

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(Year A)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March –*

*Third Sunday of Lent*

6.15pm (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March)  
Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Welfare of Riccardo

D'Souza - Garabello

11.30am Thanksgiving –

Curran De Bragança

(Plainchant choir singing)

**4.00pm Stations of the Cross  
and Benediction**

5.00pm Patrick O'Hara RIP

## Third Week in Lent:

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March*

*St Joseph, Spouse of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)*

7.30am Welfare of Rebecca Ross

10.00am Welfare of Teresa Forkan

*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March*

7.30am Mario Rodrigues RIP

10.00am Pietro Mobile RIP

*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March*

7.30am Welfare of the Power family

10.00am Stephen Cowie RIP (6<sup>th</sup> year)

*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March*

7.30am Welfare of Natasha Alford

10.00am Elizabeth Scarpa RIP

(Foundation Mass)

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March*

7.30am Michael Croghan RIP

10.00am UCM – welfare of members

**7.30pm Stations of the Cross**

led by the Parish Pastoral Council

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March*

*The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)*

10.00am Patrick D'Souza RIP

*Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday*

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

Welfare of Riaz Sheikh

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Leopoldine Rebello RIP

11.30am Welfare of Denis &

Imelda Franklin

(Hymn Choir singing)

**4.00pm Stations of the Cross  
and Benediction**

5.00pm Alice Mary Darmody RIP

## 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 the 10am Mass, until 11am;

then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm,

and daily at call whenever a priest is available.

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Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£1851.00**

(£1253.00 -Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

## CAFOD

The Fast Day collection last weekend has so far reached **£2200.00**. Thank you on behalf of CAFOD for your generosity.

The Youth Club Coffee Morning last Sunday raised approximately **£200.00**

Today is our Gift Aid Weekend. John Byrne will speak briefly at all Masses. There are some important changes coming, and it is essential that all those who Gift Aid their weekly offering are informed.

New envelopes are available for collection from today, and these come into use on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017, being the first weekend of the new tax year 2017/2018. If you would like to consider joining the Gift Aid scheme, this would be an excellent time to sign up. If you are a taxpayer, the Church can claim back from HMRC tax you have already paid. All you need to do is sign a simple form! Do come along and see if you qualify. Year End Letters will be made available after the end of this tax year.

## MISSIO (Formerly APF)

Sincere thanks are due to all promoters and box holders for a splendid result for 2016.

Contributions came in as follows:

Boxes - £5782.96

Direct debit - £3578.70

**Total - £9361.66**

Please also see the poster in the porch.

**READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Please advise the Parish Office in respect of the special Rota covering Palm Sunday thorough to Easter Sunday. This rota is proving to be a very difficult task. Please avoid the "traditional" last minute rush!*

In the coming week:

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

The Knights of St Columba meet in the upper hall from 8pm – 10pm.

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Confirmation Candidates Session 5: Meet in the Lower Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm. There will be a guest speaker, Teresa Keogh, who will talk on the subject of the Spirituality of Stewardship. Candidates should bring their folders, pens, their sponsor forms and their work regarding their Saints' names.

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Baptism Preparation Course 8pm at the rear of the church, for all those who have signed up.

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm led by the Parish Pastoral Council

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

First Holy Communion Session 9: "Do This in Memory of Me" in the Upper Hall from 10am – 11.30am. Please ensure that children arrive in time and are collected promptly.

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**REMEMBER TO PUT ALL YOUR CLOCKS ETC FORWARD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT!** If not, you might be late for Mass! British Summer Time begins in the early hours of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Coffee Morning after the 10am and 11.30am Masses with LIFE. Includes sale of knitted goods. All proceeds to LIFE HQ – [www.lifecharity.org.uk](http://www.lifecharity.org.uk)

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Mothers' Day – with Daffodils for children to present to Mums!

### **Sick and Housebound**

*If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.*

### **Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:**

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Raffaella Forte, Rob Foster, Dennis Franklin, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, 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, Eugene Shaughnessy, Kathy Spicer, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

### **Recently Deceased:**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Michael Croghan**, late of Pollards Hill, and a Knight of St Columba, who died on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017; **Doreen Symons**, of Freeman Court, Stanford Road, who died on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017; **Austin Martin** of Pollards Hill, who died on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017; **Joyce Murray**, of Sherwood Avenue, who died on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Funeral details will follow as and when we receive them. Our thoughts and prayers as a parish go out to the families.

