

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 19th June 2016 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE (Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 19th June – 12th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 18th June)

Welfare of Anna & Des

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Mario Rodrigues RIP

11.30am Patrick John Lacey RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Michael James Howlett RIP

Twelfth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 20th June

St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Jack Duff RIP

Tuesday 21st June

St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (Memorial)

7.30am Deacon Robert Smith & family

10.00am Holy Souls

Wednesday 22nd June

Saints John Fisher, Bishop,

and Thomas More, Martyrs (Feast)

7.30am Nelly & Nora Lienhan RIP

10.00am John & Margaret McNamara RIP

Thursday 23rd June

7.30am Deacon Piotr Ziezio and family

10.00am Requiem for

Eileen Margaret (Rita) Crehan

Friday 24th June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

(Solemnity)

7.30am Deacon Ged & Kathy Perkins

and family

10.00am UCM intention

Saturday 25th June – Our Lady

10.00am Edna Graham RIP & all her friends

Next Sunday 26th June – 13th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 25th June)

People of the parish

8.30am Jim Clark RIP

10.00am Amy Sturmer (12th birthday)

11.30am Sheila Donohoe RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Success in public examinations for all our young parishioners

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.

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday – P. 99

Next Sunday – P. 102

Thank you for your continuous generosity: Last weekend's collection came to £1862.33 (£1250.33 baskets; £612.00 Standing orders)

You also gave the sum of **£401.84** to the **Catholic Trust for England & Wales.**

Today there will be a **Second collection for DAY FOR LIFE. This helps fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, and other pro-life activities of the Church. Funds are also provided for various pro-life charities. Gift Aid givers should use a spare envelope from the back of their boxes, as there is not a special envelope. Emergency envelopes can be found in the porch. If you need to use one, please write your Gift Aid number and add "Day For Life – 19/06/2016".**

You will find in the porch a special post card produced by Day for Life. This includes some of the words of the Holy Father on the importance of human life and the great gift from God which life is. Please take one of these home for your family.

NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL AND A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - SVP. PLEASE LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY AND KINDLY SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT WORK THEY CARRY OUT BEHIND THE SCENES IN SUPPORT OF THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES. THERE IS NO GIFT AID PROVISION FOR THIS COLLECTION.

GIFT AID NEWS

After Mass, if you make your offerings to the Church by Gift Aid, **EVEN IF YOU GIVE BY STANDING ORDER**, please go to the little room behind Our Lady's Altar in order to collect your **End of Year Letters** as well as your **boxes of new Gift Aid Envelopes**. The letters are to be found in front of the boxes of envelopes. A number of these still remain. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme and/or sign a Standing Order Form to make payments direct from your bank account, or indeed if you need to withdraw from the Gift Aid Scheme, please see the Gift Aid Organisers. Please also see the most important notice overleaf about the latest taxation rules, which are particularly important if, amongst other things, you have retired and/or you no longer pay tax.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS:

We continue to pray for all those young people sitting examinations over the next few weeks, after which they can take a well - earned break from their studies

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

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Ines Jorgina Maria Da Silva and Hosanna Samuel,** who were Baptised here last Sunday.

OUR NEW DEACON HAS BEEN ORDAINED:

Gerard (Ged) Perkins was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Southwark on Friday 17th June 2016. A full coachload of parishioners attended the event and enjoyed refreshments afterwards in the Amigo Hall. Our congratulations to Ged as he begins his diaconal ministry in our parish. We thank God that he put himself forward for this important role here at St Bartholomew's and we thank Archbishop Peter for accepting him. Also, thanks go to Ged's family, his wife Kathy and sons Nathan and Theo who have fully supported him throughout his formation, and without whose support he could not have got to this point, nor indeed could he fulfil his new role. May God bless Ged as he commences his duties, and we look forward to his official involvement in parish life, including those Sacraments of the Church in which he will be taking part. Amongst his duties, apart from his presence at Mass, alongside Fr Deo and Fr Paul, as well as preaching the sermon, Ged will also be empowered to celebrate Baptisms, conduct certain funerals, officiate at certain weddings and bless the congregation with the Monstrance at Benediction.

In the coming week:-

Next Sunday: Coffee Morning with the UCM after the 10am & 11.30am Masses.

Thursday 23rd – EU Referendum. The hall will be out of bounds to all users on that day.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére,
Anita Blaquiére, Frances Caulfield, Raffaella Forte,
Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther,
Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Joan Huie, Felix Isichei,
Mary Kenny, Linda Lovel, Elsie McCleave,
James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose Mcmillan,
Ajitha Mahatantila, Charmaine Meli, George Meyern,
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 **Eileen Margaret (Rita) Crehan**, late of Norbury Hall, will take place here on Thursday 23rd June 2016 at 10am.

The funeral of **John Murphy**, late of Grayscroft Road, will take place here on Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 12.30pm.

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

Church Cleaning: Group 2 this week:

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

We need new volunteers. Can you help? Please let us know.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: *The next course is on Saturdays July 16th & July 23rd at 3pm.*

Please note the change of dates for this course.

