

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY

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## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

6.15pm (Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018)

Emma Torres

8.30am Kenneth Aduhene

10am Patrick Tal RIP

11.30am Patrick John Lacey RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

**2.30pm Christmas Carols and Readings**

*(No Benediction today)*

5pm People of the parish

*Third week of Advent:*

*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

7.30am James & Janina Miller

10am Charmaine Shali

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

**ADVENT DAY OF PENITENCE**

7.30am Gertruda Budzynska RIP

10am Elizabeth Asubonteng

**Confessions available after 10am Mass**

**and then throughout the day, with**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**through to Benediction at 7pm**

*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

7.30am Robert Miller

10am Margaret Gallé RIP

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

7.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Thanksgiving

(Bernadette Fernandes)

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018*

7.30am Pietro Mobile RIP

10am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

*Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018*

10am Kozlowski family

*Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

6.15pm (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018)

Maureen O'Sullivan RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Dominic Mascarenhas RIP

11.30am Lucy Solan RIP

**4pm Benediction**

5pm Christopher Nwabueze RIP

## 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, if a priest is available.)

**Parish Mass Book: This Sunday P.87**

**Thank you for your continued generosity:**

**Last weekend's collection came to £1934.00**

(£1284.00 Baskets; £650.00 Standing Orders).

## PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD AND CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Please take away one of our Christmas Cards. They contain greetings to all from the clergy, together with details of all Masses, services and

Confessions from next weekend, right through to Christmas Day.

*Please note in particular the Advent Day of Penitence on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018.*

You are also invited to take a Christmas Offering Envelope.

By tradition, the collection at Christmas is shared between the priests of the parish. Gift Aid givers are reminded that there is a specially marked YELLOW envelope in your boxes.

However, should you prefer to use one of the special envelopes mentioned above, please write your Gift Aid number on it.

## KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CHRISTMAS POSTERS

The Knights will be distributing these this weekend. You are kindly invited to make an offering towards the Seminary Fund, which provides essential money to help in training of future clergy. There is also a poster in the main porch about the refurbishment of the Seminary.

### Please pray for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake,

Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,

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,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,

David Lacey, Eileen McCarthy

Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,

Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,

Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Christine Shaughnessy,

Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall,

Monica Vergara, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

## OUR ADVENT WREATH

This weekend we light the rose pink candle, representing Joy. We are now just over a week away from the arrival of Christ, the Light of the World, and the tone changes to one of more urgent preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Saviour.

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING A RECENT SCAM EMAIL**

It has come to our attention that our email address book has been hacked into, as a result of which an email, purporting to be from St Bart's, and claiming to contain a "secure message" was sent to an unknown number of people. If you have received such a communication, please do not open it. If you do open it, and you try to enter an email address and password, they will appear to be rejected, but in fact it will steal your password and mail out to your address book.

If this is the case with you, please change your password without delay. Please note that we shall never send out a "secure message" and you will never be asked to provide a password. Hopefully your security software should prevent you falling for this. Please note that this has had a knock-on effect on all our outgoing emails. If you are expecting a reply, but have not received one, please contact the parish office.

### **Church Cleaning: Group 5 this week please:**

To join our cleaners, please contact the Parish Office.

### **THE PILGRIM**

The December issue of our Archdiocesan newspaper has arrived. Please consider making a small offering of just a few pence towards the cost, which you may put in the CTS/Papers wall box in the main porch.

### **CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY**

The rehearsal for this will take place next Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 from 3pm – 4.30pm in the church, Costumes will be provided that afternoon.

### **CHRISTMAS TREES**

Once again, a very kind person has donated the Christmas Tree in the church, beside the sanctuary. This has been beautifully decorated, and complements the Jesse tree to the other side of the Sanctuary.

The tree outside the church will be lit on Monday. During the course of the next few days, the church will be decorated in readiness for Christmas, with the Crib taking centre stage in its usual home, temporarily replacing the statue of the Sacred Heart.

### **CRIB OFFERINGS**

This Christmas, our Crib Offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every penny you leave at the Crib will be distributed via these grants.

### **NEW KNEELERS**

We now have new kneelers at both the Blessed Sacrament altar and Our Lady's altar, with more to come for the sides of Our Lady's altar. The old kneelers had fallen into a poor state of repair, and the new ones do indeed make fine replacements.

## **ALTAR SERVING AT CHRISTMAS**

Please would Altar Servers sign up for Christmas Masses on the posters in the Sacristy. Please note that we need Servers for the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 6.15pm as well as Midnight Mass. The usual Morning Masses will take place on Christmas Day, which will be on a Tuesday this year. Please note that there will be NO Benediction or 5pm Mass on Christmas Day.

Practices, in each case lasting 30 minutes will be held as follows:

For Family Mass - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.00pm

For Midnight Mass - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm There will also be a Midnight Mass on New Year's Eve.

(no practice, but please arrive for 11.30pm to prepare.)

## **ALTAR SERVERS – THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN**

We shall be enrolling Altar Servers into the Guild of St Stephen during the 10am Mass on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. If you think you should be receiving a Guild medal, and have been serving for at least a year, please add your name to the notice in the Sacristy. Please arrive at 9.30am latest for instructions & to help with preparations.

### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

The Diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short e-mails to help us focus on what Advent is really about.

To sign up, please visit: [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

### **BARTS SENIORS RAFFLE**

Thanks from Barts Seniors for helping them to raise £320.00 in their Christmas Raffle. Proceeds are to be sent to the charity "Shelter". Prize winners will be notified shortly.

### **YOUTH CLUB PARTY**

This takes place next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

All are welcome to attend during normal Youth Club hours.

### **THANKS TO ST ANTHONY**

From Fr Deo, whose missing spectacles have turned up!

### **LIVING FAITH**

The next quarterly edition for January to March 2019 has now arrived. These cost just £1 each. The contain helpful daily thoughts on the scriptures.

