

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 24th November 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 24th November 2019

Christ the King

(World Youth Day)

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6.15pm (Saturday 23rd November 2019)

Carmen & Sauveur Vella RIP

(International Mass)

8.30am People of the parish

10am Winifred Una Kenty RIP (birthday)

(LIFE Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Deceased members of the Choirs of St Bartholomew's (Foundation Mass)

(Polyphony Choir singing)

(LIFE Coffee Morning after this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm Aldo Maccagni RIP &

Pasquale Leone RIP

Last Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 25th November 2019

7.30am Fr Michael Jones

(Foundation Mass)

10am Liam Devaney RIP

Tuesday 26th November 2019

The Holy Angels

7.30am Dominic (RIP) & Hazi

Mascarenhas (63rd Wedding Anniversary)

10am Eamon Gillespie RIP

Wednesday 27th November 2019

St Joseph

7.30am Tony Tambirasa RIP

10am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

Thursday 28th November 2019

7.30am Thanksgiving –

Oluchukwu Muoghalu

10am Stany Naganathan &

Teresa Bastiampillai RIP

Friday 29th November 2019

7.30am Mary Houlihan RIP

10am Phyllis McGurdy RIP (UCM)

8pm Hermann Weishaupl RIP

Saturday 30th November 2019

St Andrew, Apostle & Martyr,

Patron Saint of Scotland (Feast)

10am Tony Tambirasa RIP (90th birthday)

Next Sunday 1st December 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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6.15pm (30th November 2019)

People of the parish

8.30am Dorothy Adams RIP & family

10am Maureen & Jack Fitzsimons

11.30am Patrick John Lacey RIP

4pm Benediction

5pm Maria & Arturo Giannini RIP

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.)

THANKYOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last week's collection came to **£1972.00** including £650.00 in standing orders.

THANKYOU FROM BARTS SENIORS

Their recent **Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning** raised **£430.00**.

TODAY IS WORLD YOUTH DAY,

and there is a second collection for **Catholic Youth Work**, to support youth work within our Archdiocese and beyond, in particular the vital work of the **Southwark Catholic Youth Service**.

Those who **Gift Aid** their offerings, are kindly asked to use the dedicated **light blue envelope** which is clearly marked for this particular collection.

To find out about various initiatives for our Youth. Please see:

www.nationalyouthsunday.com

On a more local basis, you can find out what is available within our own Archdiocese at: www.sys.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING TODAY

With LIFE after the 10am and 11.30 am Masses. Also, sale of knitted goods. All in support of Life Charity.

See: <http://www.lifecharity.org.uk>

FREE COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday after the 10am Mass: Come and socialise with your fellow parishioners before going home for lunch.

NEW PARISH MASS BOOKS

Next weekend, as we enter the season of Advent, we change to Year A, Volume 1. Look out for the mustard yellow books.

Please take good care of them.

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

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,

Delphine Fernandes, Michael Fogarty;

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,

Sheila Newman, Thomas Pereira,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Charmaine Shali, Christine Shaughnessy,

Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley,

Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Gail Wilson, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo,

Tony Zammit.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Richard John Hill**, of Gibsons Hill, who died on Thursday 13th November. His funeral details will be announced shortly. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the family.

Fr Tomas Creagh-Fuller RIP

Fr Tom's body will be received into St William of York, Forest Hill at 7pm on Tuesday 17th December, followed by a Requiem Mass.

His funeral will take place at 12 Noon on Wednesday 18th December at St Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham.

IN THE COMING WEEK

Church Cleaning – Group 1 please.

Knights of St Columba –

Meet in the St. Basil Room

Monday 25th November at 8pm.

OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

Father Deo writes:

'Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' – (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Over the last couple of weeks, you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, in terms of *Time, Talents and Treasure*, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship.

This weekend we ask that *all* parishioners complete a promise card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you.

If you pay UK income tax, please sign the **Gift Aid** declaration (*a separate declaration form for each person*) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself.