Please see the newsletter for details of future courses.

The Church Hall will be closed to all users as follows:

Thursday 23rd June – E.U. Referendum in the coming week.

Monday 25th July – Friday 2nd September – Refurbishment.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD:

Please watch out for details of our own response to Pope Francis' plea for this event to take place in every parish during the Year of Mercy. In any event, this will require round-the-clock presence of parishioners, in particular during periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St George's Cathedral:

This is scheduled to take place on Saturday 10th September 2016.

Details of this Year of Mercy event will be released in due course.

We plan to hire a coach in order to get everybody there and back.

Please mark this date in your diaries.

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Funday, takes place on Saturday 25th June 2016 from 12pm to 4pm.

Enjoy a host of refreshments and foods, including BBQ, with entertainment including the Conor Academy of Irish Dancing.

Visit all the different stalls and have a great family day out!

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS):

Would you like to become a member of the CTS, the Charity that answers the call to evangelise? Please help us in our mission to help those searching to gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith and to share the faith with others. To find out more, contact us on

020 7640 0042, or email: membership@ctsbooks.org;

or go to www.CTSbooks.org/membership to join online.

Please do take a look at the CTS rack outside the Repository.

There is a very good supply of literature concerning our Catholic Faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

These are to be found in the porch, on the window sill closest to the Repository. NB: There are still some unclaimed Confirmation photographs.

VERY IMPORTANT GIFT AID INFORMATION:

Would all Gift Aiders, whether existing or new, please be aware that there have recently been significant changes to the tax system. Gift Aiders should therefore review very carefully whether or not they will be paying sufficient tax in 2016-17 in order to cover the gift aid that St Bartholomew's will claim back on their donations.

The major points that may take people out of paying sufficient tax are:

- a) The first £1,000 of investment income is tax free from 2016.
- b) The first £5,000 of Dividend Income is tax free.
- c) Tax free personal allowance is up to £11,000 from April 2016, rising to £12,500 in future.
- d) Higher Rate tax threshold rises to £43,000 from April 2016

It will be appreciated that many of our gift aid donors who rely on pensions and savings will be falling out of income tax completely (e.g. you would need to have bank savings and shares worth something over £100,000 to use up the two new tax-free allowances on interest and dividends) and many others too will no longer be paying tax. Clearly, those Gift Aiders who are affected by these changes should advise the Parish Office if they will need to leave the Gift Aid scheme. Please be aware that all such matters are treated in the strictest confidence by the Gift Aid organisers and the parish office.

TWO LOCAL HEAD TEACHERS ARE RETIRING:

Louis Desa, Head of **Bishop Thomas Grant School** since 2001. The PTA have organised a Cheese and Wine evening in the school Main Hall on Friday 15th July. All parents, staff, governors, past and present, are invited. Entry by ticket only. Contact Ann Calouri: acalouri@btg-secondary.lambeth.sch.uk

Stephen Beck, Head of **St James the Great School** for the last 26 years. The Friends of St James the Great are holding a Family Summer Disco in the grounds of the school on Saturday 2nd July from 7pm to 11pm. All past pupils and their families are welcome to attend this farewell event.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CATHOLIC SPHERE

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) wishes to employ a Full Time **Deputy Trading Manager**, a post which supports the vital fundraising efforts of this organisation. ACN supports the Catholic Church in over 140 countries across the world where our brothers and sisters in Christ face oppression, persecution or pastoral need. For full details and to apply for this post, please visit: www.acnuk.org/deputy-trading-manager

Location: Sutton; Salary: £27K; Closing date: Thursday 23rd June 2016.

The Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark

are recruiting a **Buildings Officer** to work alongside the Principal Buildings Officer, Mike Baldwin. The job will involve responsibility for schools and maintenance across the 173 schools in our Archdiocese.

To apply, please go to: www.educationcommission.org.uk

Location: Orpington; Salary: £28K - £35K; Closes: Monday 27th June 2016

FAITH AND CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

Appropriate religious and spiritual care is really important to most of us when we're in hospital, but the hospital may not know you are a Catholic and medical staff may not ask you if you are admitted, or they may record the more general term "Christian". Realising how important it is to know a patient's faith and provide appropriate support during an admission, Croydon University Hospital have given the full time Chaplains permission to enter religious details on the electronic patient record system at the request of the individuals concerned. **Please note the chaplains cannot do this without your permission.**

If you give such permission this is ALL they can do; they will NOT have access to your private medical data.

If you would like to ensure your faith is properly recorded on your patient records kept at the hospital please write to the Chaplain – Rev'd Hilary Fife, Chaplains' Office, Croydon University Hospital, 530 London Road, Croydon CR7 7YE or email her: h.fife@nhs.net giving your full name as it appears on your birth certificate, your date of birth and your post code. The second two pieces of information are needed to properly distinguish between people of the same name. You can discuss this further with your priest or phone the Chaplain on 020 8401 3105.

The Repository

Unfortunately there has been further flooding. We are doing our best to deal with this and keep down the smell of damp. The Repository will still be open as usual.