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Sunday 8th December 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 8th December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

(Parish Mass Book – Page 85)

6.15pm (Saturday 7th December 2019)

Mary McNally RIP

8.30am Eugene Lopez RIP

10am People of the parish

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Joe McNamara RIP

(Teams of Our Lady present)

4pm Benediction

5pm SVP intention

Second Week of Advent

Monday 9th December 2019

THE SOLEMNITY OF

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Transferred from 8th December)

(Parish Mass Book – Page 294)

7.30am Private Intention

10am Fr Leo Asciak RIP

(former Assistant Priest of St Bart's)

Tuesday 10th December 2019

7.30am Liam Danny Dempsey RIP

10am Ernest Joseph Borgonha RIP

Wednesday 11th December 2019

7.30am In thanksgiving –

Daniela Fernandes

10am Kathleen Hegarty RIP

Thursday 12th December 2019

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Memorial)

7.30am Waclaw RIP

10am Fr James Carolin RIP

(Former Parish Priest of St Bart's)

Friday 13th December 2019

St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

7.30am Intentions of William &

Delphine Desa and family

10am In thanksgiving –

Katarzyna & Maciej Siniło

8pm Intentions of the Doidge family

Saturday 14th December 2019

St John of the Cross, Priest &

Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10am Philip Cowie RIP

(19th anniversary)

Next Sunday 15th December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

(Parish Mass Book – Page 88)

6.15pm (14th December 2019)

Christopher Nawrat RIP

8.30am Soeur Therese Agius RIP

10am Franco Amato RIP

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am People of the parish

(Plainchant Choir singing at this Mass)

2.30pm Polyphony Choir

Christmas Celebration

(NB: No Benediction today)

5pm Mary McNally 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**

***Mass: Friday @ 8pm**

***Rosary: Monday – Saturday @ 10.30am**

***Confessions:**

Saturdays, after 10am Mass, until

11am; Then from 5pm to 6pm.

(and at call, if a priest is available.)

THANKYOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last week's collection came to **£1983.00**

including £650.00 in standing orders.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We light the second purple candle on our

wreath, representing faith. It is also

known as the Bethlehem candle, in

recognition of the journey made by

St Joseph and Our Lady to Bethlehem.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

TO YOUR PRIESTS

By tradition, your Christmas Day offering

is in support of your priests. We are

always amazed at your generosity both at

Christmas and Easter. You will find

special envelopes in the porch areas,

which you may use if you wish. Gift Aid

givers should use the dedicated light blue

envelope in their boxes. However, if you

wish to make use of one of the special

envelopes, please ensure that you write

your Gift Aid number clearly on the front.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE
SICK, UNDERGOING TREATMENT,
OR WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND:**

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude,

Teresa Florek-Smail,

Delphine Fernandes, Michael Fogarty;

Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,

Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,

Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,

Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave,

James McDonald, Michael Madigan,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,

Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern,

Sheila Newman, Thomas Pereira,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Charmaine Shali, Christine Shaughnessy,

Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley,

Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Gail Wilson, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo,

Tony Zammit.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Kenneth (Ken) Berry,

Priest of the Croydon Ordinariate Group,

based at Virgo Fidelis, Upper Norwood.

Fr Ken died on Thursday 28th November.

David Chapman,

Brother of Philip Chapman,

David died on Tuesday 3rd December.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish

go out to the families.

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY

AND NEXT SUNDAY

Organised by the Social Committee,

after the 10am Mass, in the hall. Another

chance to come and socialise with fellow

parishioners before going home for lunch.

There will be raffle tickets on sale, with

the draw to be made during next Sunday's

Coffee Morning itself.

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

Father Deo writes:

Thank you for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal. Many more of you have now handed in your **Commitment** forms and **Time & Talents** inserts.

You can still respond to our Planned Giving Appeal.

If you missed it, there are still special leaflets available.

In particular, you are asked to consider joining the Gift Aid scheme, where your circumstances allow, and to use a Standing Order, whether or not you can join the scheme. Please hand your completed forms directly to one of the priests, or put them through the presbytery letter box, or post them to us, as you prefer.

Once all of your responses have been collated, you will receive a communication from the Parish Office.

Once again, thank you for all that you do.

