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Sunday 10th December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 10th December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

6.15pm (Saturday 9th December 2023)

Deceased members of the
Cotton & Weddell families

8.30am Ernest Joseph Borgonha RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am Recovery of Johnny Smith

(Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am Sr Clare Casey RIP

& Amelia Demby RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday 11th December 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Kitty Madden RIP

Tuesday 12th December 2023 (Mem)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am November Deceased List

Wednesday 13th December 2023 (Mem)

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7.30am William Desa – 90th Birthday

10am William Desa – 90th Birthday

Thursday 14th December 2023 (Mem)

St John of the Cross, Priest &

Doctor of the Church

7.30am Philip Cowie RIP (23rd Anniv)

10am Philip Cowie RIP (23rd Anniv)

Friday 15th December 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Reeda D'Souza RIP

12 Noon – Requiem for Mary Davin

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 16th December 2023 (Feria)

10am Mary Yoo Foo RIP

Sunday 17th December 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

GAUDETE SUNDAY

6.15pm (Saturday 16th December 2023)

Intentions of Candice Bartholomeusz

8.30am Stacey & Sanj Partinage

for a happy marriage

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am People of the parish

(Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am The Knights of St Columba,

Council 266, 90th Anniversary

(Plainchant) (Coffee after this Mass)

2.30pm Polyphony Choir Carol Concert

5pm Mary Davin RIP

NORMAL 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, THOSE
UNDERGOING TREATMENT & HOUSEBOUND:**

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére,

Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,

Jean Cowie, John DeWaal, Audrey Draude,

Terry Folorunso, Raffaella Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez,

James McDonald, Elenor McLaughlin,

Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern,

Elsy Mickle, Thomas Pereira,

Terezinha Po, Sheila Price, Angel Rojas,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira,

Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley,

Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ,

Georgette Yoo Foo.

OUR ADVENT WREATH

This weekend we light the second purple candle on our Advent Wreath. Known as the Bethlehem Candle, this represents the hope and expectation of the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

A DAY WITH MARY

The next event will be at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 16th December 2023. Please see the poster.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

Mary Davin,

formerly of Meopham Road, and late of Broadstairs. Many of you will have known her as a receptionist at the Drakewood Surgery in years gone by. Mary died on Saturday 25th November 2023.

Mary's ashes will be present for her Requiem Mass, to be held here on Friday 15th December 2023 at 12 Noon.

Reeda D'Souza,

who died on Saturday 2nd December 2023. Her funeral will take place here at 1.15pm on Wednesday 27th December 2023.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

FREE COFFEE MORNING

Some of our church cleaners will be hosting a Coffee Morning **today** after all morning Masses. They are also looking for more volunteers to help clean the church. Do come along and support them, and take the opportunity to meet and greet your fellow parishioners. Maybe you might offer yourself to help with this task.

COFFEE NEXT SUNDAY TOO!

The Knights of St Columba, (KSC) Council 266, invite you to join them in the hall next Sunday, after all morning Masses, in celebration of their **90th Anniversary**. They would welcome enquiries from potential new members.

KSC STREATHAM COMMON CRIB

The Knights of St Columba Crib is now on Streatham Common. Do pay a visit to see this public reminder of the importance of Christmas to all people.

KSC CHRISTMAS POSTERS

These will be available this weekend. You are invited to make a donation of your choice towards the Seminary Fund.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Basket: £866.23:

(Gift Aid: £269.89; Non-G/A: £596.34)

Plus Standing Orders: £1731.00

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next one will take place at 8pm on Wednesdays **17th & 24th January 2024**. Please complete a Baptism Details Form **in full** and return it to the Parish Office. You will need to attend both sessions.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please donate using the special wall box in the main porch.

Our wonderful flower arrangers will create displays to
enhance the church during the Christmas season.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Give a gift of hope this Christmas.

Please see online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>
or pick up a catalogue, which also contains a QR code.

CHRISTMAS AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Please take one of our Parish Christmas Cards, which
are to be found in all porch areas. These cards carry
Christmas wishes from all our clergy. They also
contain details of all Masses and services from
the 3rd Sunday of Advent, 17th December 2023,
right through to the New Year of 2024.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

By tradition, your offering at Christmas is your
personal gift to our priests, Father Deo and Father
Paul. Please take a special envelope, in which you may
enclose your offering. Members of the Gift Aid
Scheme may write their Gift Aid number in the box
provided. Alternatively, they may wish to use the
Christmas Day envelope from their personal set of Gift
Aid envelopes. We still have a large number of
uncollected Gift Aid envelopes in the main porch.

POLYPHONY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This will take place next Sunday 17th December 2023 at
2.30pm in the church. This celebration of Christmas, led by
our Polyphony Choir and soloists, will include carols and
readings. Entry is free. There will be a retiring collection in
aid of the SVP. Please give generously. You are also
invited to come across to the hall afterwards to enjoy a
glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NATIVITY PLAY

The Children's Liturgy Group are producing their annual
Nativity Play and carols for the Christmas Eve Mass, to take
place at 6pm, prior to the 6.15pm Mass. Rehearsal will be on
Saturday 23rd December 2023 from 3pm to 4.30pm in the
church, at which all the roles and costumes will be provided.
If you would like your child to take part, you must bring them to
the rehearsal and remain with them throughout. To participate,
please email Linda Harries l.harries@gmail.com or call her on
07770 623230 no later than Monday 18th December 2023,
giving your child's name and age. Role playing will be for those
of school nursery age up to year 3. Those from year 4 upwards
will be narrators and carol singers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Please would those altar servers available to serve over
Christmas please sign up via the sign-up sheet in the sacristy,
or by email at norburymc@rcaos.org.uk
(For those aged under 18 years, parents should email for them.)

Here are the details you will need:

**Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December 2023
6.00pm Family Mass**

Practice: Sunday 17th December 2023 at 6pm

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December 2023 Midnight Mass

Practice: Sunday 17th December 2023 at 6.30pm

Christmas Day 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.30am Masses only

No Practice for these Masses, but please still sign up.

THE RETURN OF THE FAMILY CHOIR

Organist, Louis Pearson, is planning to restart the Family Choir.
This choir has not been active for several years, and has been
greatly missed. Handouts are available in the porch areas.

Please email Louis in order to register your interest:

Louispearson1992@live.com or call him on 07931 792254.

CARITAS SOUTHWARK



**In Partnership with Housing Justice, Caritas Southwark is
hosting an online information session on 13 December 2023,
7.30-8.30pm for people interested in becoming a host for a
refugee. Please scan the above QR code to register for the event.
Alternatively, you can email Caritas directly and we can forward
the link to you. Please see: caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk**

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille provide help for those struggling with their
marriage, and/or who would appreciate some help to bring them
to nourish and grow their relationship. Please see poster or go to:

www.retrouvaille.org.uk