

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 29th November 2015

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 29th November

First Sunday in Advent

6:15 (Saturday 28th November)

Carmen Vella RIP

08:30 Mary Houlihan RIP

10:00 People of the Parish

11:30 Joe McNamara RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Mary Durkin RIP

First Week in Advent:

Monday 30th November

St Andrew, Apostle,

Patron Saint of Scotland (Feast)

07:30 Stefano & Maria Martucci RIP

10:00 Roger Clark RIP

Tuesday 1st December

7:30 Jimmy Tully RIP

10:00 Eva Vida RIP

Wednesday 2nd December

7:30 Thanksgiving & special
intention - Muoghalu

10:00 Eva Vida RIP

Thursday 3rd December

St Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

7:30 Peter Gaughran RIP

10:00 Albert Rego RIP

Friday 4th December

*First Friday***

07:30 William B. Rebello RIP

10:00 Requiem Mass for
Stella Chok Wing

****Adoration until 2:00pm****

Saturday 5th December

Our Lady

10:00 Thanksgiving – Adindu
& Nwagwu families

*Next Sunday 6th December,
Second Sunday in Advent*

6:15 (5th December)

People of the Parish

08:30 Antoine Chung Ming Kan RIP

10:00 Stella Chok Wing RIP

11:30 Maureen Newman RIP

4:00 Benediction

5:00 SVP Intention

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. 82

Next Sunday – P. 84

Please note that today we begin
using new Mass Books, as the
Church's New Year commences.
We are now in Year C for Sundays.
Please take care of these books.
Once finished, they will be stored
for re-use in future years.

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for last weekend,
22nd November came to **£1793.49:**
(£1073.49 in baskets and £720.00 in
standing orders).

You gave a total of **£535.72** in
support of **Catholic Youth Services.**

The St Anne's Group raised
£850.00, at their recent **Family Fun
Disco** which will enable all planned
work to commence at the Ugandan
Maternity Centre, and which will
provide them with clean water!

Monica Milligan would like to thank
all those who attended her recent
Mass of thanksgiving, and for the
generous sum collected for her.

COFFEE MORNING TODAY:

With the **POLYPHONY CHOIR**
after all Morning Masses. Come
along and enjoy coffee, tea, squash
and cakes, including **the now famous**
(or is that infamous?) scrumptious
chocolate cake! Come along hungry!

(NB: The Over 55's will be holding
their next coffee morning in 2016.)

Today is the First Sunday in
Advent, the beginning of the
Church's Year.

**A Pastoral Letter from
Archbishop Peter will be read at
all Masses today.** Copies of this
letter will be available in the
porches, as well as being posted on
our Web site, where it may be
downloaded and printed off.

BAPTISM COURSES: *The next
course will be in January 2016.*

Please look out for details

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.
Proof of Baptism of at least one
parent is required, and at least one of
the Godparents must be Catholic.

THE REPOSITORY: We have a
very good stock for Christmas.
Now would be a good time to make
your selection before stock runs out.
We have a great deal of items
available for all occasions. Why not
take a look?

CTS: Booklets for **Advent** and
Christmas are now in the rack in the
porch. Also, with the **Year of Mercy**
soon to commence, there are also
booklets to accompany you through
this special year, soon to be
inaugurated by Pope Francis.

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

**Church Cleaning: Group 3 this
week:** Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti,
Jeannette Da Silva.

As you can see, this group is still in
great need of new helpers.
Please let the parish office know if
you are willing to join one of our
cleaning teams, which all need new
members.

Recently Deceased:

The Requiem Mass for **Idy Rastrick**, who died on 18th November 2015, will take place here on Thursday 10th December 2015 at 10:00am.

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, 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.

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. **Please note that any changes made will NOT appear on the lists in the porch**

A NOTE REGARDING PARISH SAFEGUARDING:

You will find in each of the porch areas a notice which gives contact details of **Nana Bonsu-Amako**, our Safeguarding Officer. Please address any questions or concerns on safeguarding issues directly to Nana, in confidence.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS WORLD GIFTS:

Please pick up a catalogue which will provide you with 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. As everybody joins the scramble for this year's bargains on so-called "Black Friday", let us stop to think what it must be like to have little or nothing.

THE PASSAGE: Many of you will be aware of the work carried out by The Passage in Central London. They ask us:-

Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. If you donate through The Big Give website just after 12.00 noon on 4 or 5 December every £1 is worth £2 due to matched funding. There is an element of competition for full matching from The Big Give so if possible please give just after 12.00 noon on Friday 4 December or Saturday 5 December. The Big Give site is quieter on the Saturday and the matched giving remains open throughout that day and potentially until 14 December if sufficient funds are available.

http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/The_Passage_2015

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next get-together is on Saturday, 5th December at 7.30pm, in the back-bar of The Alexandra Pub, Wimbledon, SW19 7NE. Please feel free to come along. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on **07790 441242**.

SPUC are running a **petition** to the Home Secretary to appeal against her plans to establish buffers zones around abortion clinics. **You will find this petition in the porch.** We hope that as many of you as possible will sign this as part of the great struggle to protect vulnerable unborn human lives.

Job Opportunities:

The Archdiocese of Southwark is looking to recruit a new Financial Secretary to replace Monsignor Canon Martin Lee who will be retiring in the spring of 2016. To get more information and to apply please visit the Diocesan website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk.

Please see notice boards for all job opportunities, and Open Days in our Catholic schools, on the notice boards.

NOTICES FOR ALTAR SERVERS:

SCHEDULE OF PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

Practices for both Christmas Eve Masses will take place on Sunday 20th December:

1/ Practice for the 6:15 Mass at 6:00pm;

2/ Practice for Midnight Mass at 6:30pm.

Please add your names to the list which is on one of the doors in the Sacristy.

The Guild of St Stephen Mass will take place on **Saturday 9th January 2016 at 10:00am.**

Refreshments in the hall will follow.

New Altar Server Training: This 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 to collect one.

Prospective new servers must have made their First Holy Communion, and it is essential that they attend BOTH sessions.

St James the Great School Christmas Fayre:

This takes place next **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.

MUSIC: St Bartholomew's Orchestra will be playing a concert at **Virgo Fidelis Church** next **Sunday, 6th December at 7:30pm.** Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

Please take care on the pavement running alongside the hall in Ellison Road. A recent gas leak has resulted in the necessary digging up of the pavement. Further work has yet to be done