

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 22nd January 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 22nd January –

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15pm (Saturday 21st January)
Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP
8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass
10.00am Welfare of Jonathan D'Souza
11.30am Pietro Mobile RIP
(Hymn Choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm People of the parish

Third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 23rd January

7.30am Rev Cyril Walmsley RIP,
Former Parish Priest of St Bartholomew's
(Foundation Mass)
10.00am Kathleen Linehan RIP

Tuesday 24th January

*St Francis de Sales, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*

7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Funeral of John Nolan

Wednesday 25th January –

*The Conversion of St Paul
the Apostle (Feast)*

7.30am Lina Thake RIP
10.00am Christopher Nwabueze RIP

Thursday 26th January

Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops (Memorial)
7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am For the sanctification of the priests
& for priestly vocations to the FSSP

Friday 27th January

7.30am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
10.00am Josie McMillan RIP (UCM)
11.30am Funeral of Martin Wise

Saturday 28th January

*St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &
Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*
10.00am Guild of St Stephen Mass
for Altar Servers

Next Sunday 29th January –

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.15pm (Saturday 28th January)
Martin Wise RIP
8.30am Jim & Christine Clark RIP
10.00am Rev James Carolin RIP, former
Parish Priest of St Bartholomew's
and family (Foundation Mass)
11.30am Welfare of Fr Andrew Fernandes

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, & at call, when a
priest is available.

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Thank you for your continuous generosity:
Last weekend's collection came to £1683.00
(£1085.00-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders).
The final total for the SPUC White Flower
Appeal was £600.00.

The Polyphony Choir thanks those who
helped them to raise £174.40 from ticket and
programme sales for their Christmas concert.

In the coming week:

Monday 23rd – The UCM meeting in the
upper hall has been cancelled.

Saturday 28th – First Holy Communion
Sessions for Parents and Children
3: "Celebrating Our Rescue" (children)
in the Upper Hall – 10am to 11.30am.

"Do this in Memory of Me"
(parents & guardians) in the Lower
Hall – also from 10am to 11.30am.
Would parents kindly deliver and
collect their children in good time.

Saturday 28th – Guild of St Stephen
Mass for Altar Servers at 10.00am.
(Please see notice in next column.)

Fr Deo sends his greetings to you all from
Tanzania. During his absence, we welcome
priests from a neighbouring parish. Once
Father Deo has returned, he hopes to be in
a position to announce the name of our new
Assistant Priest, and the date of his arrival.

Coffee Morning Today:

After the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses
With LIFE. There will also be a sale of
knitted goods. Proceeds will go to LIFE
Headquarters: www.lifecharity.org.uk

We welcome Canon Joseph Collins
to say the 10am & 11.30am Masses
this Sunday and next Sunday.

The return of that rather naughty chocolate cake.....

Coffee Morning next Sunday with the
Polyphony Choir, after the 8.30am,
10.00am and 11.30am Masses.
As if you needed reminding of
the hearty breakfast and that
delicious cake with the secret recipe!

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The next rota will run from 18th & 19th
February to 25th & 26th March 2017.
Please do your best to advise us as to
your availability and indeed to your non
availability via the parish office. Please
respond *no later than 6th February 2017*.
The new rota will then be distributed.

Guild of St Stephen Medal Ceremony:

Would all servers please note that this
will take place next Saturday 28th
January 2017 at 10.00am. Please be
advised that the previous date provided
(in February) is incorrect. Please read
the notice in the Sacristy and sign up.

Parish Web site Groups are reminded
that they have ownership of the
content of their respective Web pages.
Any additions or amendments required
should be emailed to:

webmaster@stbartsnorbury.co.uk.

Groups that have not yet provided any
information are encouraged to do so.
The same email address may be used
by parishioners for general
comments/suggestions.

ROADWORKS: Please be aware that
you may have to park further away or
take another route to get to the church.



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, Millicent Green; Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Gladys Laskey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Church Cleaning: Group 3 this week coming:

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

Please could you help clean the church?

Rota for Coffee Mornings 2017

Please contact the parish office to book a date. You may wish to raise money as an individual, a family or a group, perhaps for a charity. Coffee Mornings may be held after either one or more Sunday morning Masses. There are a number of slots still available, so if you are interested, please get in touch as soon as possible. There are some Sundays which are restricted, and there are no Coffee Mornings during the month of August.

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.*

Please note that if you miss a collection, there is no need to put in more than one envelope, and no need to write anything on it. You need only use the next one in your box. All that the tax man is concerned about is how much you put in on the actual date that you give your offering. This is very different to the old system of covenanting a fixed sum per tax year.

Would the following Gift Aid Envelope holders kindly contact the Gift Aid team via the Parish Office: 136; 373. Thank you.

CATHOLIC DIARIES:

We recently received a consignment of St Bartholomew's own diaries. These are available from the Repository at just 30p. There is also a stock of Church Art Calendars.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES:

These are also available from the Repository: Spiral bound copy at £3.50 or a standard copy at £3.00.

The National Catholic Directory for England and Wales is expected to be back in print for 2018. Meanwhile, information is always available on the internet at:

www.catholic-ew.org.uk



NATIVITY TABLEAU PHOTOGRAPHS:

John Taylor took a number of photographs at this event at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. They are on display in the porch on the window sill nearest to the Repository. If you would like to order copies as a record of your child's involvement in this event, please use the form provided to make your order.

Job Opportunities in the Catholic sphere:

Please look in the yellow folder on the windowsill, which is regularly updated with advertisements for jobs.

A THOUGHT:

Saint Pope John Paul II, in *Domicae Cenae* (1980), said, of Eucharistic Worship, that it is “...**both in the celebration of Mass and in our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament....like a life-giving current that links our ministerial....Priesthood to the common Priesthood of the Faithful...**”.

As we are now privileged, at St. Bartholomew's, to be invited to adore Our Lord every day of the week, it is fervently hoped that, gradually, more and more of our Parish Community will answer Christ's call. Even a brief visit, a reverent genuflection, maybe taking five minutes out of a busy day, can be a source of great graces and blessings. With very young children this can gradually be built up into longer visits as they come to appreciate and love God's presence and never-ending Love for them and their parents.

There is a touching story of a man who, daily, would pop into church, genuflect, saying, “**Jesus, this is Jim. I have to be going now. Will you come with me?**” and then leave. There came the day when he was involved in a fatal accident. As he lay there, life ebbing away, he heard a voice which said, “**Jim, this is Jesus. I have to be going now. Will you come with me?**” This holds a clear lesson for all; if we are, to the best of our understanding and ability, faithful to Jesus, He will more than repay our love when we die.

There is only one day of the year, Good Friday, when Our Blessed Lord is not present in the tabernacle. Even then we would wish to show great reverence in church; how much more, then, should we wish on every other occasion, to show those who see us, believers or not, that we are, truly, in the Presence of God. Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz, has this to say: “**..we should (even) try to be respectful and silent in church after Mass, in consideration of those who may be trying to make their thanksgiving Prayers**”.

We are very lucky in this parish, as groups of our fellow parishioners already pray the Morning Prayer of the Church before each weekday Mass and, afterwards, pray the Rosary. On some days they also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Why not join them in swelling the river of prayer, both for ourselves, our families and for our suffering brothers and sisters who may, even today, be killed for publicly showing the Faith we can take for granted?