

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 24th January 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY (Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 24th January

6:15 (Saturday 23rd January)

Danny Grimes RIP

08:30 Stella Chok Wing RIP

10:00 People of the parish

11:30 Tony Buckley RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Holy Souls

6:00 Altar Server Training Session 2

Third Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 25th January

The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast)

07:30 Welfare of Sr Kate Eme

10:00 Martin Doyle RIP

Tuesday 26th January

Saints Timothy & Titus,

Bishops (Memorial)

7:30 Welfare of Kevin & Sara Woods

10:00 Welfare of Lorraine

& Tony Coutinho

Wednesday 27th January

7:30 Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

10:00 God's blessing & protection

for Anthony & Lisa

Thursday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas, Priest

& Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

7:30 Gabriel Eme RIP

10:00 John Farrell RIP

Friday 29th January

07:30 Kathleen Salmon RIP

10:00 Fr James Carolin & family RIP

(Foundation Mass)

Saturday 30th January

Our Lady

10:00 Edna Graham RIP

Next Sunday 31st January,

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries

6:15 (28th January) Julie Hockham RIP

08:30 Nora Woodley RIP

10:00 James & Margaret Kearney RIP

11:30 Antonio Mendes, Maria Ribeiro

& Sabado Cabral RIP

4:00 Benediction

5:00 People of the parish

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. 129

Next Sunday – P. 132

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for last weekend, 17th January came to **£1913.50:** (£1193.50 in baskets and £720.00 in standing orders).

Crib Offerings amounted to £127.00

Foreign Notes and Coins:

A reminder that if you have any unwanted foreign coins, any pre Euro currency or indeed any old or pre-decimal British notes and coins, the SVP will be delighted to receive these. They can be exchanged for cash which can go towards the most important work carried out by the SVP. Please put any such money into the special basket in the main porch. Thank you.

In the coming week:-

Monday 25th -

The UCM first evening meeting of the year in the upper hall from 7pm – 9pm.

All those who signed up to join during their recruitment weekend are warmly invited to attend.

Coffee Morning today with LIFE.

After the 10:00 and 11:30 Masses. There will also be a sale of knitted goods. Funds raised will go to LIFE HQ. Eddie Sanders will be running a raffle, the proceeds of which will be shared between LIFE and the Youth Club.

Today is Racial Justice Sunday.

There will be a second collection taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Would **Gift Aid** givers kindly use a **spare yellow envelope from the back of their boxes**, marking it “Racial Justice Sunday”. There are spare envelopes in the porches if you don't have one to hand. Please just write your Gift Aid number on it and mark it “Racial Justice Sunday”. Please remember, if you give by Standing Order, that second collections are not covered by it.

Next Sunday there will be an appeal given at all Masses on behalf of the **Comboni Missionaries**, by **Fr Angelo Anzioli**. There will be a second collection for their work. **Please do NOT use Gift Aid envelopes.** For those wishing to gift aid their contributions, special forms will be supplied at the time.

Coffee Morning – Next weekend with the **Polyphony choir** after all morning Masses. Come hungry! There will be the usual Bacon and sausage sandwiches....and....the **‘Monster’ Chocolate cake that dares not speak its name!**

MISSIO: Would all promoters and collectors kindly note that January collections are now due. Thank you.

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Nicholas Heapes, of Polworth Rd, Streatham, who died on 11th January 2016. His Requiem will take place here on Thursday 11th February at 10:00. Our sympathy to John's family.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Rev David Coram, Raffaella Forte; Rachel Gadd, Liam Goddard, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, 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.

If you are aware of anybody who is sick and housebound, or if you would like to be visited by the clergy, please let Fr Deo or Fr Paul know. We want to be sure to bring the Sacraments directly to those people who cannot come to the church.

Church Cleaning: Group 5 this week:

Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Emma Morrone, Livia Pappano, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli. Please let the parish office know if you are willing to join one of our cleaning teams, as they all need new members.

