

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 4th December 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 4th December –

Second Sunday of Advent

6.15pm (Saturday 3rd December)

Eugene Lopez RIP

8.30am Jim & Christine Clark RIP

10.00am Albert Rego RIP

11.30am People of the Parish

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Ellis Foundation Mass

Second Week of Advent:

Monday 5th December

7.30am Thanksgiving – William B Rebello

10.00am Special Intention – Bridie Addison

Tuesday 6th December

7.30am Neily & Norah Linehan RIP

10.00am Welfare of Clare & David Murphy

Wednesday 7th December – St Ambrose,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

7.30am Jerry & Nora Moyhinan RIP

10.00am Funeral of Alessandro Di Brita RIP

Thursday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

7.30am Danny & Julane Linehan RIP

10.00am Anthony Bethune RIP

Friday 9th December

7.30am Nora Kissane RIP

10.00am Welfare of Elizabeth &

Edward Moloney

Saturday 10th December – Our Lady

10.00am Ernest Joseph Borgonha RIP

Next Sunday 11th December –

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

6.15pm People of the parish

8.30am Salus Fernandes RIP

10.00am Holy Souls

11.30am Patrick John Lacey RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm SVP intention

Confirmation Enrolment Mass

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, & at call, when a priest is available.

!!!OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!

Please note that our email address has now changed and is as stated above.

Please do not send any emails to the old address, which will soon fall away.

!!!OUR NEW PARISH WEB SITE!!!

Our new Web site is now live at stbartsnorbury.co.uk.

The idea of our new web site is to more truly reflect the life of our parish. It will continue to take shape over time. Please contact the parish office with any items or suggestions for consideration.

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Thank you for your continuous generosity: Last weekend's collection came to £1752.00 (£1154.00-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

Coffee Morning today after the **10.00am & 11.30am** Masses, with the UCM. Ladies, why not enquire about joining the UCM? **LIFE** thank you for supporting their Coffee Morning last weekend. They raised **£125.00** for **Zoe's Place Baby Hospice**.

First Holy Communion Dates

Letters to parents confirming dates will be issued for collection this weekend, so please look out for yours in the porch.

We welcome into the Church,
Alexia Chung-Tam-Tsang,
Mia-Rose Asuncion Zamboni &
Olivia Karwowska
who were Baptised here last Sunday.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME:

The 2nd session will take place on **Wednesday 7th December** from **7.30pm** to **9.00pm**. Please ensure candidates arrive promptly and bring with them any outstanding payments.

The Enrolment Mass, which all candidates should attend, will be on **Sunday 11th December** at **5.00pm**.

POLYPHONY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This very popular annual event will take place on **Sunday 18th December** at **2:30pm**. Tickets only **£2**, available from the repository *from next week*, and on the door. For full details, please see the posters in the various porch areas.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The next rota will run from **9th & 10th January 2017** to **13th & 14th February 2017**. Please do your best to advise us as to your availability and indeed to your non availability via the parish office no later than 12th December 2016, as it will be necessary to release the rota before the Christmas holiday period.

In the coming week:

Wednesday 7th – Confirmation Group,
2nd session from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Wednesday 7th – First Holy Communion
Catechists meet in the hall at 7.30pm.

Friday 9th – Over 55's Christmas Party
With the St James the Great carol singers. Santa will be calling in to enjoy sherry and mince pies with everybody!

Saturday 10th – Legion of Mary Annual
General Reunion in the hall from 2pm to 5pm. All active and auxiliary members and spouses welcome for a shared table. Refreshments provided. Details from Bob Foster – 07762 269161.

Saturday 10th – A Day with Jesus at St Boniface, Tooting. Please see poster.

Congratulation to our Brownies, the 27th Streatham Group, two of whom won prizes in the Knights of St Columba, Streatham Council 266 Nativity Painting competition of 2015.

Entry is open to young people up to the age of 13, divided into two age groups. *Those wishing to take part this year should contact Melvin Carty on 07930 366721.*

Wanted: Budding Actors and Actresses and Singers. The Children's Liturgy Group are producing a fantastic nativity play for the Christmas Eve Mass (6.15pm). Rehearsal 23rd December (4.00 pm). Contact Marion on 0208 761 3895 or mh.brown@virgin.net, by 16th December. (All ages from school nursery age to older siblings welcome).

Guild of St Stephen Medal Ceremony
Would all servers please note that this is planned for **10.00am on Saturday 28th February 2017**, so please put it in your diaries. More details will follow shortly.

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.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

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, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Gladys Laskey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, 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, Ellen (Nelly) Weldon, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

John Bergin, of Stanford Road, who died on 22nd November 2016. His funeral will take place at St Michael's Pollards Hill on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 10.30am;
Joan Huie, of Ellison Road, aunt of Deacon Ged Perkins. Joan died on 27th November 2016.

