

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 24th April 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 24th April –

Fifth Sunday of Easter

6.15pm (Saturday 23rd April)

Welfare of John Maguire

8.30am Jess Power RIP

10.00am Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP

11.30am People of the parish

(Hymn Choir singing at this Mass)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Brenda O'Brien RIP

Fifth week of Easter:

Monday 25th April

St Mark the Evangelist (Feast)

7.30am Welfare of Tom & Mary Gannon

10.00am May Pover RIP

Tuesday 26th April

7.30am Pat Gaughran RIP

10.00am Monica Casey RIP

Wednesday 27th April

7.30am Thanksgiving – Frances Whelan

10.00am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

Thursday 28th April

7.30am Arthur RIP

10.00am Elizabeth Doyle RIP

5.00pm Reception into the church of the body of Monica Casey RIP

Friday 29th April

St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe (Feast)

7.30am Brenda O'Brien RIP

10.00am UCM intention – We Welcome Father Mark Higgins, from St Andrew's in Thornton Heath to say this Mass.

12 Noon – Requiem for Monica Casey

Saturday 30th April – Our Lady

10.00am Welfare of Alan Peter Blaquiére

Next Sunday 1st May

6th Sunday of Easter

6.15pm (Saturday 30th April)

Welfare of Hilda Martin

8.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Welfare of the Ohen family

11.30am Monica Casey RIP

(Polyphony choir singing at this Mass)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm 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. 271

Next Sunday – P. 273

Thank you for your generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£2058.16** (£1446.16 in baskets & £612.00 in Standing orders) (NB: The amount for standing orders has been revised.)

You also kindly gave a total of **£571.24** to the **Ecclesiastical Education Fund.**

Today 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. **Gift Aiders**, please use the **special yellow envelope** from your boxes, or use an **"emergency" envelope from the porch**, adding your **Gift Aid number, date and "Maintenance of St George's Cathedral"**. Those who give by Standing Order, please do likewise.

Next Sunday there will be an **appeal by MISSIO**. **Please note that there will NOT be a collection.** The purpose is to raise awareness about Missio, and is an opportunity for Missio to thank you directly for your efforts on their behalf. Indeed they wish to recruit new box holders to help raise funds. During his pastoral visitation last year, Bishop Pat remarked how our parish has given sterling support to Missio over the years, in particular through funds collected by parishioners as box holders and promoters of this great organisation, formerly known as the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. Long may this continue!

"I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."
(John 13: 34-35)

We welcome once again

Canon Joseph Collins to say the 10.00am & 11.30am Masses today.

Coffee Morning – today with LIFE after the 10am & 11.30am Masses, with tea, coffee, cakes and a sale of knitted baby clothes. Proceeds to LIFE HQ: www.lifecharity.org.uk

In the coming week:-

Monday 25th – UCM meet in the St Charles Room, in the upper hall, from 7pm to 9pm. New members are most welcome to attend.

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

Spirit in the City - Year of Mercy: A series of events has been arranged in Central London from Wednesday 1st June to Saturday 4th June, bringing Pope Francis' message to our capital city. Please pick up a leaflet and see the poster in the main porch.

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Noah Olango Oguekewe** and **Yonas Alexander Hamlin**, who were Baptised here last Sunday.

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, 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.

Recently deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Leopoldine Maria Rebello, of Lymington Close, (the mother of Michael Rebello), who died on 3rd April 2016. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 28th April, at 10am, at St Andrew's, Thornton Heath.

Also for **Dominic Mascarenhas**, of Hatch Road, who died on 18th April 2016.

Our prayers and sympathy as a parish go out to the families.

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 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 now have a full stock of gifts and cards for our forthcoming First Holy Communions next month. These include special cards from Godparents to their Godchildren.

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.

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.

New Telephone System:

Those of you who have telephoned recently will have noticed the introduction of a short menu when you get through. This involves pressing a key on your phone, depending on whom you wish to speak to. You may also choose to hear a message giving the times of Masses. We hope this idea, similar to that used by a number of parishes, will help us to deal with your many and varied calls to St Bartholomew's more efficiently. So far the system has had a good reception. We'd be delighted to hear your feedback and any suggestions.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

Regarding 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 2016:

Our First Holy Communions will be taking place on Sundays May 8th, May 15th & May 22nd. Please note in your diaries that in each case Mass on those Sundays will be at 12 Noon, and NOT the usual time of 11.30am. This also applies on May 29th for the Going Forth Mass.

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. So far, two couples have signed up. We do hope there will be many more.

Father Deo is in Tanzania, visiting his dear mother. We wish him a safe journey and a happy time with his family members. He is due back with us by May 5th.

Father James Mchamunghu CSSp will be here to say the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses next Sunday.

Father James, like our own Father Paul, is a Spiritan Father.

Employment Opportunities in Catholic Schools:

Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School is seeking an Assistant Head Teacher (Head of Sixth Form).

St John Fisher, Purley, wishes to recruit a Teacher of Religious Education. St Joseph's Crown Dale seek a Foundation Governor.

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 and/or at a particular time, you are advised to book several weeks in advance. Please only take envelopes as and when you need them. Kindly destroy any of the old brown envelopes

"A Day with Mary" – forthcoming events (Please see posters in the porch):
Saturday 7th May 2016 – Westminster Cathedral
Saturday 14th May 2016 – St Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate
Sunday 22nd May 2016 – Walsingham.

Confirmation Photographs 2015.

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

A polite request concerning Our Lady's Altar:

In order to comply with fire regulations, you are kindly requested not to place lighted candles at Our Lady's statue. Please use only the electric candles provided. Lighted candles may only be placed on the iron stand before the Blessed Sacrament, which is designed for them. This also avoids wax being dripped across the carpet.

John Fisher, Purley, are holding their traditional May Day Fete on Monday 2nd May 2016 from 12 Noon to 5pm. There will be a lot going on at this regular and important fundraiser for the school. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners.