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Sunday 1st December 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 1st December 2019

First Sunday of Advent

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6.15pm (Saturday 30th November 2019)

People of the parish

8.30am Dorothy Adams RIP & family

10am Intentions of Maureen

& Jack Fitzsimons

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Patrick John Lacey RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4pm Benediction

5pm Maria & Arturo Giannini RIP

First Week of Advent

Monday 2nd December 2019

7.30am Intentions of Marie Wheelan

10am Nelson Monteiro RIP

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

St Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

7.30am Dennis Charles D'Souza RIP

10am Joan Kedge RIP

Wednesday 4th December 2019

7.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Albert Rego RIP

5pm Funeral of John Dempsey

Thursday 5th December 2019

7.30am Della Powelol RIP

10am Phyllis McGurdy RIP

Friday 6th December 2019

FIRST FRIDAY

7.30am Deceased family and friends

and neighbours of Yvette Shelley

10am Dr Pauline Gallagher RIP

Then adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

until Benediction at 2pm

8pm Cecil & Pat Milne RIP

Saturday 7th December 2019

St Ambrose, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10am Claire Duncan RIP

Next Sunday 8th December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

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6.15pm (30th November 2019)

Mary McNally RIP

8.30am Eugene Lopez RIP

10am People of the parish

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Joe McNamara RIP

4pm Benediction

5pm SVP 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.)

THANKYOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last week's collection came to **£1961.00** including £650.00 in standing orders.

You also gave **£671.00** to the collection for **Catholic Youth Services.**

THANKYOU FROM LIFE

You helped raise £273.00

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We light the first purple candle on our wreath, representing the hope which Jesus brings to us, as we await His coming into our hearts at Christmas. Our thanks to Maria Newey for creating the wreath. Our Children's Liturgy Jesse Tree is also lit up today. Isaiah 11:1 reads: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the Father of King David. The tree is adorned with various illustrations which represent the people, prophesies and events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John James McMorro,

late of Guildersfield Road, a stalwart member of our old social club darts team, died in Ireland on 13th November.

John Joseph Dempsey

of Queens Road, Croydon. Son of Bridie & Daniel Dempsey of Norbury Court Road. John died in the early hours of Sunday 24th November. His funeral will take place here on Wednesday 4th December at 5pm. His body will then be taken to Ireland for burial.

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

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Richard John Hill RIP

Richard's funeral will take place at St Andrew's Brook Road, Thornton Heath on Tuesday 17th December at 10am, followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 12 Noon.

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.

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

After the 10am Mass, in hall. Also, a Social Committee raffle, with the draw to be made on Sunday 15th December.

**OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY
PLANNED GIVING APPEAL**

Father Deo writes:

*“For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you.”
(I Chronicles 29: 14-16)*

Thank you for taking part in our ‘Planned Giving’ appeal last weekend. Many of you have already handed in your

‘My Parish Commitment’ forms and
‘Sharing my Time & Talents’ inserts,

or else you have posted them to us.

Don’t worry if you are new to the parish, or if you missed completing and signing those forms last weekend.

You can still respond to our Planned Giving Appeal, conducted in line with the Biblical concept of Stewardship.

If you would like to make your offering to the parish by Standing Order (bankers order), and if you wish to **Gift Aid** your regular offering, whether by Standing Order or Weekly

Offering envelopes, please complete the forms (*marked Week 3*) which you will find in all porch areas today.

They contain an insert entitled ‘Sharing my Time and Talents’ which will enable you to volunteer for various parish activities. Please also complete that insert.

Please place your completed forms in the special collection box located in the main porch, or put them through the presbytery letter box, or post them to us, as you prefer.

All your responses will be attended to shortly, following which you will receive a communication from the Parish Office. Once again, thank you for all that you do.

Please keep our parish in your prayers.

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

Thankyou

CRISIS CHRISTMAS APPEAL AND RAFFLE

Barts Seniors are supporting these initiatives for homeless people. Please see the posters in the porch.

Raffle tickets will be sold after some Masses.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA (KSC) CHRISTMAS POSTERS AND THE STREATHAM COMMON CRIB

The KSC will distribute their traditional Christmas posters this weekend. Please take one home to place in a window.

You are invited to make an offering towards the Seminary Fund. You may also use the wall box in the main porch.

This weekend, the Crib on Streatham Common will be in place, provided as ever by the Knights of St Columba.

Do pay a visit if you can, and bear witness to the Incarnation of our Blessed Lord who came to save us all.

IN THE COMING WEEK

Church Cleaning – Group 2 please.

SOME WORDS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A really big thankyou to our helpers and especially those of you who produced such delicious dishes for the

International Evening on Saturday 23rd November.

Our raffle table raised **£75.00**. Thanks for your support.

We intend to hold a similar event next year.

Please take a look at our link on the Parish Web Site:

www.stbartsnorbury.co.uk/international-event-2019.html

for a selection of pictures and videos of the night.

CHILDREN’S NATIVITY PLAY

The Children's Liturgy Group will be producing their annual nativity play and carols for the Christmas Eve Mass (starting at 6pm, leading into the 6.15pm Mass). Rehearsal will be on 23rd December (3pm-4.30pm) in the church, when roles will be allocated, with costumes provided. All children must attend the rehearsal. Please contact Linda Harries on l.harries@gmail.com or call her on 07770 623230 by 16th December at the latest.

*School nursery age to year 3 for role playing.
Year 4 and upwards as narrators and carol singers.*

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 **6pm 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.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Our Teams will be present at the 11.30am Mass next Sunday as part of their 80th Birthday celebrations. A member of Teams will give a short account of the vital work they carry out in the support of married couples in today’s secular society.

A DAY WITH MARY

St Mary’s West Croydon on Saturday 7th December;
Sacred Heart, Wimbledon on Saturday 14th December.

Please see the posters in the main porch.

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 no Masses available until the New Year. Please always use the Mass Intentions Envelopes provided. You may also Gift Aid Mass Offerings. There is no fee for Masses. People ask how much they should give. Most tend to offer around £10.00, provided they can afford to do so.

CONFIRMATION PENTECOST, 31ST MAY 2020

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

Application Forms, available from the Main Porch.

Closing date: Tuesday 3rd December 2019.

ST BART’S CATHOLIC DIARY 2020

These are now available from the Repository. There is no specific charge, so please kindly make an offering instead.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church,

Greta Josephine Chirita,

who was Baptised here last weekend.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Your Parish Christmas Card has now arrived. Please take one home for your family. It contains details of all that will be taking place at St Bartholomew’s over Christmas and New Year.

This includes our Polyphony Choir and Wind Quintet Advent concert with readings on Sunday 15th December and our Day of Penitence on Friday 20th December.