

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 17th July 2016

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 17th July – 16th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 16th July)

Karl Maxwell RIP

8.30am Christine Clark RIP

10.00am Robert Clare RIP

11.30am Margaret & Patrick Collins RIP

(Plainchant choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm People of the parish

Sixteenth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 18th July

7.30am Stephen Cowie RIP (birthday)

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Tuesday 19th July

7.30am Eileen Ganly RIP

10.00am Lucia D'Souza RIP

Wednesday 20th July

7.30am Martin Keane RIP

10am Joseph Laffy RIP

Thursday 21st July

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Pietro Mobile RIP

Friday 22nd July –

St Mary Magdalene (Memorial)

7.30am Fleming family (Foundation Mass)

10.00am Hubert Joseph Pownall RIP

Saturday 23rd July

St Bridget, Religious,

Patron of Europe (Feast)

10.00am Anthony Desa RIP

Next Sunday 24th July – 17th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 23rd July)

Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10.00am Welfare of Deacon Ged & Kathy

Perkins and family

11.30am People of the parish

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Holy Souls

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. 111

Thank you for your continuous generosity: Last weekend's collection came to £2007.23 (£1395.23 Baskets; £612.00 Standing Orders)

Thank you also for your generosity to Apostleship of the Sea (APS), for which you gave a total of **£736.46**. A cheque has been sent to APS along with their completed Gift Aid envelopes.

GIFT AID

There are still approximately 100 uncollected boxes of Gift Aid envelopes and a number of end-of-year letters.

You do need your envelopes, *even if you give by Standing Order, and still wish to contribute to Diocesan second collections.* Please go to the little room behind Our Lady's Altar in order to collect your **Letters and Envelopes**.

After next week, these will have to be posted out. If you any questions or issues regarding Gift Aid, 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. Some people may in fact need to withdraw from Gift Aid altogether.

Coffee Morning today with Savio and Lynette Fernandes, after all morning Masses, for the Don Bosco Shelter in Mumbai, India. Do come along hungry and thirsty in order to support this good cause. Below is a picture of the shelter, including some of its residents who will benefit from today's event.



Fr Deo will be setting off for Tanzania this coming Wednesday 20th July, returning on Thursday 25th August. We wish him a happy and relaxing break. Whilst he is away, we welcome

Father Modestus Etrima, from Arua Diocese in Uganda, who will be staying here with us.

CONGRATULATIONS to two couples who were married here last Saturday:

**Natalie Conway
and Christopher Pook
&
Beverley Warburton
and Peter Ryall.**

We wish both these newly married couples long and happy lives together, blessed by the Lord whose first recorded miracle was at a wedding feast at Cana, in Galilee.

A few tips for Gift Aid givers:

- 1/ If you miss a week or more, just use your next envelope and discard those from missed weeks. Just discard unused ones.
- 2/ Never use somebody else's envelope or cross out the number to add your own.
- 3/ Please do not mix first and second collections in one envelope. Always use a separate envelope for second collections.
- 4/ If you forget your envelope, there are some emergency envelopes in the porches. Just add your Gift Aid Number and date. For second collections, please add also the name of the collection on the front.
- 5/ If you do not give by Gift Aid, please do not use a gift aid envelope of any kind.
- 6/ If you have moved parish, please advise the appropriate Gift Aid team.
- 7/ If you give by Standing Order, you will still need envelopes for second collections.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates; 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, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Mrs Bobby Thain, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Church Cleaning: Group 6 this week:

Juliette Blake, Islay Cowlin, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Shirley Osei-Owusu

Please consider whether you could give up some time to help clean the church. The burden continues to fall on a small number of people.

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

If you are considering having your child Baptised, please look out for more dates in the autumn, when courses resume.

The Church Halls:

Please note that both the upper and lower halls will be closed to all users from Monday 25th July – Friday 2nd September inclusive for redecoration. If this is likely to take any longer, we shall inform you accordingly. Parish groups are kindly asked to tidy up their cupboards and perhaps take the opportunity to have a clear-out in order that they may be included in the redecoration.

!!!!IMPORTANT WARNING!!!!

THERE IS STILL SCAFFOLDING TO THE REAR AND SIDES OF THE CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY. THIS IS DUE TO ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK WHICH IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON OUR VERY OLD GUTTERING AND ROOF TILES, MANY OF WHICH ARE DAMAGED. THIS IMPORTANT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE WILL SAVE US FROM SERIOUS LEAKS INTO THE BUILDINGS. WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE CARE WHEN MOVING AROUND THE SCAFFOLDED BUILDINGS. IN PARTICULAR PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN STAY WELL AWAY FROM IT. PLEASE BEAR WITH US OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKSWHILST THIS VITAL WORK IS CARRIED OUT.

The Repository:

Remedial work will be carried out as soon as possible. In the meantime the Repository remains open as usual.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Please see posters in the porch for further details of these. Open Evenings for schools are also being announced around this time. Again, details may be found on the notice boards.

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.

A further appeal to all our Adult Altar Servers:

An important notice regarding DBS Clearance.

As you know it is imperative that we all complete our DBS (child protection) clearance paperwork.

We need this for the Parish and to protect ourselves individually as we work with our younger altar servers.

We have not had a great response yet. We have completed Altar Server forms, but not the actual DBS paperwork.

Therefore, we are going to leave, in the main Sacristy area, an envelope for each of our adult servers.

We should be grateful if the forms enclosed could be completed **by the end of this month of July.**

Please collect yours from the Sacristy this weekend.

Please **urgently** help us to get this important task finished.

If anyone has any concerns or issues, please let Nana, Fr Deo, Deacon Ged or myself know.

Thank you. Jed Murphy, Master of Ceremonies.

A Day With Mary – Saturday July 23rd 2016 at St Anselm's in Tooting Bec. Full details are on the poster in the porch.

Twenty Four Hours for the Lord, and Visit to the Holy Door.

Please keep in your diaries **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September 2016** for these events. We are doing these things at the request of His Holiness Pope Francis as part of our participation as a parish in the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. There is a CTS pamphlet about the Holy Door, in the CTS rack in the porch beside the Repository. More of these have been ordered so that parishioners who would like to know more about the Holy Door may be able to read about its origin and meaning.

PARISH AGM – Thanks to all who attended this event last Wednesday evening. The minutes and all those reports submitted by various parish groups will be published in due course and be available for you to read through in the porch.

PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP

This has now be rescheduled for
Saturday October 15th 2016.

Please put this in your diaries and watch out for further news of this important event, which will enhance the vital role played by music in the many liturgies throughout the Church's year.