

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Sea Sunday*

8.30am William Collier RIP.

11.30am Welfare of all seafarers.

5pm People of the parish.

## Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

10am Through the intercession of Our Lady, protection, strength and guidance for Religious & Seminarians.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

10am In reparation for sins committed.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

*St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*

10am Intentions of all care workers.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Memorial)*

10am Recently deceased parishioners.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

10am In reparation for sins committed.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

*Our Lady*

10am Stephen Cowie RIP.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

*Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.15pm (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020)

People of the parish

8.30am The Holy Souls

11.30am Margaret & Patrick Collins RIP

5pm The intentions of all our clergy.

## FATHER TOMASZ

Father Tomasz returns this Tuesday. However, as from the end of August, after his first year as a priest spent with us, he will be moving to his next parish, St Joseph & St Swithun, Bromley. Until his replacement arrives, we shall be welcoming for a short time, Fr Augustine Ghado.

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## WE ARE OPENING FOR MASS

We have reached the next step along the path to normality, which means that we can now hold daily Mass with a congregation present.

You MUST wear a mask/face covering, to cover nose and mouth.

Whilst this is a much longed-for development, it comes with its own rules and regulations. However, provided we can deal with and indeed adhere to the instructions given to us by our Archbishop, all of which follow government guidelines, we expect things to go well.

Following an extensive and stringent risk assessment and much preparation in order to make the Church "Covid compliant", we begin today with three Masses.

Please note that for the time being, there will be no 10am Sunday Mass. The Saturday evening First Mass of Sunday will recommence next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Meanwhile, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended. Starting in the coming week, the 10am daily Mass returns from Monday to Saturday. This means that we shall now cease to open for private prayer. Each day, Father Deo and Father Tomasz will say at least one other Mass, though this will be without a congregation.

We still need more volunteer stewards, aged 18 or over, not self-isolating, nor in any at-risk category. Please contact the Parish Office to register your availability.

If we do not get sufficient volunteers, we shall be obliged to cancel Masses at short notice.

In due course, we expect to bring back Confessions, funerals, weddings and Baptisms. We cannot use our Reconciliation Room, and are working on an alternative.

We ask for your patience whilst the necessary planning takes place. Indeed, not all parishes will be in a position to restart everything, nor are they obliged to do so.

The hall remains out of action.

Please continue to follow all instructions and directions given to you by the clergy and stewards.

If we should fail to adhere to the instructions given, this could threaten our ability to continue with Masses, which in turn could affect the Church in her entirety. We must all be good stewards!

There will be no singing, no sign of peace, and no bidding prayers.

Sermons will be somewhat shorter! Please continue to follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines.

## PARISH FINANCES STANDING ORDERS, HOW THEY HELP, AND WHAT TO DO

Standing orders assure us of just £750.00 per week. Some recent new Standing Orders have not been applied by banks. Please check your bank statements, and contact the Parish Office for advice and forms to get things moving if you were affected. Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. Details and related forms are available from the Parish Office.

We are currently considering how best to distribute the latest Gift Aid envelopes to parishioners, and will most likely arrange for these to be hand delivered as soon as possible. We cannot put them in a room to be picked up on an individual basis. We appeal to all parishioners to consider setting up Standing Orders, whether or not they qualify for the Gift Aid Scheme. They make a significant difference, and provide a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE  
ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND.**

**These include:** Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake,

Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,

Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Delphine Fernandes,

Teresa Florek-Smail, 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, Mary Meyern,

Sheila Newman, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Charmaine Shali, Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,

Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Gail Wilson, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

A number of parishioners, some of who had moved away from the parish in recent years, have died in recent weeks, and we list below those deaths of which we have been informed and, in most cases, where Fr Deo and Fr Tomasz were able to celebrate their funerals:

Tony Zammit (Date unknown)

Kathleen Mary Callaghan (28<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

Octaviano D'Souza (31<sup>st</sup> March 2020)

Mary Vassallo (4<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Nicholas Wood (Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Barbara Sobienewska (Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Bob Browne (19<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Patrick (Paddy) Donohoe (23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020)

David Garnett (26<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Thelma Chinn (Date unknown)

Robert (Bob) Kelly (1<sup>st</sup> May 2020)

Margaret Senior (7<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

Rubelle Isoline (Ruby) Mendez (9<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

Albert Tracey (Date unknown)

Patricia Terry O'Donohoe (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020)

Janina Miller (30<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

In due course, we shall hold memorial Masses for all who have died, and whose funerals could not take place here.

**DECEASED CLERGY OF THIS ARCHDIOCESE**

Emeritus Archbishop Peter Smith (6<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

Fr Henry Reynolds (6<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

Fr Edmund Hartley (26<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

Fr Francis Hartley (28<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

Our condolences and prayers go out to their families. May Almighty God have mercy upon them. And may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

**SCHOOL REFERENCES 2021**

We have received some enquiries from parents and guardians wishing to know how references might be affected by Coronavirus. The Archdiocesan Education Commission is currently working on this matter. We ask for your patience as we await their guidance.

**READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY**

**First Reading – (Isaiah 55:10-11)**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm - (Psalm 64:10-14 response Luke 8:8)**

**R: Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.**

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

**Second Reading – (Romans 8:18-23)**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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**Gospel Acclamation - (1 Samuel 3:9, John 6:68)**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life, Alleluia!**

**Gospel – (Matthew 13:1-9)**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up, they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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