

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year B)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July –*

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.15pm (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018)

Jane Celine Lobo RIP

8.30am Dorothy Adams RIP & family

10.00am Peter Ranawake RIP

11.30am Doreen Lynch RIP

**4.00pm Benediction**

5.00pm People of the parish

**Fourteenth week in Ordinary Time:**

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

*St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)*

7.30am James Miller

10.00am Holy Souls

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

7.30am Robert Miller

10.00am Onwuekwe & Ilobi Families  
and friends (Novena)

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

*St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast)*

7.30am Holy Souls

10am Holy Souls

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Holy Souls

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

*St Henry (Memorial)*

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Holy Souls

*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

*St Camillus de Lellis, Priest (Memorial)*

10.00am Thanksgiving and special intention  
- Muoghalu Family

*Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July –*

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.15pm (Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July)

Maureen Curley RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10.00am Bernard Ambler RIP

11.30am Margaret & Richard Jones RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

**4.00pm Benediction**

5.00pm People of the Parish

## Daily Mass & Prayer

\*Mass: Monday - Friday: 7.30am

\*Morning Prayer of the Church

Monday – Saturday: 9.15am

\*Adoration & Benediction.

Monday – Saturday: 9.30am

\*Mass: Monday – Saturday: 10am

\*Rosary: Monday – Saturday: 10.30am

\*Confessions:

**Saturday, after 10am Mass, until 11am;  
then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm.**

(and at call, provided that a priest is available.)

**Parish Mass Book: This Sunday P.103**

**Thank you for your continuous generosity:  
Last weekend's collection came to £1982.00  
(£1282.00 Baskets; £700.00 Standing Orders).**



Today is **Sea Sunday**. There is a **Second Collection** for the **Apostleship of the Sea (APS)**, a Catholic charity which supports seafarers worldwide, providing pastoral support, to seafarers who are far from home and family, often facing, hardship, loneliness and, sometimes, even danger. The Apostleship of the Sea provide their own Gift Aid envelopes, which will be available in the porch. Would regular Gift Aiders please note that it is NOT possible to use an envelope from your boxes. Only the APS envelopes may be used for this collection. Any parish envelopes will have to be emptied into the baskets.

## BARTS SENIORS

This is the new name for the Over 55's.  
We hope to run during August.



## Please pray for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong,  
Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiery,  
Anita Blaquiery, Barry Breese,  
Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield,  
Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza,  
Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,  
Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,  
Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,  
Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris,  
Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland,  
Baby Scarlett Kurowski, David Lacey,  
Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,  
Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan,  
Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,  
Charmaine Meli, Ruby Mendez,  
Mary Meyern, Janina Miller,  
Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson,  
Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,  
Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,  
Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich,  
Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall,  
Monica Vergara, Mary White,  
Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,  
John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,  
Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

## Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Rose Gabriele**, formerly of Lilian Road, who died on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 in Ewell. Her funeral will take place here on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 10am.

## Church Cleaning: Group 6 this week:

Ann Marie Charles, Islay Cowlin,  
Susan D'Souza, Susan Flatts,  
Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako,  
Obi Ohen, Gloria Osiobe,  
Carol Thompson, Julie Thompson.  
If you would like to join our cleaning groups, please contact the Parish Office.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next course takes place on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm**. If you are considering having your child Baptised in the coming months, you are advised to sign up for this course. Please look out for more dates later in the year.

## A THOUGHT

Last Tuesday, we celebrated a very encouraging role model for those whose faith may sometimes waver, namely Saint Thomas the Apostle, famously known as 'Doubting Thomas', whose story clearly demonstrates the power of God's Grace in overcoming the weaknesses of human nature. Thomas was not with his fellow Apostles when the Risen Jesus first appeared to them. On being told of this momentous visit, he flatly refused to believe unless he could both see and touch Our Lord's Wounds. Jesus duly granted his request, causing the shamefaced Apostle to cry out, "My Lord and My God!" Thomas was gently chided by Our Lord for requiring physical proof of His Resurrection. Jesus praises those such as ourselves who, nowadays must, through the Teachings of the Church, believe in His Triumph of Life over death without having seen Him in His Human nature.