Allesandro Di Brita, of Fontaine Road, died on 17th November 2016. His funeral will take place here on December 7th 2016 at 10.00am.

The funeral Mass for **Josie McMillan**, founder of the UCM in our parish, will take place on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 12.30pm at St John the Baptist church in Purley.

The funeral service for **Kathleen (Kitty) Bayles** will take place at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road on Wednesday 7th December at 3.15pm.

Our sympathy and prayers as a parish go out to the families

Church Cleaning: Group 2 this week:

Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua, Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya, Victoria Okonko.

We are still greatly in need of others to share the load.

Please could you give up some time to help clean the church?

The Repository

The Repository is now open, and Christmas stock is now in. You are advised not to delay, as stock is selling fast!

The Catholic Truth Society – CTS

Advent and Christmas titles, which have been very popular so far, have now been restocked in the rack beside the Repository. If you would like a booklet which you cannot see in the rack, please ask.

Advent Reflections

The Archdiocese of Southwark is once again making available to us all a scripturally based series of reflections on the theme of stewardship. To sign up, please go to: <http://eepurl.com/bP6Bp9>

TO ALL OUR ALTAR SERVERS:

Please sign up for serving at Christmas.

We need servers for all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, and in particular the 6.15pm Family Mass and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

(Please note that there is no 5pm Mass on Christmas Day).

We encourage older servers in particular to do their best to support Midnight Mass.

Practices for Christmas Eve Masses will be held on

Sunday 18th December 2016 as follows:

@ 6pm (for the 6.15pm Family Mass;

@ 6.30pm (for Midnight Mass).

Please be sure to sign up on the sheets in the sacristy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING:

We are a fortunate parish, in that there are a number of volunteers willing to give their skills, experience and time to assist the numerous groups that take place in the church. As the safeguarding lead, I am keen for this practice to continue. It is important that all prospective volunteers are deemed appropriate to undertake the role they wish to assist with, before doing so. The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) formerly known as the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) is the safeguarding process the diocese use for all regulated activity within the parish, to ensure the safeguarding of vulnerable groups, including children and vulnerable adults.

Any individual wishing to undertake a volunteer role within the church must undertake a DBS process with the parish. Oftentimes prospective volunteers have an existing enhanced DBS from their current place of work and are under the misapprehension that this will suffice. A paper DBS is not portable and therefore cannot be used by the parish, as evidence that an individual is deemed fit for the role they wish to undertake. The exception is if an individual has an online DBS account, then the diocese as a registered organisation must be given permission by the individual, for the diocese to access their account to ensure that a satisfactory enhanced level is in place. That being said, the portability of an online account is very limited. If for instance your DBS is an enhanced level for children and adults and your role in the church is just for children, then the diocese is not permitted to see the DBS due to the adult component and vice versa if your role on the church is just for adults. Individuals with an online DBS account will still need to complete a safeguarding declaration form and follow through with the necessary ID verification process. These complicated factors are the reason why the diocese are keen for individuals to undertake a parish DBS. If you have any questions about this, then the diocese are happy for individuals to contact them directly during office hours on **020 7261 1606**.

For those who do not have an online DBS account, please pick up a 'pack' from the parish office to begin the parish DBS process. Within the pack is an application form, two reference request forms (you must get your referees to complete this), an ID verification and safeguarding declaration form. Completing these forms does not mean that the DBS process has been complete. Once the application form and two references have been completed, I can then contact the diocese for the actual DBS form. This is posted to me and I will then contact the individual to arrange a time for them to complete it and bring original documents as required to verify ID. I will then send your DBS form to the diocese with your ID and safeguarding declaration form. The diocese will send your form and documents off for processing and you will be informed in due course of the outcome. A satisfactory enhanced level check is required in order to undertake the role you wish to assist with.

Facilitators of groups and prospective volunteers, please contact me directly to seek advice and guidance **before** engaging in any activity. It is imperative that we follow through with the expectations of the diocese to ensure the safety of all.

Nana Bonsu-Amako Safeguarding Lead. Mobile No: 07849 108715

Rota for Coffee Mornings 2017

Please contact the parish office. Dates are going fast!

Gift Aid givers: *With the recent changes in taxation, several of our gift aiders have had to leave the scheme. We would advise those who leave the scheme, in addition to informing the Parish office/Gift Aid organiser, that they should also inform the government tax office (tel: 0300 200 3300). This is to ensure that the tax office records are up to date when assessing their tax liabilities.*

Catholic School Open Days & Catholic job opportunities.

Please see the special yellow folder in the porch for information.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Please take your copy of the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue from the porch and **put in your order by 16th December**. This Christmas, why not help somebody you may never meet, and let CAFOD deliver it.