

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT*

6.15pm (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

Twenty-fifth week in Ordinary Time:

*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September*

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Marcel Jouan RIP

*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September*

*St Vincent de Paul, Priest (Memorial)*

7.30am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

10.00am Martin Bergin RIP

8.00pm Poly Choir Mass of Thanksgiving

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September*

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Funeral for Dina Cepparulo RIP

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September*

*Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,  
Archangels (Feast)*

7.30am Lorraine Harris RIP

10.00am Johann & Gertrud Pelzer RIP

*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – St Jerome, Priest  
and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00 Kathy Holmes RIP (UCM intention)

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October*

*St Thérèse of the Child Jesus,  
Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*

10.00am Loreta Khan – 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT*

6.15pm (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October)

David Davies RIP

8.30am Thanksgiving – Kiran Bacchus

10.00am Francis & Shirley D'Souza RIP

11.30am Welfare of Jo Taylor

(Polyphony Choir singing)

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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 143

Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£1883.00**

(£1285.00 Baskets; £598.00 Standing Orders)

You also kindly gave **£589.00** to the

**Home Mission Sunday collection.**

**A PASTORAL LETTER from Archbishop**

**Peter will be read at all Masses this**

**weekend. His subjects are Mercy,**

**Evangelisation and Catechesis. Copies of**

**his letter are available in the porch.**

**SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017**

Fr Deo will shortly be holding interviews commencing this week.

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. Just turn up.**

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 groupings of schools***

***will need to attend two 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 in the**

**main porch. Please send in your**

**application forms to the Parish Office**

**as soon as possible, preferably to reach**

**us before the interview sessions.**

## CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN

Archbishop Peter Smith would like every Catholic in the Diocese to have an opportunity to hear about the needs of sick and retired priests and how you can lend your support to this fundraising campaign to raise £4.5m over the next four years.

Cards are being distributed at all Masses this weekend so that everyone who would like to know more about the needs of our sick and retired priests will have an opportunity to do so. If you would like to hear more, please fill in a card and post it in the special collection box in the main porch today. Pencils will be provided for this. You will eventually receive a personal invitation to a presentation, including times and dates, which will take place before Easter in our parish hall. Only one card need be completed per family, as provision will be made for other family members to attend. Thank you.

## ANNUAL MASS COUNT

**This commences next week and continues each weekend up to and including 22/23 October.** Collectors are kindly asked to count the numbers and record them on the chart provided.

Coffee Morning today after the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses with LIFE.

But refreshments and knitted goods.

Proceeds to Zoe's Baby Hospice:

[www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool](http://www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool)

## CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

This is to be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Please take home an envelope and kindly bring it to Mass on October 8/9. If you wish to Gift Aid your contribution, it is essential that you use the special envelope provided, and NOT one of your normal envelopes.

## The Parish Office

The office will now not be fully staffed until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016, whilst the Parish Secretary takes a break.

### Sick and Housebound Parishioners

*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.*

### ***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, 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.

### **Parish Website**

The website is still playing up. The Polyphony choir is kindly hosting the newsletter for us. Please go to: [www.polychoir.co.uk](http://www.polychoir.co.uk) and click on "Newsletter" on home page.

### **Church Cleaning: Group 4 this week:**

Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Sharon Leonidas, Juliet Mensah, Renata Serrao, Sophia Smith.

*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:** *Application forms may be collected from the porch. The next course will take place on BOTH Wednesdays 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016. Please look out for dates for January 2017 later in the year.*

### **!!!!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.

### **New Altar Server Training**

The second session of training for new altar servers will take place this evening at **6pm**, lasting approximately one hour.

### **School Open Days**

Please see the noticeboards for these, as there will be a number of them over the coming months. There are too many to mention individually in the newsletter. Please read them carefully, as schools differ. St James the Great School, for instance, does not hold official Open days, but visits are by arrangement. St Andrew's has several sessions on one day. Please refer to the yellow folder in the porch for all those for which we simply have no spare room available on the notice board.

### **Employment opportunities in the Catholic Sphere:**

Please see the notice board where these will appear.

**Do 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 any old or foreign coins into the collection or the wall boxes

### **Gift Aid information**

- 1/ If you are absent, just use the your next envelope instead.
- 2/ If you forget your envelope, please take an emergency one.
- 3/ Please never use anybody else's envelope.
- 4/ Please use separate envelopes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collections.
- 5/ If you have any queries, please contact the Gift Aid team.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Next weekend, 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 10.00am 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** continues practices this coming Tuesday, and will be singing at the 11.30am Mass next Sunday. It will then commence its preparations for Christmas and its autumn term duties at 8pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.polychoir.co.uk) to find out more.

### **First Holy Communion 2017**

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

### **URGENT CALL FOR CATECHISTS**

Former Catechists are asked to get in touch with to help with First Holy Communion and Confirmations for 2017. We need extra people in order to run successful programmes for both these vital Sacraments. If you might be able to help us, please see Fr Deo or Fr Paul, or contact Teresa Furtado (First Holy Communion) or Deacon Ged Perkins (Confirmations).

### **CONFIRMATION 2017**

**Bishop Pat will visit us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here on**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 8pm.** Please watch out for further details about the Confirmation Programme which will appear in the newsletter.

**We welcome** into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Alde Kyulule**, who was Baptised here last Sunday.

### **THE LEGION OF MARY**

**We are happy to announce the formation of our new Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. Meetings will be held in the upper hall on Wednesday evenings at 7pm from now on. All are welcome to join.**