

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 21st August 2016

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 21st August – 21st Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 20th August)

People of the parish

8.30am Kathy Holmes RIP

10.00am Welfare of Deacon Ged & family

11.30am Carol Onwuekwe-Ilobi RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Peter & Patrick O'Hara RIP

Twenty-first week in Ordinary Time:

*Monday 22nd August - The Queenship of
The Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)*

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Denis Geoghegan RIP

Tuesday 23rd August

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Mary Forkin RIP

Wednesday 24th August

St Bartholomew, Apostle

Patron of our Parish (Feast)

7.30am People of the parish

10am May & John Cradock RIP &

the wellbeing of Patricia Settle

Thursday 25th August

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Carmen Vella RIP

Friday 26th August

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Welfare of Martin Bergin

Saturday 27th August –

St Monica (Memorial)

10.00am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

Next Sunday 28th August 22nd Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 27th August)

Louis D'Mello RIP

8.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Mary Patmore RIP

11.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

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 127

Thank you for your continuous generosity: Last weekend's collection came to £1713.00 (£1101.00 Baskets; £612.00 Standing Orders).

Fr Modestus Etrima, from Arua diocese in Uganda, is here for one more week.

Fr Deo returns this Thursday.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017 ADVANCE NOTICE

We are giving plenty of notice that this process will take place in the autumn. As usual, Fr Deo will hold interviews based on the entry level of the children. At least one parent or guardian seeking a reference for their child must attend an interview **at a scheduled session**, together with the child, after having first completed an application form and provided a recent family photograph. Application forms will be available in the main porch in due course. This process applies even if you have attended interviews in previous years. Please bring with you any forms which schools may have given you, and that require completion by Father Deo. (Some schools send forms directly to us.)

References are given based on evidence of Catholic practice, in respect of Mass attendance by parents and children.

Please note that if you have only recently begun to attend Mass here, you may need to approach your previous parish priest.

Details of the interview sessions will be announced by way of notices on the central notice boards in the front porch, either side of the central main doors. Dates and times of interview sessions will be announced in good time. However, please note that they will not be published in the newsletter.

It is therefore essential that you keep a check on the notice boards for information whenever you attend Mass.

Please tell anybody you know, who may be seeking a reference, to ensure that they come **here** in order to find out when and where interview sessions are to be held.

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, which form part of our participation as a parish in the Extraordinary Year of Mercy.

We should like to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament overnight from Friday to Saturday. In order to keep a constant watch, we ask that people join a rota for that purpose. Entry will be specially arranged, with your security in mind. Please sign up on the rota, which you will find in the main porch, for shifts of 30 minutes' duration, preferably with at least two people to cover each shift. Thanks to those who have already signed up to do this.

On the Saturday, we are considering hiring a coach to take us to and from St George's Cathedral to enter through the Holy Door. There will be Holy Mass and an opportunity to go to Confession. Please add your name to the list if you would like to go by coach, but please note that this depends on the demand for the coach.

PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP

This takes place on Saturday October 15th 2016. Please keep this date free in your diaries, and watch out for further news of this important event which will enhance the vital role of music in the many liturgies which occur during the Church's year.

First Holy Communion 2017

Registration Forms will be available this weekend for those children wishing to receive this Sacrament next year. Forms will be left on a windowsill in the porch.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Nadia D'Mello and Onye Muoghalu, our two parish representatives at World Youth Day gave a brief talk last Sunday on what took place at this event, which was attended by Pope Francis. An account of their experience is now available on a special laminated sheet to be found in the porch areas.

Sick and Housebound:

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. We want to bring Christ to such people, ensuring that they do not feel forgotten by the Church. However, we must first know of their need so that we may contact them and reassure them of their importance to our parish family. Also, if you know of anybody who has recently moved into the parish, do give them a New Parishioner Registration Form, and encourage them to get in touch with us.

Please pray for our sick and housebound:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, 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, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Kathy Holmes**, formerly of Green Lane, a most active former parishioner of St Bartholomew's, UCM member and for many years our Sacristan, who moved back to Ireland only last year. Kathy died peacefully on Sunday 14th August 2016. Fr Tom Cooper was hoping to be able to concelebrate at Kathy's funeral late last week. Our sympathy and prayers as a parish go out to her family.