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today. If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass. **Thankyou.**

You will find plenty of information on our Parish Web Site: www.stbartsnorbury.co.uk/planned-giving.html

CONFIRMATION 2020

Confirmations will take place here on Pentecost Sunday, 31st May 2020, with Bishop Pat presiding.

Candidates should be in **Year 8 or above**.

Application Forms, available from the Main Porch, must be returned to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday 3rd December 2019.

CRISIS CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

Barts Seniors are supporting this initiative for homeless people, to help provide specific practical items for those who may be sleeping on the streets, particularly as the weather gets colder. Please see the poster in the porch.

THE REPOSITORY

Christmas stock is moving fast, and you are therefore advised not to leave it until the last minute. How much more fitting it is to send Christmas Cards depicting scenes such as the Holy Family than the secular "Yuletide" greetings cards.

We also have the usual wide selection of cards, gifts and devotional items available all year round.

ST BART'S CATHOLIC DIARY 2020

These are now available from the Repository.

Whilst there is no specific charge, we ask that you kindly consider making an offering of your choice.

CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS

Lack of demand in relation to minimum sales required, means that from January 2020, we may no longer sell the Catholic Universe or the Catholic Times. Other titles, which are usually delivered along with them, may also be affected.

CCF CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

All children aged 6 to 11 are invited to design a Christmas card and submit an entry to The Centre for Catholic Formation by Monday 9th December.

Please see: www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE

Please take away a copy of this catalogue and consider how you might like to help our brothers and sisters in need. How easy it is, for those who have the means, to buy presents for our family and friends in the spirit of love and friendship. Meanwhile, in distant lands, there are those who need much more practical things than the latest computer game or perfumes. They too need our love and friendship. Join in the true spirit of Christmas giving. Your donations will help to change their lives for the better. They should be able to enjoy Christmas too.

A DAY WITH MARY

Last Saturday's event here was very well attended, and many have commented most favourably on this prayerful day held in honour of Our Lady. May it bring many blessings on this parish.

We have already agreed a date for A Day With Mary next year, so please mark your diaries for Saturday 10th October 2020, which falls within the Month of the Holy Rosary itself.

Meanwhile, A Day with Mary will be taking place at St Mary's West Croydon on Saturday 7th December; Sacred Heart, Wimbledon on Saturday 14th December.

Please see the posters in the main porch.

LOST PROPERTY

A black and red silk scarf, was left behind by somebody who attended A Day With Mary last Saturday. Should you find it, kindly hand it in at the Parish Office. Lost property is normally placed on the left-hand windowsill of the porch, that is facing the exit doors. Please take a look there if you have lost anything.

ALTAR SERVING AT CHRISTMAS

Please sign-up for Serving at Christmas

There are sheets posted in the servers' sacristy. We need Servers for all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but especially for the **6.00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass** as well as **Midnight Mass**. Practices for both of these Christmas Masses will be held on the same night, **Sunday 22nd December:**

Christmas Eve Family Mass practice will be at 6pm.

Midnight Mass practice will be at 6.30pm.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CHRISTMAS POSTERS

The traditional Christmas Posters will be distributed next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. You are welcome to take one home to place in a window and remind everybody who passes your home of the true meaning of Christmas. As ever, you are invited to make an offering towards the Seminary Fund. There is a wall box for this purpose in the main porch. We are benefitting from the work of the seminary, where our own Fr Tomasz received his training. Please help the seminary to continue with the formation of future priests.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next course will take place across two sessions, which will take place on Saturdays 18th & 25th January 2020. If you seek Baptism for your child, you must attend such a course, or else have attended one within the last three years. Please take a form from the porch and return it to the Parish Office.

Further courses are planned for April and July 2020.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are now only a handful of Masses available for this year. In order to avoid disappointment, you are urged to book Masses well in advance. However, even then somebody may have got there before you. Please always use the Mass Intentions Envelopes provided. You may also Gift Aid Mass Offerings. People ask what amount they should offer. Most tend to offer around £10.00, provided they can afford to do so.