

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 17th April 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 17th April –

Fourth Sunday of Easter

6.15pm (Saturday 16th April)

Elisabeth Davies RIP

8.30am Welfare of Theresa Geldart

10.00am Thanksgiving – Anita & Peter
and Alan Blaquiére

11.30am Welfare of Michael &
Maria Ippoliti

(Plainchant Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

Third week of Easter:

Monday 18th April

7.30am Patrick Towey RIP

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Tuesday 19th April

7.30am Welfare of Elizabeth Maduka

10.00am Welfare of Chris and
Aidan Malone

Wednesday 20th April

7.30am Intention of Patsy Crimmins

10.00am Welfare of

Ruth Kamalagharan.

11.30am Requiem for Harry Dyal Singh

Thursday 21st April

*St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church (Memorial)*

07:30 Welfare of

Louis Kwame Boadi Tsegah

10:00 Welfare Mary & George Meyern

Friday 22nd April

07:30 Welfare of Dr Louise Bell

and Gus & Wenjing Gannon

10:00 Welfare of Martin Bergin
and family

Saturday 23rd April - St George,

Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity)

10:00 Theresa Edirmanasinge RIP

Next Sunday 24th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

6.15pm (Saturday 23rd April)

Welfare of John Maguire

08:30 Jess Power RIP

10:00 Shirley & Francis D' Souza RIP

11:30 People of the parish

(Hymn Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm Brenda O'Brien 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.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday – P. 268

Next Sunday – P. 271

Thank you for your generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to

£1824.21 (£1212.21 in baskets & £612.00
in Standing orders) (NB: The amount for
standing orders has been revised.)

Today there will be a **second collection**
for the **Ecclesiastical Education Fund.**

Gift Aiders, please use the **special envelope from your boxes.** Otherwise please use a **spare envelope from the porch**, marking it with your **Gift Aid number, the date and the words "Ecclesiastical Education Fund"**.

NB Those who give by Standing Order should also use a spare envelope.

Next Sunday there will be a **second collection** for the **Maintenance of St George's Cathedral**, the Mother Church of our Archdiocese of Southwark.

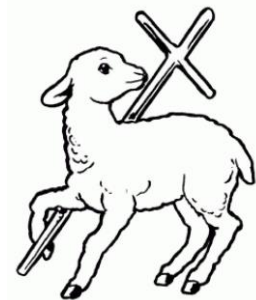
Needless to say, the upkeep of such an important and beautiful building is an expensive matter. There is a special envelope in Gift Aiders' boxes, and the same applies as above where an envelope is required.

We welcome Canon Joseph Collins to say the 10am & 11.30am Masses today.

Coffee Morning – None this week

Coffee Morning - Next Week, with LIFE after the 10am & 11.30am Masses, with tea, coffee, cakes and a sale of knitted baby clothes. Proceeds to LIFE HQ.

Please see: www.lifecharity.org.uk



In the coming week:-

Saturday 23rd –

First Holy Communion Programme
Meditation, shared meal and practice
for receiving Holy Communion.
This session is for parents and children.
Please arrive for a prompt 10am start,
finishing at 12 Noon.

Saturday 23rd –

KSC Jubilee Year of Mercy Mass at
St George's Cathedral at 3pm.
The Celebrant will be Archbishop Peter.
All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Today is the World Day of
Prayer for Vocations.

If you think you may have a vocation to the Religious life, in whatever sphere, and would like to explore the subject further, why not have a word with Fr Deo or Fr Paul?

Or you might like to contact our Diocesan Vocations Director,
Fr Stephen Langridge
on 020 8940 2439.

Email: info@southwarkvocations.com

You can also find information on the following web sites:

www.ukpriest.org

www.ukreligiouslife.org

www.ukvocation.org

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Frances Caulfield, Raffaella Forte, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, 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, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Pietro Mobile, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Mrs Bobby Thain, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo; Ian and Nazim.