Church Cleaning: Group 5 this week:

Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Emma Morrone, Livia Pappano, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli.

Please could you give up some time to help clean the church? The burden continues to fall on very few people. (Thanks to those who have recently come forward. We really do still need more kind souls to help!)

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

If you are considering having your child Baptised, please look out for more dates in September, when courses resume. If you seek Baptism for a second or subsequent child, then you need to show that you have been on a Baptism Preparation Course within the three years prior to the next Baptism.

!!!!WARNING!!!!

THERE IS STILL SCAFFOLDING TO THE REAR AND SIDES OF THE CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY. THIS IS DUE TO ESSENTIAL PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE ROOF. PLEASE TAKE CARE AROUND THE SCAFFOLDED AREAS. IN PARTICULAR PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN STAY WELL AWAY. PLEASE BEAR WITH US FOR A LITTLE LONGER UNTIL THIS VITAL WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED. MEANWHILE, THE HALL REDECORATION IS NEARLY DONE.

!!!DANGER!!!

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN ANY OF THE WINDOWS IN THE GALLERY. THEY WILL STRIKE THE SCAFFOLDING AND MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY AND DAMAGE. CLEAR NOTICES HAVE BEEN POSTED AT THE FOUR POINTS AT WHICH THE WINDOW CORDS ARE LOCATED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY DURING THE UNUSALLY WARM WEATHER.

The Repository

Whilst repairs continue on the Repository drainage, a limited stock of Mass cards, greetings cards and a few selected items may be purchased from the little room behind Our Lady's Altar, bearing the notice "Temporary Repository" on the door. Once the floor is ready and safe to use, the Repository will reopen. At the moment, we can't give a definite date. If there is something which you particularly need, kindly ask for it to be reserved for you.

New Altar Server Training

Would you like to become an Altar Server?
And have you made your First Holy Communion?
If the answer to both these questions is "yes", we have a training course for new Servers coming soon. It will take place on **both Sunday 18th September and Sunday 25th September at 6pm, shortly after the 5pm Mass.**

Prospective servers will need to attend **both** sessions, each of which will last for **one hour**.

Please collect an **application form** from the **Sacristy**, and return it no later than

Sunday 11th September

to give us an idea of the numbers to expect.

Youth 2000 Summer Prayer Festival, takes place at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 25th to 29th August 2016. Please see poster.

VERY IMPORTANT GIFT AID INFORMATION:

Due to recent significant changes to the tax system. Gift Aiders are advised to 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.

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) many others 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 team and the parish office.

A few useful tips and requests for Gift Aid givers:

- 1/ If you are absent, just use the envelope dated for your next visit.
- 2/ If you forget your envelope, you may use an emergency envelope.
- 3/ Please never use anybody else's envelope.
- 4/ Please use separate envelopes for first and second collections.
- 5/ You might like to consider using a Standing Order instead.
- 6/ Standing Order givers still need envelopes for second collections.
- 7/ Please do not use out of date envelopes.
- 8/ Please firmly seal your envelope to stop the contents falling out.
- 9/ If you have any queries, please contact the Gift Aid team.

Sponsorship request: Sean Raghoo joins the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk. To donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MW16seanraghoo>

Do you have any unwanted holiday currency, any pre-Euro coins or any British coins which are no longer legal tender?

If so, please donate them to the **SVP**, who can get value for them and put the proceeds towards their important work amongst the needy of the parish. Please use the special tray in the porch, or hand them in at the parish office. Please try not to put any old or foreign coins into the collection or the wall boxes, as these clog up our counting machine.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

This will take place in Rome on Sunday 4th September 2016. In celebration of this, New Heaven's Road will be broadcasting various Masses, including one at St Michael's Pollards Hill, celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks, on Saturday 3rd September. Please see poster and flyers in the porch for details.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

If you are wondering how to spend the August Bank Holiday Monday, why not consider this pilgrimage? It will be led by our own Bishop Pat. Please see the poster in the porch for details.