

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – (WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY)

(Year C)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

*The Ascension of the Lord*



6.15pm (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May)

Thomas Corr RIP

8.30am Patrick Brennan RIP

10.00am Agnelo Mascaranhas RIP

12 Noon First Holy Communion Mass

**4.00pm Benediction**

5.00pm People of the parish

## Seventh week of Easter:

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May*

7.30am Thanksgiving & Special intention

– Muoghalu famly

10.00am Patsy Hopkins RIP

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May*

7.30am Welfare of Will & Marie Gannon

10.00am Welfare of Alan Peter Blaquiery

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May*

7.30am Patrick Brennan RIP

10.00am Francis D'Souza RIP

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May*

7.30am Derek Harris RIP

10.00am Thanksgiving – Patrick Addison

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May*

*Our Lady of Fatima (Memorial)*

7.30am Johnny Johnson RIP

10.00am Abraham Ghandi RIP

*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May –*

*St Matthias, Apostle (Feast)*

10.00am Rev Basil Miller RIP,

Former Parish Priest of this parish.

(Foundation Mass)

*Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May*

6.15pm (Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May)

Eugene Lopez RIP

8.30am Welfare of Mrs Obiosa & family

10.00am Jack Chapman RIP

12.00 First Holy Communion 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. 277

(Saturday eve P. 276/7)

Next Sunday – P. 294

(Saturday eve P. 285)

## Thank you for your generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to

**£1879.22** (£1267.22 in baskets & £612.00 in Standing orders) (NB: The amount for standing orders has recently been revised.)

## Today 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.

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". You may also donate on line at:

[www.catholicnews.org.uk/donate-wcd](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/donate-wcd)

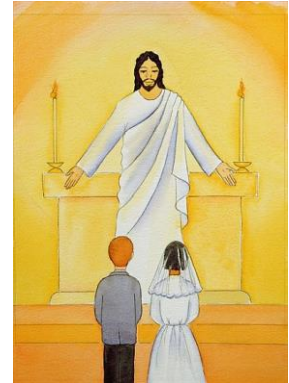
## Please take a special card, which marks this day within the context of the Year of Mercy, and which includes this prayer:

**O God**, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. **Make them** seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. **Grant** discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace, **Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**

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 shortly

## First Holy Communion

We pray for all those children, listed below, who will today be receiving the Body and Blood of Our Blessed Lord Jesus for the very first time, at their **First Holy Communion**, during a special Mass at **12.00 Noon**. We also pray for their parents and catechists.



*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.*

**In the coming week:-**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – UCM meet from 2pm to 4pm in the hall.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Practice for First Holy Communion Mass at 6.30pm in the church, in preparation for the 12.00 Noon Mass on 15<sup>th</sup> May.**

**NB: Parents to attend with children.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Lucky day for the Over 55's to meet in the upper hall from 2pm to 4pm. Retired Probation Officer, and Youth Club Leader Eddie Sanders will give a short talk entitled "Crime in the Community".**

## 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, 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:

The funeral of Chris Clark will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 2.15pm, at Croydon Crematorium. Those going by car should set their Sat Navs for CR0 3AA for the Mitcham Road entrance or CR7 6BB for Thornton Road.

### Church Cleaning: Group 2 this week:

Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua, Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya, Victoria Okonko.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

The next course is on Wednesdays May 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

Please register as soon as possible to join this course.

A further course is planned for July 2016.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

**The Repository:** We are fully stocked for our First Holy Communion. The Repository will be opened up during the Wednesday evening rehearsals for First Holy Communion, so that parents will have a good chance to make their purchases of cards and gifts as available.

### The Church Hall - Advance notice:

The hall will be closed to all users as follows:

2/ Monday – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June - BTG Admissions Appeals

3/ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### \*\*\*\*\*FORTHCOMING DIACONAL ORDINATION\*\*\*\*\*

God willing, the Right Reverend Archbishop Peter Smith will be ordaining to the Permanent Diaconate **Ged Perkins,**

**Robert Smith and Piotr Ziezio** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 6:30pm at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Amigo Hall. Your prayers for all three candidates, as well as your presence, are kindly requested.

Would those wishing to attend please provide their names, contact details and the numbers attending, on the sheet that is on the right hand windowsill in the porch. This information will enable us to let the diocese know the estimated numbers for catering purposes.

## First Holy Communion Programme 2016:

Our First Holy Communion will continue on

Sundays May 15<sup>th</sup> & May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon, (NOT 11.30.)

This also applies on May 29<sup>th</sup> for the Going Forth Mass.

(NB: The Going Forth Lunch will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May)

*Practices will take place as follows for each of the Masses:*

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the church (for 15<sup>th</sup> May);*

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm in the church (for 22<sup>nd</sup> May).*

*All these dates appear in the programme as given to parents.*

*Please will parents ensure that they attend rehearsals with children.*

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Please pray for the following who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 Noon:

**Lara Monteiro Caldeira; Barnabas Cowlin;**

**Catlin Craig; Athena Cusack; Dainah Dyer;**

**Oscar Dygant; Nathan Fernandes;**

**Andre Goncalves; Samuel Mubiru Mayanja;**

**Joao Pedro Mendonca;**

**Elisa Odewale; Dylan Patrick Rowley;**

**Hugo Springett; Finnigan Williams.**

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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.*

**Mass Intentions:** We have now had a new batch of Mass Intention Envelopes printed. 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. Do remember that it is an **offering** to the Church and **not a fee**. In order to have a Mass said on a particular date and at a particular time, you are advised to book several weeks in advance. Please only take envelopes as and when you need them.

### Employment Opportunities in Catholic Schools:

**St James the Great, Thornton Heath, are looking to employ a Key Stage 1 Class Teacher (some experience of phonics an advantage).**

**St James the Great also seek a Clerk to the Governors.**

**St John Fisher, Purley, wishes to recruit a Teacher of Religious Education.**

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

**Laleham Lea, Purley, are looking for a Full Time Teacher.**

**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 Middy 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.

**Lost Property:** There are several items in the porch, including a pair of spectacles, gloves and a child's blue anorak. Please take a look and see if anything is yours. Items will have to be disposed of if not collected by the end of the month.

**The Pilgrim:** Please take your **FREE** copy of the May edition. (Kindly ignore the cover charge.)