On Friday of the same week, we celebrated an Italian Martyr, Saint Maria Goretti, a vital role model in these times when Chastity, Virginity and Marriage are consistently denounced and mocked. When just 11 years old, she refused the advances of a young man, Alessandro, who then attempted to rape her. In resisting him, she was fatally stabbed, living long enough to forgive him for his crime. Maria defended, with her life, Virginity before Marriage. Her actions also point us to acknowledge the Sanctity of the sexual act which is reserved to Man and Wife in Marriage, in stark contradiction to what we might see and hear in the media! We need to pray earnestly for God's Grace that we might truly *love* one another and resist the declining Moral climate of the present age, whatever criticisms may be levelled at us!

Alessandro, through Maria's intercession, repented and was converted, making his peace with God and with Maria's mother, who gave him the good news that Maria had, indeed, forgiven him. He became a Capuchin Lay Brother and, later, was privileged to be present at Maria's canonisation in 1950.

The power of Grace over evil is limitless; Grace which is there if we should just ask for it. Morals and self - control are often not presented as 'relevant' to the modern age and, indeed, may well present challenges to our fallen nature. The modern concept of 'freedom of choice' does not necessarily acknowledge the rights of our Creator and our duty to inform our conscience in Truth, that we may make the correct decisions. It is crucial that, in all one's life choices, one looks beyond the 'here and now' to the end of one's earthly life and to one's Judgement, asking oneself, 'Am I returning Love for Love or is self-love taking me away from true Love?'

As we prayed today's **Entrance Antiphon** (Ps. 47:10-11), we recalled God's Love for us and, necessarily, His Justice. Unlike a certain revered naval hero, God *cannot*, in justice, 'turn a blind eye' to deliberate transgressions. In His Love for us, however, should we fall into sin, Christ left us the Sacrament of Penance. Through this wonderful Sacrament He restores to our Soul the Graces we have discarded and offers us His Help to pick ourselves up and continue our journey safely on to Heaven.

## THE NEWSLETTER

Commencing with this issue, we are returning to the original format for the foreseeable future, particularly as summer is here.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME - 2019

A preparatory meeting was held last Wednesday, at which application forms and consent forms were distributed, along with the dates for next year's First Holy Communions. If you missed this meeting, which was clearly advertised in the newsletter, you should contact the Parish Office without delay for the necessary forms. A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate will be required, except for those Baptised here at St Bartholomew's. Dates will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Forms **MUST** be returned to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. No late applications can be considered. Please also keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for details of a special meeting in January 2019. At this meeting, you will receive the full schedule of sessions for candidates and parents, as well as the date on which your own child will receive their First Holy Communion. Please remember that the newsletter is also available on the Parish Web Site, so there should be no reason why you should not be informed of the dates.

### SCHOOL REFERENCE INTERVIEWS FOR 2019 ENTRY

Once again, Fr Deo will be holding interviews in respect of all those who will be starting school next year. Interviews with parents and children will be held during September and October this year. It is incumbent upon all parents and guardians to check the parish noticeboards for the dates of all interviews. These dates will **NOT** be published in the newsletter or on the Web Site. You must attend Mass here in order to get the information. These interviews will also be necessary for those who wish to place their child on a waiting list and/or to keep them on such a list. If your child is moving to a higher level in the same school, again an interview may be necessary. If in doubt, please check with schools for their policy. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to act in good time, so that Fr Deo does not have to arrange extra interviews at short notice. Please note, if you have been in the parish for less than 3 years, your previous Parish Priest will also need to provide a reference. Additionally, if you go to a different parish on a regular basis, perhaps because you attend Mass for a particular language group, again you will have to seek the input of the Parish Priest there. Schools will ask how often you and your child attend Mass overall, to include a history of 3 years.

### HALL KEYHOLDERS

Some groups have not yet come forward. It is essential for all those holding keys to come to the Parish Office for a new key and so that all keys held may be freshly signed for. With the summer break coming soon, please take the opportunity to do this before the new term starts, to avoid being refused entry.

### CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Please collect your orders as soon as possible from the **Repository** at weekends or from the Parish office on weekdays.

#### A Day With Mary

**St Augustine's Ramsgate – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018.** See poster.  
**St Anselm's Tooting – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018.** See poster.

#### In the coming week:-

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> UCM** meet, upper hall from **2pm – 4pm.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – BARTS SENIORS** meet, lower hall from **2pm – 4pm.**  
(This is the new name for the Over 55's Tea Club).