

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 15th November 2015

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 15th November

6:15 (Saturday 14th November)

David Davies RIP

08:30 Deceased members of the
Rebello & Lawrence families

10:00 People of the Parish

12:00 Confirmation Mass

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Albert Rego RIP

33rd Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 16th November

07:30 Andrew & Ann Strain RIP

10:00 Welfare of Michael Laffey

Tuesday 17th November

7:30 Helen Maduka (ACE Studies)

10:00 Welfare of Michael Mensah

Wednesday 18th November

7:30 Tina & Angelo Guadiano RIP

10:00 Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Thursday 19th November

7:30 Welfare Tony Lawrence & family

10:00 For all the Faithful Departed

Friday 20th November

07:30 Welfare of Raffaella Forte

10:00 Thanksgiving –
Onwuekwe and Ilobi families

Saturday 21st November

***The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (Memorial)***

10:00 Thanksgiving for
Heavenly Otite, 6th birthday

Next Sunday 22nd November,

***Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe***

6:15 (21st November)
James Joseph RIP

08:30 Deceased members of the
Barreto and Viegas families

10:00 Mick Lynch RIP

11:30 Deceased members of St Bart's
Choirs (Foundation Mass)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Peter O'Hara 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. 157

Next Sunday – P. 160

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for 1st November came to **£2062.48**: - £1342.48 (baskets) & £720.00 (standing orders).

You gave **£579.01**
to the **Archbishop's Fund for
Diocesan Administration**

COFFEE MORNING: None today

Next Sunday's **Coffee Morning** will be hosted by the **UCM** after the **10:00 & 11:30 Masses**. Eddie Sanders will also be there, selling some second-hand toys, with the proceeds going to the **UCM** and the **Youth Club**.

WE WELCOME TODAY Bishop Patrick Lynch, ss.cc.

to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to all our candidates. All these young people have been preparing for this most important Sacrament for the past few months. We thank the dedicated and hardworking catechists who have helped them to get to this point, as well as their parents and sponsors. Please pray for all our Confirmandi both today and as they go forward as witnesses to the Gospel in their everyday lives, strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.
"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on them."

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME
CONFIRMATION 12:00pm today.
Saturday 25th November – "Now & Forever" – 7:30pm.
(NB: was previously 18th November)

Next week there will be a **second collection** for **Catholic Youth Services**, which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service. Gift Aiders, kindly use the specially designated yellow envelope. Please use a separate envelope for each collection. Would Gift Aiders who give by Standing Order, kindly note that you also will need to use the special envelopes from your boxes, as your standing orders do not cover second collections.

Throughout the month of **November**, which is dedicated to the **Holy Souls**, our **Book of Remembrance** will be placed **beneath the main altar**. You are invited to write therein the names of any of the faithful departed for whom you wish prayers to be said.

BAPTISM COURSES: *The next course begins this Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 8:00pm, with the second session on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 8:00pm.*

You should attend both sessions. If you seek Baptism for your child, you will need to have attended a Baptism course within 3 years prior to this event. Please take a Baptism Details form from the porch. This may be returned to the parish office.

THE REPOSITORY: In addition to our vast Christmas stock, we also have many items suitable for today's Sacrament of **Confirmation**. Now would be a good time to make your selection before stock runs out. We have a great deal of stock available for all occasions.

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

MAINTENANCE: Further work has been done on the garden, and paved areas have been jet-washed.

PILGRIM: Please take your **FREE** copy from the porch. Kindly ignore the cover charge.

Church Cleaning: Group 1 this week: Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam. Please let the parish office know if you are willing to join one of our cleaning teams, which all need new members.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound: Jessica Anane, Tony Bethune, Juliette Blake, Raffaella Forte; Rachel Gadd, Liam Goddard, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Patsy Hopkins, Felix Isichei, Linda Lovel, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Ajitha Mahatantila, Dominic Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Peter Ranawake, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

The Children's Liturgy Group are seeking budding actors (School Nursery to Year 2) for their Nativity Play taking place during the Christmas Eve 6:15pm Mass. Older siblings are welcome to join us in singing carols then too. **Rehearsal:** 23rd December at 4pm. To sign up, please contact Marion on 020 8761 3895 or (mh.brown@virgin.net). Alternatively, talk to one of the group members at school [e.g. Giovanna (07799545109) at St Andrew's school or Teresa (020 8765 0126) at St James the Great School]. **Deadline:** 13th December 2015.

