

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent) through to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (The Baptism of the Lord)**

## Mass Times and Intentions

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

6.15pm (*Saturday eve, 19<sup>th</sup> December*)

Welfare of Christopher Nawrat

08:30 Thanksgiving - Fernandes

10.00 Michael Sage RIP

11:30 Mario Almeida RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

**2:30 Christmas Concert**

5:00 Patrick John Lacey RIP

**6:00 & 6:30 Servers' Practices**

*Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015*

7:30 Welfare of Ruth Kamalagharan

(75<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

10:00 Mario Rodrigues RIP

*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015*

7:30 Giovanna Giannini RIP

10:00 Thomas Corr RIP

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015*

7:30 Ernest Borgonha RIP

10:00 Requiem for Eugene Lopez

*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

*Christmas Eve*

10:00 Those preparing to give birth

**6.15pm Vigil Mass** (with Carols from

6.00pm & children's Nativity Mime)

Welfare of all parishioners

**00:00 Midnight Mass**

Welfare of all parishioners

(Polyphony Choir singing)

*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

**Christmas Day (NB No 5pm Mass)**

08:30 The sick & housebound

10:00 Robert & Ellen Foster RIP

11:30 John Armstrong RIP

*Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

*St Stephen, the first Martyr (Feast)*

10:00 Holy Souls

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015,*

*The Holy Family of*

*Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

6.15pm (*Saturday eve, 26<sup>th</sup> December*)

Carmen Vella RIP

08:30 Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

10:00 Annie Hunter-Gillespie RIP

11:30 Stanislaus Almeida RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

**4.00pm Benediction**

5.00pm People of the parish

*Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

*The Holy Innocents,*

*Martyrs, (Feast)*

07:30 Welfare of David Demuth

10:00 Daryl Desa RIP

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

*St Thomas of Canterbury,*

*Bishop & Martyr (Feast)*

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Abraham Gandhi RIP

*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

07:30 Eugene Lopez RIP

10:00 Welfare of Josie McMillan

*Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015*

*New Year's Eve*

07:30 Welfare of Mattie

& Margaret McGing

10:00 Anna & Joachim Fernandes

60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**00:00 Midnight Mass**

Ellen & Robert Ivan Foster RIP

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016*

*Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

*(Solemnity) - First Friday*

**12:00 Noon**

Welfare of Alan Blaquiery in

Celebration of his 42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

**Adoration after Mass until 2.00pm**

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016*

*Sts Basil the Great and Gregory*

*Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of*

*the Church (Memorial)*

10:00 Thanksgiving and Welfare

of Rita Bethune

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016*

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

6.15pm (*Saturday eve, 2<sup>nd</sup> January*)

People of the parish

08:30 Jim Clark RIP

10:00 Bobby Coyle RIP

11:30 Phang Swee Kee RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

5.00pm Elizabeth Power RIP

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

07:30 Thanksgiving – Maud

& Mary Donohoe

10:00 God's protection and blessings

- Kenneth Onwuekwe & family

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Welfare of Jim Hughes

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

07:30 Welfare of Father Paul

10:00 James & Margaret Desa

20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Eugene Lopez RIP

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

07:30 Genoveva Vicente RIP

10:00 Welfare of Hazel Timmins

*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

*Our Lady*

10:00 Welfare of Sean Cleary

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

*The Baptism of the Lord*

*SPUC White Flower Appeal will be made at all Masses.*

6.15pm (*Saturday eve, 9<sup>th</sup> January*)

Mervyn Dessa RIP

08:30 People of the parish

10:00 Stella Chok Wing RIP

11:30 Krystyna Stokrotka (Birthday)

5.00pm Michael Kane RIP

**Morning Prayer of the Church:**

Monday - Saturday 9:15am;

**Adoration:** Mon – Sat 9:30am;

**Mass:** Mon - Sat 10:00am.

**Rosary:** Mon – Sat 10:30am –

All are welcome to take part.

**Confessions: Saturday, after 10am**

**Mass until 11am; also 5pm to 6pm.**

**Christmas Greetings to you all from Fr Deo and Fr Paul.**

Please take home with you the

**Parish Christmas Card.** We

also invite you to take a special

envelope for your customary

Christmas offering to your

priests. Gift aiders, please write

your number on the front, or you

may use the printed envelope in

your boxes if you so wish.