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

The new rota runs from this weekend until 27th/28th February 2016. Copies are available in the porch. Please advise the Parish office in good time of your availability for March and April, and in particular for the Easter Triduum, for which a special rota will cover Maundy Thursday through to Easter Sunday.

NOTICES FOR ALTAR SERVERS:

New Altar Server Training:

The second session takes place **this evening at 6.00pm**

The next Guild of St Stephen Enrolment Mass will take place on **Saturday 27th February 2016**. Would all servers please take a look at the poster and list in the Sacristy.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

The next course will take place in March 2016

The dates are Wednesdays 23rd & 30th March at 8pm.

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, since part of their role is to support the parents and child in bringing up that child in the Catholic Faith. Further courses are planned for May and July 2016. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

CTS: With the Year of Mercy now underway, the demand for pamphlets on this subject has gone up. New stocks have now arrived to cope with the demand.

Lenten booklets are also available, bearing in mind that Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 10th.

Also, by popular demand, there are copies of the Large Print version of the Stations of the Cross by St Alphonsus.

St George's Cathedral, Southwark is holding "24 Hours for the Lord" from Friday 4th to Saturday 5th March 2016 as part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This is with the support and involvement of Southwark Catholic Youth Services. Please see the poster in the porch

New Year's Resolution – Volunteer with CAFOD

Are you a people person who can work with other CAFOD volunteers doing activities in your parish? Are you a confident public speaker who would enjoy raising awareness of our faith and global social justice in churches or schools? Or are you organised and would relish helping to coordinate CAFOD activities across an area?

We are looking for volunteers to be ambassadors for CAFOD in the Archdiocese of Southwark in a variety of roles. If you are interested please get in touch with Eileen, Nalini or Marine for more details or book a place on the next CAFOD energiser day on Saturday 23 January 2016, 10am – 3:30pm in Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Waterloo: Phone 020 8466 9901, email southwark@cafod.org.uk or online <http://cafodenergiser.eventbrite.co.uk>

Turn your passion for social justice into action by volunteering with CAFOD in 2016.

Employment Opportunities and Volunteering within the Catholic sphere: Please keep an eye on the noticeboard in the porch nearest to the repository:

John Fisher School, Purley, is seeking a graduate Teacher of Physical Education to start in September 2016.

St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College, Balham, is seeking a **Foundation Governor**. This is a **voluntary** position.

"A DAY WITH MARY":

Many of you will be aware of this wonderful organisation which fosters and encourages devotion to Our Blessed Lady, holding special days of devotion at many parishes.

The next event is next **Saturday 30th January 2016 at St Edmund of Canterbury, Village Way, Beckenham**, from 9:30 until 5:30. Please see the poster in the porch.

There is also a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, organised by "A Day With Mary", from Wednesday 6th to Friday 15th April 2016. Please see poster for full details. It contains an application form. If you would like an application form, please ask at the Parish Office for a copy.

Father Paul will be attending this pilgrimage.

CAFOD will be holding their Lent Fast Day on Friday 19th February 2016. Once again, the government will be doubling contributions made, up to £3.5 Million nationally. Special envelopes will be made available for your donation, whether or not you wish to Gift Aid your contribution. We have no doubt that you will be generous towards our brothers and sisters in need as ever you are.

The Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting Bec is hosting a number of events in the coming months, aimed at helping to strengthen our faith and our understanding of that faith. Please see the posters for these events in the porch.

COFFEE MORNINGS 2016: If you would like to hold a coffee morning next year, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. There are many Sundays available. You might like to hold one to raise funds for a particular good cause, either as a group, a family or an individual

PARISH HALL HIRE: The cost of essential maintenance over the past year has been high, and more still needs to be done. Our charges have remained artificially low for quite some time now. Therefore, the hourly charge for booking the hall has increased to the more realistic sum of £40.00. Our charges are competitive with other venues.