Father Carolin's Family Grave:

We are delighted to announce that the new memorial for Fr Carolin, his mother Rosalie and his sister Audrey, is now in place in Streatham Park Cemetery, **Plot 34404, Square 7C**. Their grave was duly blessed on Remembrance Sunday by Fr Deo, with several parishioners present. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed towards meeting in full the total cost of **£4500.00**. Our appeal is therefore now closed. It is abundantly clear from your generous response that Fr Carolin was indeed greatly loved and held in the highest esteem for his enormous contribution to St Bartholomew's. May he and his family rest in peace. **Amen.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES FOR 2016:

Dates have now been allocated for each family. **The lists are available in the main porch.** Would parents kindly check that a) names are correct and b) dates are suitable. Should any changes be required, please contact one of the First Communion Team as soon as possible.

The St Anne's Group are holding a **Fun Family Disco** in support of the **Water Tank project at the Maternity Centre in Uganda.** This will take place at **St James the Great School Hall on Saturday 21st November 2015** from **7:00pm until 10:00pm.** Tickets **£5 for adults; £2 for children.** Bar available. For tickets and information, call Cathy on 07956 862956 or Sue on 07932 714477.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Dear parishioners,

I wanted to bring to your attention the importance of safeguarding being our collective responsibility. It is imperative as a community we do not perceive safeguarding to be solely a matter that is the business of the police or social services. All of us have a role to play in the protection of children and vulnerable adults, specifically within our church and more widely in the community. It is through our collective diligence and being actively curious about these matters, that any concerns raised, can be dealt with robustly.

The expectation of the diocese is for parents to ensure they are monitoring and supervising their children at all times. Children should never be left unsupervised in any areas of the church. Carers of vulnerable adults will also need to ensure that adequate supports are put in place. My intention in raising this issue is not to cause fear or anxiety, but is rather a reminder of the importance for us all to take on the responsibility of safeguarding within our community. We must all take this matter very seriously.

I would ask that if at any time anyone has any concerns, however small they may seem, please do not hesitate to contact me. This will enable us to have a conversation so that a decision can be made with regard to an appropriate response, ensuring that matters do not drift. You are also within your rights to contact the police or social services in addition to speaking with me directly, if you so wish. I am more than happy to support anyone who may wish to contact statutory services. I have worked for thirteen years within a statutory context, (Children's Services and the NHS) managing child protection matters. I am a qualified social worker and systemic psychotherapist.

If you wish to contact me, please call or text me on 07849 108715, and I shall respond to any query you may have.

Nana Bonsu-Amako

St James the Great School Christmas Fayre:

This takes place on **Sunday 6th December.** This is an important fundraising event for the school. You may hire tables to sell goods, sponsor a stall or advertise in the programme. Please see the Notice board for details. All parishioners are welcome to take part.

NOTICES FOR ALTAR SERVERS:

Guild of St Stephen Mass will be on **Saturday 9th January 2016 at 10:00am**, followed by refreshments in the hall.

New Altar Server Training resumes on **Sundays 17th & 24th January 2016 at 6:00pm.** If you have not yet filled out an application form, please see one of the priests. Prospective new servers must have made their First Holy Communion, and will need to attend **BOTH** sessions.

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Parent Association are holding their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 28th November 2015 from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. There will be all sorts of stalls, together with Santa's Grotto! Refreshments will be available. All are welcome to come along!

CAFOD CHRISTMAS WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE:

This provides an excellent opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in need, in the true spirit of Christmas. The idea is that, instead of, or as well as giving a present to somebody, you in fact give a gift to others on behalf of that person. Please take a catalogue and see how you can help others this Christmas, remembering the words of Our Lord, that if we do good things for the least of our brethren, we do it to Him.