

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 18th September 2016

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Home Mission Sunday

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 18th September – 25th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 17th September)

People of the parish

8.30am Sharon Bergin RIP

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

11.30am Michael McCreedy RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

Twenty-fifth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 19th September

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Deceased members of

Gannon & Gibbs families

Tuesday 20th September

St Andrew Kim Tae-Gôn, Priest,

and Paul Chông Ha-sang

and companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Sharon Bergin RIP

Wednesday 21st September

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Margaret Russell RIP

Thursday 22nd September

7.30am Theresa Ndika RIP

10.00am Tracy Lawrence RIP

Friday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio),

Priest (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Martin Bergin RIP

Saturday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham (Memorial)

10.00am Welfare of Joe Ryan

Next Sunday 25th September - 26th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 24th September)

Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10.00am Thomas Corr RIP

11.30am SVP Intention

(Hymn Choir singing)

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.

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday P 140

Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£1867.00**

(£1269.00 Baskets; £598.00 Standing Orders)

You also kindly gave **£541.00** to the **Catholic Education Service** collection.

SECOND COLLECTION

This week there will be a second collection for **Home Mission Sunday**, supporting the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Gift Aid givers should use a spare envelope from their box or else an emergency envelope.

Please pick up a special prayer card today.

The Return to our Parish of the Legion of Mary.

This weekend, at all Masses, we welcome Mr Sean Naughton, President of the North Surrey Curia of the Legion, to speak to us about the Legion of Mary, an institution not seen here at St Bartholomew's for many years now. Many have called for its return to this parish, and we now intend to re-establish the Legion of Mary as soon as possible.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017

Fr Deo will shortly be holding interviews.

At least one parent or guardian seeking a reference for their child must attend an interview during 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 such an interview in the past.

Details of the interview sessions are displayed on the central notice boards in the front porch, either side of the central main doors.

There is no need to book an appointment.

There will be four sessions for secondary school transfers only, followed by four sessions for primary, nursery and reception classes combined. *Those with children in both groups of school will need to attend two separate sessions.*

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.

Application forms are located cabinet in the porch. Please send in your application forms to the Parish Office as soon as possible, preferably to reach us before the interview sessions. Please note that interview dates and times will not be published in the newsletter.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN

This is the first of two important messages about sick and retired priests and the **Clergy Support Fund Campaign** which is being launched to support them.

A priest will normally retire from full time parish ministry when he reaches 75 years of age. Many continue to work in some form of ministry. When a priest resigns from his parish ministry or a full time ecclesiastical appointment the Diocesan Finance Office establishes his likely income and needs on an individual basis and ensures he has sufficient financial resources to afford the necessities of life, live in properly heated and adequately maintained accommodation and can pay for some recreation and travel.

There are currently 70 retired priests in our Diocese and this number is expected to increase to about 93 by 2018. The costs of supporting them are currently met by the Diocese, partly through an annual contribution from each parish, but the increase in numbers will create more pressure on these costs. A summary of the costs, income and shortfall over five years is given below.

Archbishop Peter Smith has therefore identified the need to continue to support sick and retired priests as a major priority for our Diocese. There will be more important news about the campaign in next week's newsletter.

Sick and retired diocesan priests – Summary of income and costs

Year	2014	2018
Estimated number of retired priests	70	93
Estimated Income	£495,000	£495,000
Estimated Expenditure	£1,297,000	£1,477,000
Shortfall	£802,000	£982,000
Cumulative shortfall over 5 years		£4,505,000

Coffee Morning next Sunday with LIFE after the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses. Refreshments on sale as well as knitted goods. Zoë's Place Baby Hospice: www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool

Please pray for our sick and housebound:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, 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, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose Mcmillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Your urgent and earnest prayers are asked for Joe Ryan, husband of Jeanette Ryan of the Poly Choir. Joe was involved in a serious accident late last week and is critically ill in hospital.

Church Cleaning: Group 3 this week:

Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Jeannette Da Silva, Bernie Knight, Antoinette Nwanoneze.

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 COURSES:

The September course is now full. Further dates will be announced shortly for courses during November 2016 and January 2017.

!!!!WARNING!!!!/ !!!DANGER!!!

Please take care around the scaffolding which is around the church and the presbytery. We expect this to be removed shortly.

Please do not open the gallery windows until the scaffolding has been removed. Opening them could cause damage to people and property.

