

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 1st May 2016

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 1st May

Sixth 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

Sixth week of Easter:

Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday)

St Athanasius, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

7.30am Welfare of Caroline, Kitty
& Steve Curtiss

10.00am Welfare of Kevin & Sara Woods

Tuesday 3rd May

Saints Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)

7.30am Leopoldine Maria Rebello RIP

10.00am Members of the Breeze family,
both living and dead.

Wednesday 4th May

The English Martyrs (Feast)

7.30am Geoffrey Ohen RIP

10.00am Welfare of Elizabeth Maduka

Thursday 5th May

7.30am Alan Goodwin RIP

10.00am Monica Casey RIP

Friday 6th May

First Friday

7.30am Welfare of Judith Ohen

10.00am Eamon McCluskey RIP

**10.30am – Adoration until 2.00pm,
finishing with Benediction**

Saturday 7th May – Our Lady

10.00am In thanksgiving,

Joe & Isabel D'Mello:

60th Wedding Anniversary

Next Sunday 8th May

The Ascension of the Lord

(World Communications Day)

6.15pm (Saturday 7th May)

Thomas Corr RIP

8.30am Patrick Brennan RIP

10.00am Agnelo Mascaranhas RIP

12.00 Noon First Holy Communion

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. 273

Next Sunday – P. 277

(Saturday eve P. 276/7)

Thank you for your generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to

£1896.02 (£1284.02 in baskets & £612.00
in Standing orders) (NB: The amount for
standing orders has been revised.)

You also gave a total of **£656.19** for the
Maintenance of St George's Cathedral.

The figure raised at last weekend's Coffee
Morning for LIFE was **£110.00**. Both Life
HQ and Zoe's Hospice send their thanks to
you all for supporting the regular Life Coffee
Mornings here. Your help is absolutely vital.

Today there will be an appeal by MISSIO.

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 fundraising efforts and to hopefully
recruit new box holders to help raise funds.

**Next Week there will be a second
collection for World Communications.**

This collection supports the work of the
Catholic Communications Network (CCN),
the media office of the Bishops' Conference of
England and Wales. The many tasks of the
CCN include representing the public face of
the Church and her teaching in the media and
the promotion of the Gospel via the media.

Gift Aiders please use a spare envelope from
the back of your boxes, or one of the spare
ones in the porch. Kindly add your Gift Aid
number and "World Communications Day".

**At some point in the coming weeks, we shall
be holding a Special Collection to promote
humanitarian support for the needy of
Ukraine, as requested by Pope Francis.
The date for this collection will be
announced in due course.**

**"PEACE I BEQUEATH TO
YOU, MY OWN PEACE I
GIVE YOU, A PEACE THE
WORLD CANNOT GIVE, THIS
IS MY GIFT TO YOU. DO NOT
LET YOUR HEARTS BE
TROUBLED OR AFRAID."
(JN 14: 27)**

We welcome:-

Fr James Mchamungu CSSp
to say the 10.00am & 11.30am
Masses today. Like Fr Paul,
Fr James is a Spiritan priest.

In the coming week:-

Monday 2nd – Bank Holiday
Parish Office Closed.

Monday 2nd - No Rainbows or
Brownies tonight.

Monday 2nd – John Fisher Fete
Wednesday 4th – Practice for First
Holy Communion Mass at 6.30pm in
the church, in preparation for the
12.00 Noon Mass on 8th May.

NB: Parents to attend with children.

Thursday 5th – London Mayoral
Election - Halls Closed to all users.

Saturday 7th – "A Day with Mary"
at Westminster Cathedral.

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.

**Father Deo is still in Tanzania. He sends
his love to us all.** We wish him a safe
journey and a happy time with his family
members, especially his dear mother.
He is due back with us by May 5th.

The Pilgrim: The May edition is
now available. Please take your
FREE copy (ignore cover charge.)

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.

Recently deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs Chris Clark, of Strathbrook Road, Mother of Gordon, David and Andy, who died on Wednesday 27th April 2016. Chris was very active in parish life, having received the Benemerenti medal in recognition of her contribution to St Bartholomew's, including her tenure as Grand Dame of the Dames of St Joan, and as the person who typed the weekly newsletter in the days before computers and photocopiers.

Patsy Hopkins, the mother of Ken Hopkins, died peacefully on Friday 29th April 2016.

The funeral of Dominic Mascarenhas will take place at 11am on Friday 6th May, at St John the Evangelist RC Church, The Avenue, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 5AB. The church is opposite Tadworth Station. Fr Paul will be officiating. May they all rest in peace. As ever, our thoughts and prayers as a parish go out to the families of all the deceased.

Church Cleaning: Group 1 this week:

Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

The next course is 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.

The Church Hall - Advance notice:

The hall will be closed to all users as follows:

- 1/ Thursday 5th May – London Mayoral Election (this week);
- 2/ Monday – Thursday 6th – 9th June - BTG 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.

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.

St Ġorġ Preca, Malta's first Saint, was primarily responsible for the Mysteries of Light of the Most Holy Rosary. His feast day Mass will be at Holy Rosary, Brixton on Sunday 8th May at 4pm. Details on poster.

First Holy Communion Programme 2016:

Our First Holy Communions will be taking place on Sundays May 8th, May 15th & May 22nd. Please note that in each case Mass on those Sundays will be at 12 Noon, and NOT 11.30. This also applies on May 29th for the Going Forth Mass.
(NB: The Going Forth Lunch will take place on Saturday 28th May)

Practices will take place as follows for each of the Masses:
Wednesday 4th May at 6.30pm in the church (for 8th May);
Wednesday 11th May at 6.30pm in the church (for 15th May);
Wednesday 18th May at 6.30pm in the church (for 22nd May).
All these dates appear in the programme as given to parents.
Please will parents ensure that they attend rehearsals with children.

Please pray for the following who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8th May at 12.00 Noon:

Anne Beresford Madden; Aidan Brown;
Ellen Coyle; Thea Danvers;
Laura Edgington; Emily Fowler;
Sophie Grace Krolkowski - Smith;
Rachel Netherwood; Dominique Nunoo;
Zion Ofili - Ellis; Daniel Pennant;
Lara Rodriguez; Oliver Serrao; Samuel Walton.

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SPECIAL NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Please sign up for the First Holy Communion Masses.

There is a poster in the sacristy to add your names.

Please make a careful note of the dates and times.

Practices are not required for these Masses.

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 add your names to the special form provided on one of the window ledges in the porch. Please enter your details very clearly so you may then receive a personal invitation to this event from Archbishop Peter Smith. So far, three couples have signed up. The closing date is today.

Mass Intentions:

We have now had a new batch of Mass Intention Envelopes printed. They 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

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 John Fisher also seek to take on a Teacher of Physics.

St Joseph's, Crown Dale, need a full time KS2 Teacher.

St Joseph's, Crown Dale also seeks a Foundation Governor.

St Thomas of Canterbury, Mitcham, require Midday Supervisors.

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 this Bank Holiday, Monday 2nd May 2016, from 12 Noon to 5pm. There will be a lot going on at this regular and important fundraiser.

School places: Is your child 4 or 5 years old? Are you looking for a Catholic primary school for September 2016? Places are still available at St Joseph's Infant School, Camberwell. Ofsted rated "Good" with elements of "Outstanding". See our website <http://www.stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk/> Please phone 020 7703 9264