

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(YEAR A)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers*

*(4<sup>th</sup> – Purple - candle on Advent Wreath is lit)*

6.15pm (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022)

People of the parish

8.30am Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP

10am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

11.30am Rina Galassi RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing at this Mass)

**2.30pm – Polyphony Choir Concert**

*(NB: No Benediction)*

5pm Philip McDermot RIP

## Fourth Week of Advent

*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Feria)*

7.30am Walter Bulman RIP

10am Mario Rodrigues RIP

*Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Feria)*

**ADVENT DAY OF PENITENCE**

7.30am Phillip Duffy RIP

10am In Thanksgiving

*Then Confessions and Adoration all day  
closing with Benediction at 7.30pm*

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (Feria)*

7.30am Amelia Demby RIP

10am Pietro Mobile RIP

*Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 (Feria)*

7.30am Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP

10am Intentions of Phyllis Loos

on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 (Feria)*

7.30am Anne Marie Naraine RIP

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

**7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall**

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

**Christmas Eve (Feria)**

10am In Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

6pm Carols (No Tableau this year)

6.15pm Christmas Vigil Mass for children

People of the parish

11.30pm Carols with the Polyphony Choir

12 Midnight Mass of Christmas

People of the parish

*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

**CHRISTMAS DAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF  
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

8.30am John Joseph Murphy RIP

10am Mary Qian RIP

11.30am Mary Jiang RIP

*(NB: No Benediction & No 5pm Mass)*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

\***Mass:** Monday to Friday 7.30am;

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

\***Confession:** Saturday, after 10am Mass,  
until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.

\***Sunday Masses:** (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

**Adoration & Benediction:**

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

\***Rosary:** Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass

**Rosary & Benediction:** Sunday 4pm

*(Stations of the Cross during Lent)*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

### AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman,

Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude,

Teresa Florek-Smail, Terry Folorunso;

Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco,

Rachel Gadd, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Terry Jupp, Fr Louie Kitt,

Scarlett Kurowski, Dorothy Lentini,

Philomena Lopez, James McDonald,

Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin,

Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila,

Mary Meyern, Mary O'Sullivan,

Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo

## OUR ADVENT CROWN

Today, we light the third purple candle,  
which represents the peace which Jesus  
brings to the world.

## MASS COVER

We welcome with thanks, once again,  
**Father Augustine (Gus) Kinnane** to say  
the 8.30am & 10am Masses today.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy  
repose of the souls of:

**Amelia Adama Demby**

of Pollards Hill West, who died, aged 32,  
on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**Phillip Francis Duffy,**

formerly of Norbury Hill, and late of  
Eastbourne. Phillip, who was the father of  
Nicole Mezzela, died on  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish  
go to the families.

## POLYPHONY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS

**Today at 2.30pm in the church.**

Entry will be free. A retiring collection  
will be taken to support the SVP.

Afterwards, you are invited to the hall to  
enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Please take home a copy of our Parish  
Christmas Card, which contains greetings  
from our clergy, and details of all Masses  
and services up until the New Year.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

By tradition, your Christmas offering is  
your personal gift to our Priests, Father  
Deo & Father Augustine. Envelopes are  
now available in all porch areas. Those of  
you who Gift Aid your offerings are  
invited to use either one of these specially  
printed envelopes or the Christmas  
Offering envelope from your boxes. If  
you have still not collected your Gift Aid  
envelopes, including those of you who  
give by Standing Order, please ask for  
them next time you come to Mass.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from  
now until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Your contacts will be monitored  
throughout. Please wait patiently for a  
reply, remembering that Fr Deo is still  
under orders to rest his feet, and Fr  
Augustine will be very busy indeed!

## FATHER DEO – A FOOTNOTE

Father Deo's recovery continues, which  
may take a few weeks. He thanks you for  
your good wishes, prayers and Masses.

### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

**Give a gift of hope this Christmas! There's still time!**

You can help finance CAFOD's World Gifts this Christmas from the catalogue in the porch or online at:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

You may also click on the QR code below. World Gifts will help to transform lives in a challenging world.



### THE SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese.

May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

### THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Please support the Archbishop's Appeal  
Online: [rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](https://rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal);  
Or scan this QR code:



You can telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm: **020 7960 2504**.  
For Cash & Cheques – Special envelopes in all porch areas.

### SAFEGUARDING

Our Safeguarding Officer is Teresa Furtado.  
To contact her on Safeguarding matters only,  
please call: **07933 614589**.

### OLD STERLING AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

If you have any unwanted foreign currency, including old British money, please place it in the special basket which may be found in the main porch. The SVP can obtain some value from such money, to help with their vital work, which has become increasingly urgent in these hard times..

### MASS INTENTIONS FROM 26<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

*Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Feast)*

*Saint Stephen, Deacon, the first Martyr*

10am Intentions of Noleen McSweeney (Birthday)

*Bank Holiday Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Feast)*

*Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist*

7.30am The Holy Souls; 10am Ron Francis RIP

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Feast)*

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

7.30am Fr Kenneth Berry RIP; 10am Daryl Desa RIP

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Feast)*

*Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr*

7.30am The Holy Souls; 10am Abraham Ghandi RIP

*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Feast)*

***THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH***

7.30am Antoine Chung Ming Kan RIP

10am Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP

***Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022***

***(Seventh day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)***

10am In Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023***

### MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people tend to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too.

**Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.**

**Please avoid multiple intentions.**

**Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a Mass Intention if they cannot to make an offering.**

### NEXT FREE COFFEE MORNING

**Sunday 8th January 2023**

Please come and join us for our first **free** coffee morning of 2023 after all morning Masses. It will be hosted by two of our Parish families and promises to be a truly International event. We shall be holding two coffee mornings per month from January 2023.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

### FLOWERS

We thank sincerely those who have been contributing towards decorating the church with flowers. They have, like everything else, become very much more expensive. If you would like to help us to provide flowers, which our talented flower arrangers always put to the best possible use in adorning the church, please put your donations, however small, into the wall box in the main porch, clearly marked "Flowers".

### OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD



*Mary, Babe and Shepherd (Designed by Mitch)  
Courtesy of www.image-source.co.uk*