

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Yr A)**

## Mass Times and Intentions:

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6.15pm (Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020)

Amelia Yoo Foo RIP

8.30am People of the parish

11.30am Thanksgiving for the priestly ordination of Fr Giovanni Alexander, blessings on his priestly life & ministry.

5pm Mary Gallagher (100<sup>th</sup> birthday).

**Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

10am: Clare Eaglestone RIP.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

10am Thanksgiving – Cynthia Jouan.

Private Mass: Victims and survivors of the Stonehaven train crash.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

10am For all those who have become unemployed due to Coronavirus.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**St Bernard, Abbot and**

**Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

10am. Rita Chapman RIP.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

**St Pius X, Pope (Memorial)**

10am. Gail Wilson RIP.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**The Queenship of the**

**Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**

10am In reparation and for healing of the Maduka family (Novena).

**Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6.15pm (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020)

For all those who have recently received examination results.

8.30am Andy & May Byrne RIP.

11.30am For all our Key Workers.

5pm People of the parish.

**Next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)**

10am People of the Parish.

Private Mass – All deceased parishioners and clergy of our parish.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE CHURCH. IT IS JUST FOR YOU. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW IT ON THE PARISH WEB SITE.**

## PUBLIC MASSES

We now hold public Masses daily, subject to COVID regulations, and instructions from Archbishop John, following government guidelines. Meanwhile, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Daily public Mass is at 10am from Monday to Saturday, with at least one private Mass from Monday to Friday with no congregation.

We are not open for private prayer. We need more volunteer stewards, aged 18 or over, without whom we may have to cancel Masses.

Please wait for information on Baptism, Weddings and Funerals. The hall remains out of action. Please continue to follow all instructions and directions given to you by the clergy and 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

There are plenty of opportunities to have Masses said. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking and for advice on Mass offerings.

## THE REPOSITORY

New stock has just arrived. The Repository will open when there is somebody available to staff it. In order to comply with COVID guidelines, a maximum of two persons may enter at any one time.

Please refrain from touching items, and allow the person on duty to show you any items. Please wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser provided.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Please approach as directed by stewards. Kindly lower your mask; there is no need to remove it in order to consume the Host. Please remove any gloves. Wait for the Host to be carefully dropped into your open hands. Then replace your mask and kindly exit the Church, unless remaining for Confession.

## CONFESSION

On Saturdays after the 10am Mass, from 10.30am until 11am in the working sacristy, where the servers normally vest, via the main Sacristy. You will firstly be directed to the Retro Chapel to wait. After your Confession, you should leave immediately and make your penance at home. Please follow all social distancing guidelines and any directions given.

## **PARISH FINANCES & GIFT AID PLEASE CONSIDER SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER**

Standing orders assure us of just £750.00 per week. (NB: approximate figure). **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 are affected.**

Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme via the Parish Office. Distribution of new Gift Aid envelopes directly to homes is now underway. Those with full boxes of envelopes will find a Standing Order form enclosed. **We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order.**

**In these times when many cannot come to Mass, and are concerned about making offerings, having a Standing Order would ensure that their planned giving continues without interruption, with the satisfaction that the financial element of their stewardship, dependent upon their personal financial circumstances, is fulfilled.** Standing Orders make a big difference, providing 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,  
Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,  
Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther,  
Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,  
Baby Scarlett Kurowski, Joseph Lunn,  
Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Michael Madigan,  
Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern,  
Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, 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, Carole Winch,  
John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,  
Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

**READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY**

**First Reading** – (Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10)

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and  
the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned  
with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve  
stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in  
labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a  
second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which  
had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads  
crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars  
from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon  
stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child,  
so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its  
mother. The woman brought a male child into the world,  
the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre,  
and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne,  
while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had  
made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout  
from heaven, "Victory and power and empire for ever have  
been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

(Psalm 44:10-12, 16 response v 10)

**R: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:  
forget your own people and your father's house. **R**
2. So will the king desire your beauty:  
he is your lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
They pass within the palace of the king. **R**

**Second Reading** – (1 Corinthians 15:20-26)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who  
have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same  
way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man.  
Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life  
in Christ; but all of them in their proper order:  
Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ,  
those who belong to him. After that will come the end,  
when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done  
away with every sovereignty, authority and power.  
For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his  
feet, and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death,  
for everything is to be put under his feet.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** – (Luke 1:39-56)

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the  
hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and  
greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's  
greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled  
with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said,  
'Of all women, you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit  
of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the  
mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting  
reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy.  
Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by  
the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit  
exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly  
handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call  
me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.  
Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for  
those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes  
from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry, he has  
filled with good things, the rich, sent empty away.  
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his  
mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors –  
of his mercy to Abraham and his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months  
and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:  
**Gail Wilson**, of Hambro Road,  
who died on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Also **Evelyn Hyland**, formerly of Greenock Road,  
and late of Plymouth, Devon,  
who died on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the families.  
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.