

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 2nd October 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 2nd October – 27th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 1st October) Welfare of James Miller

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Francis & Shirley D'Souza RIP

11.30am Welfare of Jo Taylor

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm The Holy Souls

Twenty-fifth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 3rd October

7.30am Leopoldine Rebello RIP

10.00am Thanksgiving – Patrick Addison

Tuesday 4th October

St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10.00am Wilhelmine Yan Leng RIP

Wednesday 5th October

7.30am The Holy Souls

10.00am John Folarin Ayoola RIP

Thursday 6th October

7.30am The Holy Souls

10.00am The Holy Souls

Friday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)

7.30am Leopoldine Rebello RIP

10.00 Andrew Strain RIP

Saturday 8th October

Our Lady

10.00am Joseph Patrick Abreo RIP

Next Sunday 9th October – 28th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 8th October)

Mary Theresa Aroganampillai RIP

8.30am Audrey May Carolin RIP

& family (Foundation Mass)

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Kathy Holmes RIP

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Welfare of Elizabeth

& Tom McDermott

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.146

Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to

£ 2,060.44 (£1462.44 Baskets; £598.00

Standing Orders)

LIFE thank you for helping them to raise

£170.00 for Zoë's Place Baby Hospice.

www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool

Next Sunday there will be an Appeal on behalf of CAFOD. Please bring with you your CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelopes.

Everybody may make use of them. **Those**

wishing to Gift Aid their contribution

MUST use these envelopes. **Your usual**

envelopes cannot be used for this collection.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017

Fr Deo continues to hold interviews over the

coming weeks. These take place in the

upper hall, with waiting in the lower hall.

At least one parent or guardian seeking a

reference for their child must attend an

interview during a scheduled session,

together with the child, 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 school must 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 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.

Missio: Promoters and Boxholders please note that the collection for October is now due.

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.

If you completed a Contact Card last week, you will eventually receive a personal invitation to a presentation together with details of the times of the presentations, which will take place before Easter in our parish hall. Cards are being distributed again 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. Only one card need be completed per family, as provision will be made for other family members to attend. Please place your completed card in the special box provided in the church porch. Thank you.

ANNUAL NATIONAL MASS COUNT:

Would all collectors kindly record numbers on the chart provided. The count will continue for the next three weekends up to and including 22/23 October 2016.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY IS THIS COMING FRIDAY. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE TAKE AN ENVELOPE WITH YOU AND BRING IT BACK NEXT SUNDAY.

PARISH MUSIC APPEAL

Our Director of Music, Tony Price, will be speaking at all Masses this weekend about the future of music in the many liturgies of the Church here at St Bartholomew's. Please see over for further information.

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 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.

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:

Application forms may be collected from the porch.

The next course takes place on BOTH Wednesdays 16th & 23rd November 2016. Keep an eye out for January 2017 dates.

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

Please take care around the scaffolding which is around the church and the presbytery. It is now in process of being removed. Please do not open the gallery windows until the scaffolding has been completely 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.

Parish Website

We continue to have problems with this The Polyphony choir is kindly hosting the newsletter for us. Please go to: www.polychoir.co.uk and click on "Newsletter" at the top of home page. Many thanks to the Polyphony choir.

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 in the main porch. The deadline for forms to be received is Monday 10th October 2016. We regret that we shall be unable to accept any further entries after this cut-off date.

URGENT CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Former Catechists are asked to get in touch with to help with First Holy Communions 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 (07742911152 - First Holy Communions) or with Deacon Ged Perkins (Confirmations). Any former Catechists who have First Communion books please return them to the Office.

CONFIRMATION 2017

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

The Application-forms for Confirmation are now available at the back of the Church for collection. Please return the completed application-forms to the Parish Office by 16th October.

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 use separate envelopes for first and second collections.
- 4/ Please firmly seal your envelope to stop the contents falling out.
- 5/ If you have any queries, please contact the Gift Aid team.

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.

School Open Days: – Please see the noticeboards for these,

There will be a number of them over the coming months.

They are too numerous to mention individually in the newsletter.

Please read them carefully as not all schools do things in the same way.

There is a yellow folder in the porch, which contains many more.

Director of Music Tony Price,

who will be speaking at all Masses this weekend, writes:

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.

Today, 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 Polyphony Choir, which is singing at today's 11:30am Mass, 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.

Rosary Crusade of Reparation: This takes place next Saturday 8th October. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy, proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, which began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady last year, draws to a close on Sunday, 20th November, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.