

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 31st January 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 31st January

6:15 (Saturday 30th 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

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 1st February

07:30 Welfare of the Ryan family

10:00 Peter Chapman RIP

Tuesday 2nd February

*The Presentation of the Lord,
Candlemas (Feast)*

7:30 Welfare of the Maduka family

10:00 God's protection and
Blessings on Victoria

Wednesday 3rd February

*St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
(Memorial)*

7:30 Nora Woodley RIP

10:00 Welfare of Lucy Nwagwu

Thursday 4th February

7:30 Nora Moynihan RIP

10:00 Recovery of Carol Winch

Friday 5th February (First Friday)

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

07:30 Ellis Foundation Mass

10:00 Fr James Carolin & Family RIP

*Followed by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament, until Benediction at 2pm.*

Saturday 6th February

*St Paul Miki & Companions,
Martyrs (Memorial)*

10:00 Lily Castelino RIP

Next Sunday 7th February,

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (5th February)

Elisabeth Davies RIP

08:30 Peter Boxall RIP

10:00 Welfare of

Margaret & James Desa

11:30 Anne Moran RIP

*Polyphony Choir singing,
with St Bart's Orchestra*

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.

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for last weekend,

24th January came to **£2345.06:**

(£1625.06 in baskets and £720.00 in
standing orders).

Last week's collection for **Racial Justice**
Sunday raised the sum of **£495.78**

LIFE thank you for helping them to raise
£133.50 at last Sunday's Coffee Morning.

This has been sent to LIFE HQ.

Please see: www.lifecharity.org.uk

The Youth Club raffle, also held that
day, raised **£30.00** for much needed funds.

**Coffee Morning today with the
Polyphony Choir after ALL morning
Masses** - Hungry parishioners should
flock to the hall to enjoy bacon and
sausage sandwiches, and to enjoy the by
now infamous **Chocolate Cake**,
especially when they think nobody is
looking! *And it will be your last chance
to have a slice until Lent has passed!*

We welcome into the Church, through the
Sacrament of Baptism: **John Micael and
Parker Ronnie Alexander McCalla.**

We welcome, to speak at all Masses this
weekend, **Fr Angelo Anzioli**, who will
be making an appeal on behalf of
The Comboni Missionaries (Otherwise
known as the Mill Hill
Missionaries). 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.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday – P. 132;

Next Tuesday – P. 303

(The Presentation of the Lord);

Next Sunday – P. 135

In the coming week:

**Monday 1st – Polyphony Choir
Rehearsal with the Orchestra in
the church at 8pm. Please note
that the usual Tuesday practice is
cancelled.**

Wednesday 3rd

**St Blaise – the traditional blessing
of throats will take place at both
Masses.**

Saturday 6th

**First Holy Communion Programme:
Please will parents and children go
to the hall for a prompt start at
10:00. (Children upstairs; Parents
downstairs). A special Service of
Reconciliation will follow, during
which the children will receive the
Sacrament of Reconciliation for the
first time.**

**Next Sunday at the 11:30
Mass, the Polyphony Choir
will be singing, accompanied
by St. Bart's Orchestra.
There will be NO SEATING
for the congregation in the
Retro Chapel at this Mass.
Also, throughout the
weekend, including the 6.15
Mass, seating in the Retro
Chapel will be reduced.
Please use alternative
seating, including the
Gallery as necessary.
Thank you for your
kind co-operation.**

Coffee Morning – Next weekend
With the Knights of St Columba
After **all** the morning Masses.

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.

Church Cleaning: Group 6 this week:

Juliette Blake, Islay Cowlin, Susan Flatts,
Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi
Ohen, Shirley Osei-Owusu.
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 are asked to kindly advise the Parish
office in good time of your availability for March and
April, and in particular for the Easter Triduum, since a
special rota will cover Maundy Thursday through to
Easter Sunday.

NOTICES FOR ALTAR SERVERS:

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.

The Repository: New stock has now arrived. Please
do come in and have a browse. There is a wide range
of greetings cards, Mass cards, statues and other
devotional items such as rosaries, crucifixes and Mass
books. As our First Communion Programme is now
underway, now would be an excellent opportunity to
make selections appropriate to this Sacrament and
indeed others.

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.

Employment Opportunities and Volunteering within the Catholic sphere:

Please keep an eye on the
noticeboard in the porch nearest to the repository:
Coloma, Croydon wish to take on Exam Invigilators.
St Philomena's, Carshalton also seek Exam Invigilators;
John Fisher School, Purley, is seeking a **graduate
Teacher of Physical Education** to start this September.
John Fisher School also wishes to employ a **Head of
Religious Education**, also to start this coming September.
St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College, Balham, is
seeking a volunteer **Foundation Governor**.

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.

**PARISH HALL HIRE: The cost of essential
maintenance over the past year has been high, and a lot
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 of necessity
increased to the more realistic sum of £40.00.
Our charges are competitive with other venues.**

Advance Notice: Re Thursday May 5th 2016

**Both halls will be totally out of bounds to all users
(except for local voters) on this date as it is to be used as
a polling station for the London Mayoral Elections.**

Lost Property: Numerous hats and other items,
including a children's book, await their owners in
the porch.

First Holy Communion Programme:

With their First Reconciliation in mind, please
pray for our soon-to-be First Communicants as
they journey towards receiving Our Lord for the
first time this coming May. The children would
like to thank all those parishioners who have
kindly volunteered to become Prayer Partners for
them, to be alongside them in prayer as they
prepare for this Sacrament.