee Mornings await collection in the presbytery.

Parish Office: The office will now be closed until October 22nd, whilst our Parish Secretary takes a break. If you have any urgent matters, please speak to Fr Deo or Fr Paul.

The month of the Holy Rosary:

During this month of October, the Rosary will be recited on Sundays at 4:00pm, followed by Benediction.

NATIONAL MASS COUNT:

Please would all collectors kindly count the numbers at Mass this weekend and then for the next three weekends, up to and including 24/25 October. Kindly complete the chart on the right hand ledge in the porch with your individual figures. Apologies to our collectors for us being a week too soon last weekend!

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:

This took place on Friday 2nd October. The **CAFOD** collection, which relates to this fast day, will be taken today. Whilst we can enjoy the fruits of the earth, many will not benefit from any harvest in their own countries. This is an opportunity for us to offer both prayerful and financial support to our poor and destitute brothers and sisters who are helped by **CAFOD.** Not only do they provide money, but they also educate people so that they might help themselves to improve their lives. Envelopes are still available in the porch for all who wish to Gift Aid their contributions. Please do NOT use your usual envelopes, as this is not a diocesan collection. If you use a normal weekly envelope, your contribution cannot be Gift Aided

In thanksgiving for Monica Milligan: The 11:30 Mass today will be said in celebration of the contribution made to this parish by Monica Milligan, our former Parish Secretary and longstanding leader of our Family Choir. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick Lynch.

Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to mingle in the hall.

A special collection for Monica will be taken next Sunday.

In the coming week:

UCM Rally Mass, Monday 5th October, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 7:30pm.

Day of Recollection with the Co-Workers of Mother Theresa, at Hinsley Hall, Westminster, Friday 9th October. Please see poster.

The Over 55's meet in the upper hall on Friday 9th October, 2pm – 4pm UCM Study Day, at Holy Family, Sutton Green, Saturday 10th Oct

Missio: Would box holders and promoters please note that collection is due during this month of October.

The Pilgrim: October Edition is out now! Please take your **free copy** from the porch.

Church Cleaning Group 1: Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam
Can you help us with the cleaning of God's house? If you would like to volunteer to do this, please get in touch.
Recently Deceased: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of David Davies, who died on 27th September.
His Requiem Mass will take place here on Wednesday 14th October at 11:30am. Our thoughts and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Tony Bethune, Juliette Blake, Roy Booth, 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, 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, And indeed if they would like a priest 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 a total of £2580.00. 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 your planned ceremony. 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.** Further dates will be published shortly.

Gift Aiders: Please be so kind as <u>not</u> to mix first and second collections in the same envelope. This can cause issues with the recording of each collection, for which a special new diocesan computer programme is now used.

Spare Gift Aid Envelopes: Please note that these are not for non-diocesan collections where a special envelope is provided: ie - CAFOD; ACN; MISSIO etc.

Open Days and Admissions to our Catholic Schools. Please see the notice board for all dates and times:

St James the Great - Visit by arrangement;

Bishop Thomas Grant - Open Mornings and Evening;s St Thomas of Canterbury, Mitcham, Open Morning Tuesday 6th October;

St Philomena's, Carshalton 6th Form Open Eve 6th Oct; St Andrew's Primary Open Morning Wed 14th October; BTG 6th Form - Open Evening, Monday 19th October. Virgo Fidelis Convent - Open Evenings and Morning

The SVP are happy to accept <u>all your unwanted</u> <u>current and old foreign, pre-Euro and old British</u> <u>notes and coins.</u> Please put them in the <u>special</u> <u>basket in the porch</u>.

OUR UNIFORMED GROUPS: We really need more help with running the scouts. 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 needed. Please consider putting yourself forward for this admirable vocational work. **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, complete it in full and sign it. Either post it through the Priests' House letterbox, or bring it with you to the interview session. Only original forms will be accepted. An interview with Fr Deo is essential, along with your child. Here are the dates and times for open sessions, all of which are to be held by Fr Deo in the Upper Hall. No appointment required. Remaining date for Secondary Schools ONLY: Tuesday 6th October 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm Dates 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, and our thanks for their kind cooperation.

SPUC: The society for the Protection of Unborn Children, are seeking an Honorary Treasurer. This is an unpaid, key role. You may request a copy of a detailed job specification by emailing: lucindautley@spuc.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, MAY 2016: Help is urgently needed to run the First Holy Communion programme. Fr Deo asks if perhaps any parents of candidates might like to put themselves forward to help as catechists? Maybe former catechists or perhaps teachers might answer this plea. Please contact Teresa urgently on 07742 911152. CRB checks may be required.

Please note that application forms are now awaiting collection for any child wishing to receive their First Holy Communion next year. Please request a form from Fr Deo or Fr Paul. These will be available after all Masse this weekend. Sessions will commence in January 2016. Full details of the entire programme are attached to the application forms. Please note that the cut-off date for receipt of all

application forms is Friday 9th October 2015.

Bishop Thomas Grant School presents "CABARET!"

21st – 23rd October 2015 @ 7:30-pm at the Michael Croft Theatre, Alleyn's School, Dulwich. Please see the poster.

Our Confirmation group will be making an appeal at all masses on the weekend of 17th/18th Oct 2015 on behalf of Croydon Night Watch. We are asking for your Harvest donations, in particular tinned food and clothing, sleeping bags and blankets, to be left neatly in the porch on 24th/25th October 2015. Please see the poster in the porch for details, and help support the homeless and vulnerable in our community.