

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

6.15pm (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019)

Carmen & Sauveur Vella RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Nora, Tommy & John Glancy RIP

11.30am Maria Nguyen Thi Bay RIP

(Hymn Choir singing)

**4pm Rosary and Benediction**

5pm John Joseph Murphy RIP

*Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Bank Holiday)*

*St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop,*

*Apostle of England (Feast)*

7.30am Intentions of Sheila Davis

10am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Ranni Fonseka (80<sup>th</sup> birthday)

*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

7.30am Arcesio Rojas RIP

10am Thanksgiving and special intention –

Onwuekwe & Ilobi families (Novena)

*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
*(Solemnity) - Holy Day of Obligation*

7.30am Holy Souls

10am Sursatti Agnes Bethune RIP

8pm People of the parish

*Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019*

**THE VISITATION OF THE**

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Feast)**

7.30am Justyne Basley RIP

10am UCM intention

**7.30pm Rosary for the unborn**

8pm Eugene Shaughnessy RIP

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019*

*St Justin, Martyr (Memorial)*

10am Chris Czarnecki RIP

(Foundation Mass)

*Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

6.15pm (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June)

People of the parish

8.30am Abram Gandhi RIP (birthday)

10am The Church, the Pope & Society  
in England & Wales (SVP intention)

**12 Noon** – Going Forth Mass for our

First Holy Communicants

(Polyphony choir singing)

**4pm Benediction**

5pm Private Intention

## 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.)

## Parish Mass Book:

**This Sunday P.273**

**Thursday P. 277**

## THANKYOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last week's collection came to **£1905.00**,  
including £650.00 in standing orders.

Next Sunday is **World Communications Day**, and there will be a second collection which supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops of England and Wales in spreading the Gospel and representing the church in the media.

Please take one of the small information cards from the porch.

*Please note that there is NOT a Gift Aid envelope for this collection, so the contents of any envelopes received will have to be emptied into the basket.*

## COFFEE MORNING TODAY

With LIFE after the 10am & 11.30am Masses. Beverages and delicious homemade cakes available. Also knitted goods. This is to support Zoe's Place Baby Hospice, run by Life Charity.

See: [www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool](http://www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool)

## ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day is this Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation,  
Masses will be at 7.30am, 10am and 8pm.

## THE PARISH OFFICE

**Closed on Bank Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May.  
Reopens Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.**

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

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake,  
Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,  
Barry Breese, Erna Breese,  
Eileen Buckley, Frances Caulfield,  
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,  
Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,  
Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave,  
James McDonald, Michael Madigan,  
Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,  
Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern,  
Thomas Pereira, Parwar Saib,  
Frederic Saint-Rose,  
Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,  
Charmaine Shali, Christine Shaughnessy,  
Fr David Standley, Edythe Thirlwall,  
Monica Vergara, Mary White,  
Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,  
John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,  
Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo,  
Tony Zammit.

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Norbury Park at 2pm.  
Our First Holy Communion children and those who have been Confirmed will be joining us. Do put this date in your diaries. Join your fellow parishioners in this public act of worship and demonstration of our faith in Christ.



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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - from 10am – 11.30am in the upper hall.

Final session number 11, entitled “To Love and Serve”.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 12 Noon** Going Forth Mass,  
followed by the Going Forth Lunch.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 2pm** – Corpus Christi Procession.

## CONFIRMATION GROUP

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – 10am Mass and Reconciliation.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – 7.30pm – 9pm Rehearsal.

**Pentecost Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – 12 Noon Confirmation itself.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – 7.30pm – 9pm

Final Session – “Now and Forever”.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 2pm** – Corpus Christi Procession.

## IN THE COMING WEEK:

**Church Cleaning – Group 4 please.**

## READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

As the summer holidays approach, please kindly contact the Parish Office with your dates for July and August.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next two Baptism Preparation Courses take place on:

**Saturdays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June, at 3pm.**

**Wednesdays 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September, at 8pm.**

## GIFT AID

Should you require an end of year letter for your tax return, please contact the parish office to request one. For all queries about Gift Aid, just contact the parish office.