**Church Cleaning: Group 5:** Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Tigist Mamo, Emma Morrone, Livia Pappano, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli. *Please could you help with cleaning?*

**REPOSITORY:** All ready for Easter and Mother's Day. Do pop in and see what we have in stock.

**CTS:** With the Centenary of the apparitions of **Our Lady of Fatima** taking place, you will find some special booklets relating to this topic in the CTS rack beside the Repository. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima, together with relics of those to whom Our Lady appeared, are touring this country. Look out for news of their presence in our diocese.

**HELP REQUIRED:** Two senior ladies of this parish require a reliable cleaner for their 3 bedroom house in Norbury. Please contact the parish office for further details.

### **Baptism Preparation Course:**

**The next course will take place at 8pm on both Wednesdays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 8pm, in the room behind the sacristy.** Those wishing to take part should take a Baptism Details Form from the porch. Please read and complete with care. Kindly return the completed form to the parish office as soon as possible.

### **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:**

Our Uniformed Groups are collecting these vouchers in order to obtain camping equipment. Please accept or ask for the vouchers when shopping, and bring them with you to Mass. You will find a box, kindly produced by the Scouts, in the porch, in which you may put your vouchers. Thank you on behalf of all the groups.

### **Clergy Support Fund Campaign**

Next weekend, after every Mass, there will be a short talk from a member of our parish team about the needs of our sick and retired priests. Please join us directly afterwards in the upper hall, where the film will be shown, which features priests who have served in this area of our diocese. There is a lift available if you cannot manage the stairs. The screening will be followed by a brief presentation about how you can help our sick and retired priests, if you would like to do so, by lending your support to the campaign through a gift in accordance with your means. All are most welcome to attend. Please join us if you can. The Feedback and response from those who attended the formal presentations has been very positive, and we should like to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to see the film.

### **NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS REGARDING PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER**

#### **In all cases, please sign up on the list in the Sacristy:**

**Palm Sunday**, 9<sup>th</sup> April (this relates to the 11.30am Mass only)  
This Mass only will start with a procession from the Hall.

**Practice for this Mass is on Sunday April 2nd @ 6pm (30 minutes)**

**Easter: please sign up for Holy Week**

All these practices last 45 – 60 minutes as follows:-

**Maundy Thursday**, 13<sup>th</sup> April (This Mass starts at 8pm)

**Practice for this Mass is on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm.**

**Good Friday**, 14<sup>th</sup> April (This service starts at 3pm)

**Practice for this service is on Good Friday morning @ 10:30am**

**Easter Vigil**, Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April (This Mass starts at 8.30pm)

**Practice Holy Saturday morning @ 10.30am.**

**Please also consider serving on Easter Sunday itself, though please note that there will NOT be a Mass at 5pm.**

**LENTEN MASSES:** – Each Monday at 12.00 Noon at Croydon University Hospital Chapel (Nearest entry – Woodcroft Road).

**LENTEN TALKS:** – At St Andrew's, Thornton Heath every Thursday. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

### **CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

On Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 12.00 Noon, some of our young people will take part in a special Stations of the Cross. We are seeking children from nursery up to secondary school age to take part, with parental permission. Please contact Linda Harries at: [l.harries@gmail.com](mailto:l.harries@gmail.com) or call her on 07770 623230. Please register your interest by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017. **NB: Rehearsal in church, Maundy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm.**

### **LEGION OF MARY, FULL & AUXILIARY MEMBERS:**

The Southwark Comitium ACIES will take place next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Holy Rosary, Brixton Road, Brixton, London SW9 0TQ. This is open to full and auxiliary members. Please call Victoria Onwuekwe on 07479 969689.

### **LENTEN DAY OF PENITENCE AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

This will take place on the Tuesday of Holy Week, that is 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Following the 10am Mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with priests available for Confession all day, closing with Benediction at 7.30pm. Please make a note of this important opportunity in your diary.

### **Fancy a flutter?**

**The Youth Club Annual Grand National Sweepstake takes place this year on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

If you would like to take part in this well - established event, please pick up a leaflet and follow the instructions to enter. It's always a fun-packed day, and you will be supporting our Youth Club in its mission to continue to provide activities for our young people. Details from Eddie Sanders on 020 8333 0690.