Please keep our parish in your prayers.

You will find plenty of information on our Parish Web Site:

www.stbartsnorbury.co.uk/planned-giving.html

Thankyou

CRISIS CHRISTMAS APPEAL AND RAFFLE THE BIG CRISIS COFFEE MORNING

Barts Seniors will be running this event, which will take place on Sunday 22nd December after all morning Masses.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses today.

Please see the poster in the porch.

IN THE COMING WEEK

Church Cleaning – Group 3 please.

The UCM meet – Monday 9th December, 2pm – 4pm.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

The Children's Liturgy Group will be producing their annual nativity play and carols for the Christmas Eve Mass (starting at 6pm, leading into the 6.15pm Mass).

Rehearsal will be on 23rd December (3pm-4.30pm) in the church, when roles will be allocated, with costumes provided. All children must attend the rehearsal.

Please contact Linda Harries on l.harries@gmail.com or call 07770 623230 by 16th December at the latest.

School nursery age to year 3 for role playing.

Year 4 and upwards as narrators and carol singers.

ALTAR SERVING AT CHRISTMAS

Please sign up for Serving at Christmas

There are sheets posted in the servers' sacristy. We need Servers for all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but especially for the **6pm Christmas Eve Family Mass** as well as **Midnight Mass**. Practices for both of these

Christmas Masses will be held on the same night,

Sunday 22nd December:

Christmas Eve Family Mass practice will be at 6pm.

Midnight Mass practice will be at 6.30pm.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Our Teams will speak briefly at the 11.30am Mass today as part of their 80th Birthday celebrations.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next course will take place across two sessions, which will take place on Saturdays 18th & 25th January 2020. If you seek Baptism for your child, you must attend such a course, or else have attended one within the last three years. Please take a form from the porch and return it to the Parish Office. Further courses are planned for April and July 2020.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

St Bartholomew's is always beautifully adorned for all the major Solemnities and Feasts of the Church. This is due to the hard work of our flower arrangers. However, flowers come at considerable cost. If you would like to contribute towards the flowers, please do so by using the wall box in the main porch which is marked "Flowers". You will find it to the left-hand side when you enter the church by the central doors of the porch.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are now no Masses available until the New Year.

Please always use the Mass Intentions Envelopes provided.

You may also Gift Aid Mass Offerings. There is no fee for Masses. People ask how much they should give. Most tend to offer around £10.00, provided they can afford to do so.

ST BART'S CATHOLIC DIARY 2020

These are now available from the Repository. There is no specific charge, so please kindly make an offering instead.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church,
River Stanley Harold Wilman
who was Baptised here last weekend.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Please take one home for your family. It contains details of all Masses and events at over Christmas and New Year. Don't forget our Day of Penitence on Friday 20th December.

MONTHLY MASS IN POLISH

Commencing in the New Year, Fr Tomasz will be saying Mass in Polish on the first Sunday of each month.

The first Mass will be on Sunday 5th January 2020 at 1pm.

Do let all your Polish friends know about this.

MSZE PO POLSKU

Od Nowego roku, w każdą pierwszą Niedzielę miesiąca, ks Tomasz będzie sprawował Mszę świętą w języku polskim.

Pierwsza Msza będzie sprawowana
5-go stycznia 2020 roku o godz 13.

Prosilibyśmy, jeśli byliby Państwo tak dobrzy i poinformowali swoich znajomych, którzy chcieliby przyłączyć się do naszej wspólnej modlitwy.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Information on our First Holy Communion programme is now available on our Parish Web Site using the following link.
www.stbartsnorbury.co.uk/st-barts---first-holy-communions.html

Would those parents who have put themselves forward to help, and who were given DBS forms, please contact Teresa Furtado urgently on 07742 911152.

We really do need extra volunteers to help with delivering the programme. Please do get in touch with Teresa if you can help.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: THE FUTURE OF THE VERY YOUNG

Every child who is marginalized, abused, abandoned, without schooling, or without medical care, is a cry that rises up to God.

In each of them is Christ, who came to our world as a defenceless child; it is Christ who looks at us through the eyes of each of these children.

Let us pray that every country decides to take necessary measures to make the future of children a priority, especially the future of children who are suffering today.