

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 20th March 2016

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Palm Sunday 20th March

6:15 (Saturday 19th March)

Carmen Vella RIP

08:30 Kevin O'Halloran RIP

10:00 Welfare of the Umusu family

11:30 People of the parish

Special Liturgy and Solemn Procession of

Palms starting from the Lower Hall

(Plainchant & Hymn Choirs singing)

4:00 Stations of the Cross

5:00 John Flood RIP

6:30 United Service at Norbury Baptist

Church, Semley Road

Holy Week:

Monday 21st March

07:30 Mario Rodrigues RIP

10:00 Welfare of Ekene Onwuekwe

Tuesday 22nd March

Day of Penitence. Confessions after

10am Mass, continuing all day,

concluding with Benediction at 8pm.

7:30 Carmen Vella RIP

10:00 Stephen Cowie RIP (5th anniversary)

Wednesday 23rd March

07:30 Elizabeth Scarpa RIP (Foundation Mass)

09:30 Patrick D'Souza RIP

11:15 Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral

Maundy Thursday 24th March

8pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper. Watching at

the Altar of Repose until Midnight

Good Friday 25th March

A day of fasting and abstinence

10.45am – Walk of Witness

12 Noon – Children's Liturgy

Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Veneration of the Cross and Holy

Communion.

8pm – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 26th March

NB: No Masses before the Easter Vigil

Confessions 10am to 10.30am

8.30pm – Easter Vigil

(NB clocks forward 1 hr tonight)

Next Sunday 27th March

Easter Sunday

08:30 People of the parish

10:00 Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

11:30 Welfare of Kathleen Schmoock &

Maureen Ocasio

NB – NO 5pm Mass

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,

13th March came to **£2061.43:**

(£1341.63 in the collection baskets

plus £720.00 in standing orders).

The Brownies and Rainbows thank you very much for helping them to raise the sum of **£230.00** at their Coffee Morning last Sunday. One raffle prize remains in the parish office for Irene, Ticket No:847.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday – P. 190

(P. 184 at 11:30 Mass)

Maundy Thursday – P. 199

Good Friday – P. 204

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – P. 223

Easter Sunday – P. 258

Today is Palm Sunday.

Palms will be blessed at all Masses, and

you will need to pick your palms up as

you enter the Church. At the 11:30 Mass,

a blessing of palms and a solemn

procession will take place, starting from

the Lower Hall.

NB: No coffee mornings until April.

EASTER GREETINGS:

Please take a Parish Easter Card.

It contains details of all major services

from now until Easter Monday. This card

contains Easter greetings from your

clergy. You will also find Easter Offering

envelopes. Please take one away. It may

be used to make your traditional Easter

Offering to your clergy at the Easter Vigil

and on Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday, there will be the traditional **Papal collection for the Holy Places.** Funds go towards the upkeep of shrines and churches related to Our Lord's Passion, as well as funding Christian education in the Holy Land. Would Gift Aiders kindly use a spare yellow envelope from the back of your boxes, or pick up a spare envelope from the porch. Please mark your envelope with your Gift Aid number, the date and "Holy Places".

In the coming week:

Tuesday 22nd –

Lenten Day of Penitence:

Do take the opportunity to fulfil your Easter Duties in respect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Following the 10.00am Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions all day until Benediction at 8.00pm

Thursday 24th –

Practice for all those taking part in Good Friday's Children's Stations of the Cross at 4pm in the church.

Friday 25th – Walk of Witness from Norbury Park, leaving at 10:45.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICES:

Would those servers taking part in the Holy Week Services please note the following.

Wednesday 23rd – 7.30pm –

Practice for Maundy Thursday;

Good Friday 25th March – 10.30am

Practice for Good Friday;

Holy Saturday 26th March – 10.30am

Practice for Easter Vigil

Please arrive in good time for all

practices and indeed at least 15

minutes before all services.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME:



This year, British Summer Time commences on Easter Sunday morning. Don't forget to put your clocks forward by one hour on Saturday night, especially if you plan to attend Mass on Easter Day.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Denis Bourke, Frances Caulfield, Rev David Coram, Raffaella Forte, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Patsy Hopkins, Joan Huie, 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 1 this week: Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam. (Apologies for putting the wrong group names in last week's newsletter. If you would like to help clean the church during Holy Week, in preparation for our Easter services, please contact the parish office. *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.*

Church Carpeting:

This was professionally cleaned during the past week. You may notice a slight odour, but this will soon pass.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

Please note that the next course is now full.

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. Easter cards etc are also available. We then look forward to our First Holy Communions this coming May.

The Church Hall - Advance notice:

The hall will be closed to all users as follows:

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.

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next drinks evening is on Saturday, 2nd April from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19 7NE. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242

Employment Opportunities and Volunteering within the Catholic sphere, on the noticeboard nearest to the repository: **Bishop Thomas Grant, Streatham,** wish to employ a **Teacher of Religious Education, Examination Invigilators** and a **School Administration Officer.**

John Fisher, Purley, wish to take on an **Admissions Assistant.** **Bishop Challoner, Shortlands,** require a **Lower KS2 Class Teacher (maternity cover).**

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. Last year enough vouchers were collected to provide several tents. If you are asked by the cashier whether or not you want vouchers, please say "YES".

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.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

The following notice is now displayed on the Sacristy door, and it is most important that all parishioners wishing to enter the sacristy are aware of it and that they adhere to it to the letter:

Please note that there is a change to admittance to the Sacristy. All adults must have prior DBS clearance in order to be in the Sacristy when Altar Servers are present.

Should you require access to the Sacristy, please let Fr Deo, Fr Paul or the Parish Office know.

Youth Club Grand National Sweepstake – Saturday 9th

April: Forms are still available in all porch areas. Please get your entry in by the closing date of Sunday 6th April 2016.

First Holy Communion Programme:

Recommences Saturday 9th April 2016 from 10:00 to 11:30, Session for Parents and children entitled "Do this in memory of me". Please be in the hall promptly so that we may start and finish on time.

Parents are respectfully asked, when the children's own sessions begin again, to ensure that they collect their children promptly each time at 11:30.

Looking ahead to the end of the programme, we should now like, as per tradition, to ask the parents of children who were on the 2015 programme for their support with the **Going Forth party** for this year's children, which is planned for Sunday June 29th 2016. Please contact Teresa on 07742 911152. If you have already put your name down, you will be contacted in due course. Thank you.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford, Saturday April 3rd, In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 4th. Please see the poster in the porch.

A Day with Mary, at St Joseph's, Roehampton, Saturday April 16th. Please see the poster in the porch.

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 19th-26th August 2016. Please see the poster in the porch.