

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 28th August 2016

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 28th August – 22nd Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 27th August)

Louis D'Mello RIP

8.30am Victims of the Italian earthquake

10.00am Mary Patmore RIP

11.30am Mary Ogunyoye RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm People of the parish

Twenty-second week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 29th August (Bank Holiday)

The Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Welfare of the Power family

Tuesday 30th August - Sts Margaret Clitherow,

Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Bridget & Joe Mc Donagh RIP

and Anne & PJ Moran RIP

Wednesday 31st August

7.30am Holy Souls

10am Mrs Rosy Rego (birthday thanksgiving)

Thursday 1st September

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am In thanksgiving, Diamond Wedding
of Ray & Kathleen Lawrence

Friday 2nd September

FIRST FRIDAY

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Special intention of Bridie Addison

Followed by Adoration until 2pm Benediction

Saturday 3rd September - St Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor of the Church (Feast)

10.00am Welfare of Queenie Costabir

& Inez D'Souza

Next Sunday 4th September 23rd Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 3rd September)

Virginia Freitas RIP

8.30am Cecilia McCarthy RIP

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Gino Ippoliti RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Brian Holland RIP

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 130

Thank you for your continuous generosity: Last weekend's collection came to £1748.00 (£1136.00 Baskets; £612.00 Standing Orders)

We bid farewell to Fr Modestus Etrima, from Arua diocese in Uganda, who will be leaving us this week. We thank him for his ministry with us over the past few weeks. Our love and prayers go with him.

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. **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 NEXT WEEKEND.**

Application forms will also be available NEXT WEEKEND.

NB: Interview dates and times 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. The rota, which you will find in the main porch, is divided into shifts of 30 minutes' duration each, preferably with at least two people to cover each shift.

Entry will be with your security in mind.

On the Saturday there will be no Mass or confessions here that morning.

We intend to hire a 50-seater coach to take us to and from St George's Cathedral in order to pass through the Holy Door.

There will be Holy Mass at the Cathedral, and an opportunity to go to Confession.

Please add your name to the list if you would like to go by coach, which will be on a first-come-first-served basis. **Please note that once it is filled, anybody else**

will need to make their own way to the Cathedral. We intend to leave the

Cathedral by 1pm to return home. Please bring a packed lunch for the journey home.

PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP

This takes place on Saturday October 15th 2016. Please keep this date free.

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.

URGENT CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Former Catechists are asked to get in touch with Teresa Furtado to help with First Holy Communion for 2017. We desperately need extra people in order to run a successful programme. Please see Fr Deo or Fr Paul, or call Teresa on 07742 911152.

Parish Website – There have been problems with this. The Polyphony choir has kindly offered to host the newsletter for us. Please go to: www.polychoir.co.uk and click on "Newsletter" at the top of home page.

In the coming week:-

Monday 29th – Bank Holiday
The Parish Office will be closed.

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, 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 **Martin Bergin**, of Stanford Road, who died on 22nd August 2016. Also for the soul of **Mary Ogunyoye**, mother of *Mojibola Jokotoye*. Mary died recently in Nigeria.

Kathy Holmes, who recently died in Ireland, lived in Norbury Avenue, and not Green Lane as previously stated. Our sympathy and prayers as a parish go out to all the families.

Church Cleaning: Group 6 this week:

Ann Marie Charles, Islay Cowlin, Susan D'Souza, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen
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:

Dates for the autumn will be released soon. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for dates. Application forms are in the porch,

!!!!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. If there is something which you particularly wish to have, kindly ask for it to be reserved for you. Once the floor is ready and safe to use, the Repository will reopen. At the moment, we can't give a definite date for this, as it may take some time to remedy the drainage issue completely. The solution lies mainly outside the building, and we hope we can be back in operation soon.

Hall Redecoration

Finishing touches are now being made, and the newly decorated hall will reopen as scheduled at the beginning of September.

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 are going to be holding a training course for new Servers on ***both*** **Sunday 18th September & Sunday 25th September, at 6pm.** 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.

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. Anybody affected by these changes should advise the Parish Office if they 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.**

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next drinks evening is on Saturday, 3rd September from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon, SW19 7NE. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242

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. Please see poster and flyers for details of a special event at St Michael's Pollards Hill next Saturday 3rd September.

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.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The new rota will be published next week and emailed out as usual, running from 3rd&4th September to October 8th&9th 2016. Thanks to all who responded with their availability. Please would you now take a look at your diaries ready for the rota which follows, and which will take us up to the Feast of Christ the King, 19th & 20th November. Paper copies will be available.

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) 2016

Nadia D'Mello and Onye Muoghalu represented our parish at WYD. An account of their experience is now available in the porch areas.

Employment Opportunities in the Catholic sphere

The Diocesan Education Commission is re-advertising the post of a full-time Buildings Officer. There is a poster in the porch.