The Repository

Whilst repairs continue on the Repository drainage, a temporary Repository may be found in the little room behind Our Lady's Altar, selling a limited range of cards and other items.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Please check your diaries for the next rota which will take us from 15th & 16th October up to 19th & 20th November, which is the Feast of Christ the King. Please advise the Parish Office of the dates which you can and cannot make by ***no later than Monday.***

24 Hours for the Lord & the Holy Door.

Thanks to all those of you who took part in the special event last weekend to mark the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. It was truly a great success, and much time was sacrificed and given in prayer, with some spending all night in front of the Blessed Sacrament. A total of 70 of you passed through the Holy Door at St George's Cathedral, whereas normally they expect only a dozen or so! May God bless you all for your devoted, prayerful participation. Please keep saying Pope Francis' special prayer. Copies of this are still available in the porch.

The Parish Website is still down.

Please go to: www.polychoir.co.uk and click on "Newsletter" at top of home page. Many thanks to the Polyphony choir. A brand new website is being developed, so please watch this space for news!

New Altar Server Training

This commences this evening (Sunday) at 6.00pm and continues on Sunday 25th September, at 6.00pm.

The Hall: This is now back in use following redecoration, and all the various parish groups and uniformed groups are back. Should you wish to hire either the upper or the lower hall, please collect a booking form from the Parish Office. Please note that an upfront deposit of £100.00 is required at the time of booking, with charges taken for actual usage no later than two weeks before your event. The maximum number of people allowed in the downstairs hall is 100, and the maximum for upstairs is 80.

First Holy Communion 2017

Please would parents/guardians collect application forms for those children wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year. Forms may be found on the left hand cabinet in the porch. The deadline for forms to be handed in is Monday 10th October 2016. We regret that late entries will not be accepted.

CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED

Former Catechists are asked to get in touch with to help with First Holy Communion and Confirmations for 2017. We need more people. If you can help, please see Fr Deo or Fr Paul, or contact Teresa Furtado (First Holy Communion), or Deacon Ged Perkins (Confirmations). NB: A DBS check will need to be carried out for any new volunteers.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Bishop Pat will visit us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here on Friday 30th June 2017 at 8pm.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.

Director of Music Tony Price writes:

Choir members needed + a new choir for young people.

I shall be holding a Parish "Come and Sing" event on Saturday 15th October 2016 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in the parish hall. The purpose of the event will be to encourage new singers to join the Hymn, Plainchant and Polyphony Choirs.

This parish has a long and rich tradition of music, covering a wide variety of genres and tastes, regularly supporting the liturgy at Sunday Masses and great Feasts of the Church. We should like to ensure this continues to flourish.

On 1st & 2nd October 2016, at all Masses, I shall be offering a few brief words of encouragement to parishioners to involve themselves in that event, which itself will be supported on the day by those already involved in the singing at St. Bart's. I'd very much like to include mention of the possibility of the formation of a new Choir for Young People in my appeal, but before that is possible, a leader is needed.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in forming a choir in our parish for younger people (that is from First Communion to Confirmation), then please do call Tony Price (020 8647 4435) or have a word with Father Deo, with absolutely no obligation. So far it has proved impossible to find someone with the appropriate skills, who would be prepared to offer the necessary commitment (two Tuesday evenings 6.30 - 7.30pm, the 11.30am Masses on the second and third Sunday each month and the Christmas Eve 6:15pm Mass). Whilst there hasn't been a call from parishioners for the Family Choir to be re-formed, it would be really great to be able to offer an opportunity to our younger parishioners to become involved in the music in our parish liturgies after their First Holy Communion and then moving towards Confirmation, growing in knowledge and love of our Catholic Faith.

The Poly Choir returns for practices this coming Tuesday.

It commences its preparations for Christmas and its autumn term duties at 8pm on Tuesday 4th October in the Gallery (enter the church by way of the side door in Ellison Road). This would be the perfect occasion to join. The immediate commitment would be to weekly Tuesday evening practices, and sung Masses on 6th and 20th November, 4th December and our Christmas Midnight Mass. Why not pop along and find out more – bring a friend, perhaps?

Click on 'About the Choir' at www.polychoir.co.uk to find out more.

Parish Playgroup resumes on Thursdays from 10am to 11.30am in the lower hall. Children up to 5 welcome with accompanying adult. Cost is £1.50 per session for adult and child, 50p extra for additional children.

Gift Aid:

- 1/ If you forget your envelope, you may use an emergency envelope.
- 2/ Standing Order givers still need envelopes for second collections.
- 3/ If you have any queries, please contact the Gift Aid team.

If you have any unwanted holiday currency, any Euros, pre-Euro notes and coins or any old Pounds Sterling which are no longer legal tender, please donate it to the SVP, using the special tray in the porch, or hand it in at the parish office. Please don't put old or foreign coins in the collection or wall boxes

School Open Days: – There are many notices up in the porch relating to these, including our local and Parish schools: BTG, St Andrew's and St James the Great, St Joseph's College and Virgo Fidelis. Please read the information carefully as all schools differ. In some cases there are flyers available on the cabinet in the porch.