## THANKS FROM THE KSC

The Knights of St Columba, Province 12 (Southwark) extend their grateful thanks for making them so welcome on May 5<sup>th</sup>, when they held a special event at the 11.30am Mass. If you are interested in joining the Knights in our own Council 266, kindly contact Melvin Carty.

## A DAY WITH MARY

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** at Walsingham.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** at St Joseph’s in Morden.

Please see the posters in the porch.

## SEASIDE OUTING FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Barts Seniors are organising a coach trip to Worthing. If you would like to go along, please contact the Parish Office. Tickets are just £20 per person, to include Fish and Chips at the famous Harry Ramsden’s Restaurant! The coach leaves at 9.30am and returns at 4.30pm.

## THE YOUTH CLUB

Fr Deo writes:

After much consultation, careful consideration, thought and prayer, I have taken the decision that the youth club in its present form will cease as of now. Plans are taking shape to restart the club, in a new format, at the earliest opportunity.

Once sufficient volunteers have been recruited, and the structure agreed upon, I shall let you know.

A date will then be set to get things going again.

In the meantime, on behalf of the parish, and in particular the youth, I should like to thank Eddie Sanders for his sterling work and commitment as club leader over the last 46 years. A celebratory event will be held in his honour.

## THOUGHTS ON THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This coming Ascension Thursday, the fortieth day of Eastertide, in the **Entrance Antiphon**, we shall pronounce the words of the Angel to the Apostles (**Acts 1:11**) who, following their beloved Master’s departure from their sight into Heaven, remained for a while gazing (surely sadly and longingly) into the empty sky. The Angel assures them that, one day, Jesus *will* return when He comes, of course, to Judge us all at the end of time.

This Solemnity falls on the exact day, i.e. Thursday, which is, of course, a Holy Day of Obligation, binding on the Faithful, as are all Sundays, giving us the very clear message that the Eucharist has an indispensable and central role in our lives.

The **First Reading (Acts 1:1-11)** narrates that familiar scene in which Our Lord took leave, so to speak, of His Apostles.

Jesus had, of course, promised to be with us, His Church, always. Through the **Responsorial Psalm** we celebrate this continuity of our Saviour’s presence among us as, indeed, we do every time we participate in the Mass. In order to fulfil this promise, Jesus and the Father were to send the Holy Spirit at

Pentecost. This word, again, has a numerical significance, coming from the Greek for 50, i.e. the number of Days after Easter that the Spirit came to transform the twelve timid first Bishops and Priests into fearless Crusaders, eleven of whom would eventually be Martyred for preaching the Truth, and one in exile. The Apostles were Confirmed or ‘energised’ as it were, to “*Go out to the whole world...*”, come what may, and ‘...*proclaim the Good News*’ that Christ is, indeed, Risen and that, through His Body, the Church, with her Pope, Bishops,

Priests and Deacons, and Her seven Sacraments, we have the infallible link to God and our Heavenly destiny.

Only deliberate refusal to live God’s Way can, ultimately, deprive a soul of the Life God wishes to give to us eternally.

In the **Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23)** Saint Paul prays (*as must we!*) for the necessary Graces to aid us in understanding and living by the Teachings of Our Lord who, alone, can give us Eternal Happiness. We must recognise that those who consider themselves ‘worldly-wise’ among us will, at times, not accept Jesus as ‘...*the ruler of everything...*’, as is evidenced by the continual challenges to Catholic Moral

Teaching around the world. We may be challenged, sometimes shunned, because we practise and profess the ‘unpalatable’! In the **Gospel (Mk. 16:15-20)** we hear the Apostles (*now ourselves!*) being told to, ‘...*Go out into the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation...*’.

We are assured that we, and those we evangelise (and who embrace the Faith) ‘...*will be saved...*’.

In France and Germany, among other countries, the importance of this day was emphasised in its being a Public Holiday, echoing the deep Catholic Faith of former times. In the days when England proudly proclaimed herself the *Dowry of Mary*, Holy days were, very often, the only days off in addition to Sundays, especially, probably, for the Poor. From this extra day of rest, of course, comes our word, *holiday*. Hopefully the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be a joyful day in our Families, encouraging not only us and our children but, also, through us, those of other faiths (or none) we may encounter, to see beyond the limits of this world.