**A big thank you** to all those who have contributed in some way to the preparation of the Church and the liturgy, including the flowers and decorations, the crib, the choirs, the servers and cleaners. It is impossible to thank everybody individually. We have received a great many cards and gifts, for which we thank you very much. Since this is the last newsletter until January 10<sup>th</sup> 2016, we should like to thank you sincerely in advance for your generous Christmas offerings. (*Fr Deo & Fr Paul*)

#### **Readings in Parish Mass Book:**

This Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015:

\***Fourth Sunday of Advent** p 90

\***Christmas Eve 6:15 vigil** 24<sup>th</sup> December 2015 p 94

\***Christmas Eve Midnight** p 97

\*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015:

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph** p 105

\*Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 (Midnight)

& Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 (Noon):

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God (solemnity)** p 109

\*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016:

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday Vigil Mass p 114 (p 115 for Readings)

Sunday Masses p 115.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015 **The Baptism of the Lord** p 118

#### **This Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December:**

We light the **fourth** candle on our Advent Wreath.

Christmas is now even closer, as we await Jesus' birth.

**Polyphony Choir Concert** – 2:30pm this afternoon.

Tickets £2.00, with mince pies & mulled wine afterwards.

#### **Coffee Morning: None now until 2016.**

Would you be interested in running a Coffee Morning next year? There are many opportunities during the year, except during August. Parish groups, families and/or individuals who would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office. It does not have to be to raise funds. You may request one coffee morning for your chosen charity.

**Thank You:** The total for last week's collection was **£2251.14**, (£1531.14 – baskets & £720.00 - Standing Orders.) Details of further collections published next year.

**Louise Fernandes** thanks all who supported her Coffee Morning fundraiser last weekend, which raised **£135.00**.

**Our grateful thanks** to the very kind person who once again donated the **Christmas tree** by the main altar.

#### **Sick and Housebound:**

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Rafaella Forte, Rachel Gadd, Liam Goddard, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Patsy Hopkins, Felix Isichei, Linda Lovel, Breda McDonagh, James McDonald, 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.

Future events:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 – Over 55's meet in the upper hall to watch a film together. Why not come along?

**The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**First Holy Communion Programme for 2016:**  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parents' Meeting in the hall at 7:30pm.**  
**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Inaugural Mass followed by session on Baptism and tour of the Church. Commences 9:45am, with Mass at 10:00am. Finish 12:00 Noon.**

**Church Cleaning This Week: Group 6**

**Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015: Group 1**

**Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016: Group 2**

**Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016: Group 3**

**This year's Confirmation Photographs: Orders are still awaiting collection.** If you wish to place an order, please see the album on the windowsill in the porch, and complete the order form, which is right beside it, with your details and choice of pictures. **Please do NOT** leave any money with your order. John Taylor will produce your copies in due course, for collection from the same place.

#### **A Christmas Thought**

As believers in Christ, we have hope of everlasting happiness if we remain faithful to him and his commandments. Through our baptism, he has cleansed us from sin and made us children of God and heirs of heaven. Saint Paul expresses this idea by saying that we become "new creatures". When we look at the manger, and consider who Jesus is – both God and man – surrounded by Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the animals, we should rejoice and thank God for this great gift, and adore him just as Mary and Joseph and the shepherds did. God bless you all, and may you enjoy a blessed and holy Christmas with your family and friends. God wants you to rejoice at his coming into the world, for he is Emmanuel – God with us.

#### **Crib Offerings:**

**The crib is located in the Sacred Heart Chapel.**

This year, the Archbishop has asked that we allocate money donated at the Crib to either or both of two particular causes:

The first is the **Southwark Crisis Fund**, operated by The Catholic Children's Society in Westminster. The fund is designed to help support children, young people and families. Parish Priests and Head Teachers from our diocese will be able to apply for funds.

**Please see:** [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk)

The second is **Friends of the Holy Land**. This charity cares for the poorest Christian families in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

**See also:** [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**The next Baptism Course will be held on Saturdays January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm** in the Parish Room, behind the sacristy. Please let us know if you wish to attend. Please take a Baptism Details Form to apply.

**For those who cannot get to Mass at Christmas: Midnight Mass will be broadcast from St George's Cathedral, Southwark on BBC1, starting at 11:45pm; Midnight Mass from the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4. Numerous parishes have live broadcasts of all Masses on the internet, including Pollard's Hill, West Croydon and Westerham. See their websites for details.**