

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 6th March 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 6th March

6:15 (Saturday 5th March)

Marie Therese Auguste RIP
and Monique Jacques RIP

08:30 Madeline Forkan RIP

Second Scrutiny for our Elect

10:00 Mimma Di Giacomo RIP

11:30 Diogo Barreto RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4:00 Stations of the Cross

5:00 People of the parish

Fourth Week of Lent:

Monday 7th March

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Welfare of Tony Lawrence
& family

Tuesday 8th March

7:30 Welfare of Elizabeth Maduka

10:00 Welfare of Mrs Bobby Thain

Wednesday 9th March

07:30 Mary Patmore RIP

10:00 Mark Addison RIP

Thursday 10th March

7:30 Thanksgiving and special intention

– Muoghalu family

10:00 Daryl Desa RIP

Friday 11th March

07:30 Salomao Rebello RIP

10:00 UCM - deceased family
and friends

Saturday 12th March

10:00 Holy Souls

Next Sunday 13th March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

6:15 (12th March)

Mimma Di Giacomo RIP

Third Scrutiny for our Elect

08:30 Holy Souls

10:00 People of the parish

11:30 Isabel Sá RIP and

Jorge Da Cunha Carvalho RIP

4:00 Stations of the Cross

5:00 John & Mary Durkin 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.

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for last weekend,

28th February came to £2334.30:

(£1614.30 in the collection baskets
plus £720.00 in standing orders).

LIFE thank you for helping them raise

£115.00 at their coffee morning last Sunday:

www.zoes-place.org.uk

MISSIO: Organiser Cynthia Jouan

is pleased to announce that the total raised by
this parish for MISSIO during 2015 reached
£9624.37, made up of £5591.37 from the red
boxes and £3673.00 in direct donations.

Thank you all for your wonderful generosity!

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day: More has
come in, raising our parish donation
to £2700.00!**

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday – P. 168

(2nd Scrutiny at 8:30 Mass – P.172

Next Sunday – P. 176.

(3rd Scrutiny at 6:15 Mass – P. 179)

We welcome into the Church,
through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Reeva Maria Farinha-Richmond,
who was baptised here last Sunday.

The Three Scrutinies

Continuing today at the 8:30 Mass,
our RCIA candidates, now known as the
Elect, following the Rite of Election at St
George's Cathedral, will take part in the
Three Scrutinies as part of their journey in
the Catholic faith, which will come to its
fulfilment at the Easter Vigil this year.
Today the **Second Scrutiny** takes place.
Please pray for our three Elect:
Lord Fiifi Boadi, Ellen & Prince Gyamera.
The Third and final Scrutiny will take place
at the 6:15 Mass next Saturday evening.

Fr Paul – is away visiting the Irish
provincial house of his order, the
Spiritans, in Dublin.

He is due to return on Friday 11th
March. We wish him a happy and
fruitful time with his confrères and
a safe journey back to us.

We welcome:

Canon Joseph Collins, who will
be saying the 10:00 and 11:30
Masses today. Many of you will
remember Canon Joseph from his
time as Provost of St Mary's West
Croydon. He celebrates 55 years in
the Priesthood this year! We thank
him for his presence today. Indeed,
we shall be seeing more of him
during the coming holiday season.

In the coming week:

**Friday 11th – The Over 55s meet in
the upper hall from 2pm to 4pm for
an early St Patrick's Day Event, at
which they will be entertained by the
wonderful Irish Dancers from St
James the Great School.**

Saturday 12th –

First Holy Communion

Programme:

Session No: 7 for the children,
entitled "Bread to Offer".

**Please ensure all candidates are
ready for a 10:00 prompt start in
the Upper Hall.**

Coffee Morning – Next Sunday will
be with our Rainbows and Brownies
after ALL morning Masses.

MOTHER'S DAY:

**Today is Laetare Sunday, also
known as Mother's Day.
Children at the 10:00 Mass will
be invited to come forward to
collect a daffodil to present to
their mothers.**

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Denis Bourke, Rev David Coram, Raffaella Forte, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Patsy Hopkins, Felix Isichei, Linda Lovel, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose Mcmillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Dominic Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Edgar Ming, Breda O'Donoghue (Fox), Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Tony Tambirasa, Mrs Bobby Thain, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo; Ian and Nazim.

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 and able to join one of our cleaning teams, all of which are very much in need new members. If you are on a team, but no longer able to attend, please let us know.*

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: Please advise the Parish Office of your availability for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. **Please help us to avoid a last minute rush!**

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

The next course will take place later this month. The dates are Wednesdays 23rd & 30th March at 8pm. Further courses are planned for May and July 2016. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

The Repository: There is a wide range of greetings cards, Mass cards, Mass books and devotional items available. Don't forget St Patrick's Day is coming, closely followed by Easter.

The Church Hall - Advance notice:

The hall will be out of bounds to all users, on both floors, on the following dates:

- 1/ Thursday 5th May – London Mayoral Election;
- 2/ Monday – Thursday 6th – 9th June (and possibly Monday 13th June):
BTG School Admissions Appeals
- 3/ Thursday 23rd June – E.U. Referendum.

An appeal to all Altar Servers:

We would really like to find some new / existing Altar Servers who would be willing to serve regularly at either the **8.30am** or **11.30am** Sunday Masses. Both of these Masses could do with a few more Servers. Please speak to Fr Deo, Fr Paul, Jed or Ged. Additionally, a gentle reminder to all Servers: **please ensure that you arrive for Mass 15-20mins before Mass starts.** This is to ensure that there is enough time to get changed and to help prepare the Altar and the Sanctuary before Mass begins. We've seen an increase in 'lastminute.com' arrivals in the last few weeks!

INTERNET/BROADBAND & PHONES:

Regrettably these have been out of action for a whole week. We expect them to be working again during this weekend. Our apologies to all who are still waiting for their e-mails to be answered, or who have had to wait a long time for the phone to be answered outside of office hours. The parish secretary will be working hard to catch up with all communications shortly.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Good Friday, we hold a special Stations of the Cross for young people. Volunteers are required to help us re-live of the Passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It will take place on Friday 25th March 2016 at 12 Noon. We need children to carry banners, to read for stations or perform various roles. Those from Nursery to Secondary School age are invited to take part, with parental permission. Please contact Linda (07770 623230) or email Marion on: mh.brown@virgin.net

The deadline for volunteering will be 18th March 2016. (NB There will be a rehearsal in the church on Maundy Thursday, 24th March at 4pm for all involved.)



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

Bishop Thomas Grant need **Examination Invigilators**. **St John Fisher, Purley**, are seeking **Public Examination Invigilators** for both internal and external examinations. They also wish to recruit a **Teacher of Religious Education**.

SAINSBURY ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

Once again, our Scouts, Cubs, Explorers and Beavers will be collecting these vouchers to put towards equipment which they need. A box will be available in the porch. Where possible, please secure any bundles with rubber bands or clips etc. Last year enough vouchers were collected to get several tents. If you are asked by the cashier whether or not you want vouchers, please say "YES", and then kindly donate them to help these uniformed groups, especially if you are not saving them for your school or other uniformed groups.

Lost Property: Please check for anything belonging to you on the left hand shelf in the main porch. Anything remaining uncollected by Easter will be disposed of.

Helping you through Lent:

The Southwark Diocesan Stewardship Team has prepared a Lenten Reflection on a Stewardship theme for each day of Lent and Holy Week, which you can receive by email each day. To sign up please go to: <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P>

A Day with Mary: The next local event will take place next Saturday 12th March 2016 at St Boniface, Tooting. For full details, please see the poster in the porch.