Those who have died recently:

Please note that **Monica Casey** died on **4th April, not 6th April** as stated last week. Her funeral will take place here on **Friday 29th April 2016 at 12.00 Noon.**

The funeral for **Harry Dyal Singh** will take place here on **Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 11:30am, not April 29th.** Our apologies for these errors.

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. The burden really does seem to be falling on a small number of people.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

Please note that the next course will take place on Wednesdays May 18th & 25th at 8pm.

A further course is planned for July 2016.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

The Repository: We shall soon have available cards and gifts for our forthcoming First Holy Communion next month.

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 (& possibly Monday 13th June): BTG School Admissions Appeals
- 3/ Thursday 23rd June – E.U. Referendum.

Confirmation:

Please note that there will be no Confirmations in our parish this year. Please watch for news of the 2017 programme.

The Passage:

This Westminster based Catholic charity which cares for many of the poor on the streets of London, invites you to a fundraising ceilidh at Holy Apostles, Pimlico on Saturday 23rd April 2016. Tickets £20 including a curry supper. **Details 020 5792 1856**

Tickets from <http://buytickets.at/fundgroup16/49506>

Or email john.stewart@faststream.civilservice.gov.uk;

Are you interested in becoming a Catechist, or have you recently become one? If so, you are invited to a Study Day at the Centre for Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec, on Saturday 11th June 2016. Please see the poster in the porch.

Posters & Notices:

If you wish to display a poster or notice in the porch, please hand it in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

First Holy Communion Programme:

Parents are respectfully asked, when the children's own sessions begin again, to ensure that they collect their children promptly at 11:30, so that the catechists too may return home in good time.

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 to help with the **Going Forth Party** for this year's children, which is planned for **Saturday May 28th 2016.**

(NB: Please note the change of date for this event.)

Please contact Teresa on 07742 911152. If you have already put your name down, you will be contacted shortly. Thank you.

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes,

19th-26th August 2016. Please see the poster in the porch.

The annual Diocesan Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage will take place at St George's Cathedral on **Saturday 18th June 2016.** If you are celebrating your **1st / 10th / 25th / 40th / 50th / 60th** or longer Wedding Anniversary this year, please give your names as soon as possible. There is a special form provided on one of the window ledges in the porch. Please enter your details clearly so you can receive a personal invitation to this event from Archbishop Peter Smith.

Father Deo is currently in Tanzania, paying a belated 80th Birthday visit to his dear mother. We wish him a safe journey and a happy time with his family members.

We welcome back Fr Paul from his Holy Land pilgrimage.

Canon Joseph Collins will continue saying the 10am and 11.30am Masses each Sunday up to and including April 24th.

Employment Opportunities in Catholic Schools:

(Please check the notice boards for all such positions)

Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School, Upper Norwood, is currently looking to recruit a **Deputy Head Teacher (Curriculum and Teaching & Learning).**

Mass Intentions:

We have now had a new batch of Mass Intention Envelopes printed, with some improvements, following some helpful feedback from parishioners. The envelopes are of the "peel and seal" variety. Thus you will not need to moisten them to seal.

We hope that you will find them more "user-friendly".

We are often asked how much one should offer for a Mass. As a guide, those who can afford to tend to give £10. It is most important to bear in mind that it is an offering to the Church and NOT a charge. If it is important to you to have a Mass said on a particular date or time, you are advised to book well in advance.

Please only take envelopes as and when you need them.

Kindly destroy any of the old small brown envelopes we used to use.

"A Day with Mary" – forthcoming events:

Saturday 7th May 2016 – Westminster Cathedral

Saturday 14th May 2016 – St Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate;

Saturday 22nd May 2016 – Walsingham.

Please see posters in the porch.

Confirmation Photographs 2015.

Please note that there are still 4 uncollected orders in the porch.

Youth Club Grand National Weekend. Eddy Sanders thanks all those who supported this event. He will update us next week.

Our Lady's altar:

For fire safety reasons, you are kindly requested **not** to place lighted candles at Our Lady's statue. Please use the electric candles provided.