

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.15pm (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020)

People of the parish

8.30am The Holy Souls

11.30am Margaret & Patrick Collins RIP

5pm The intentions of all our clergy.

## Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

10am: Intentions of Fr Tomasz on the first anniversary of his ordination.

Private Mass: In reparation and for healing of the Maduka family (Novena).

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

10am In reparation for sins committed.

Private Mass: Edith Lucas RIP.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

*St Mary Magdalene (Feast)*

10am Janina Miller RIP

Private Mass: Marianne RIP.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

*St Bridget, Religious,*

*Patron of Europe (Feast)*

10am John Wareing RIP.

Private Mass: Edith RIP.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020

10am Bogdan Zajkowski RIP.

Private Mass: In reparation for sins committed.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*St James, Apostle (Feast)*

10am Intentions of Archbishop John

Wilson on the first anniversary of his installation as Archbishop of Southwark.

Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.15pm (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020)

For healing - Rachel.

8.30am Peter Chapman RIP.

11.30am Maria Thi Bay Nguyen RIP.

5pm People of the parish.

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## PUBLIC MASSES

We now hold public Masses daily, subject to COVID – related rules and regulations. We must adhere to the instructions from Archbishop John Wilson, all of which follow government guidelines.

Please note that for the time being, there will be no 10am Sunday Mass. Meanwhile, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated at 10am from Monday to Saturday, and Father Deo and Father Tomasz will say at least one other Mass privately on these days, without a congregation present. As we now have Masses, we are no longer open for private prayer.

We still need more volunteer stewards, aged 18 or over, not self-isolating, nor in any at-risk category. Please contact the Parish Office to register your availability.

If we do not get sufficient volunteers, we shall be obliged to cancel Masses at short notice. In due course, we expect to bring back Confessions, funerals, weddings and Baptisms. We cannot use our Reconciliation Room, and are working on an alternative.

We ask for your patience whilst the necessary planning takes place. Indeed, not all parishes will be in a position to restart everything, nor are they obliged to do so.

The hall remains out of action. Please continue to follow all instructions and directions given to you by the clergy and stewards.

Should we fail to adhere to the instructions given, our ability to continue with Masses could be withdrawn, which in turn could affect the Church in her entirety.

We must all be good stewards! There will be no singing, no sign of peace, and no bidding prayers. Sermons will be somewhat shorter! Please continue to follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines.

## PARISH FINANCES STANDING ORDERS, AND GIFT AID

Standing orders assure us of just £750.00 per week. Some recent new Standing Orders have not been applied by banks. *Please check your bank statements, and contact the Parish Office for advice and forms to get things moving if you are affected. People are gradually coming forward to let us know about this.*

Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. Details and related forms are available from the Parish Office. We are currently arranging for the distribution of the latest Gift Aid envelopes to parishioners who are members of the Gift Aid Scheme.

We expect this to be completed over the next four weeks. We cannot leave envelopes out for collection.

We appeal to you all to consider setting up Standing Orders, whether or not you qualify for the Gift Aid Scheme.

They make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting.

Those receiving boxes of envelopes will find a Standing Order Form inside.

## FATHER TOMASZ

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Fr Tomasz celebrates the first anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.

Many congratulations from us all!

Then, from the end of August, Father Tomasz will be moving to St Joseph & St Swithun, Bromley. We await news of his replacement.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Following the reinstatement of public Masses, this comes with some restrictions. One of the areas that we have been assessing is how best to introduce Altar Serving in a "COVID-compliant" way. Due to social distancing and hygiene guidelines, **only one Server** is permitted on the Sanctuary at each Mass, to perform the sole permitted task, namely the ringing of the bell during the Eucharistic prayer.

The bell will be sanitised between Masses.

**NB: There will not be a kneeler for the Server.**

Due to these restrictions, it has been decided that only either Deacon Ged, MC Jed Murphy or one of our more senior servers may serve at Mass. There are special guidelines that Altar Servers must adhere to without exception.

If you would like to serve at Mass, and provided you have been serving for at least 5 years, and you have permission from your parents or guardians, if appropriate, please email MC Jed Murphy: ([norburymc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:norburymc@rcaos.org.uk)).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND.

**These include:** Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake,

Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,

Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Delphine Fernandes,

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, Mary Meyern,

Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,

Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Charmaine Shali,

Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,

Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Gail Wilson, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN RECENT MONTHS

Tony Zammit (Date unknown)

Kathleen Mary Callaghan (28<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

Octaviano D'Souza (31<sup>st</sup> March 2020)

Mary Vassallo (4<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Nicholas Wood (Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Barbara Sobienewska (Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Bob Browne (19<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Patrick (Paddy) Donohoe (23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020)

David Garnett (26<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Thelma Chinn (Date unknown)

Robert (Bob) Kelly (1<sup>st</sup> May 2020)

Margaret Senior (7<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

Rubelle Isoline (Ruby) Mendez (9<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

Albert Tracey (Date unknown)

Patricia Terry O'Donohoe (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020)

Janina Miller (30<sup>th</sup> May 2020)

In due course, we shall hold memorial Masses for all who have died, and whose funerals could not take place here. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## SCHOOL REFERENCES 2021

We await news from the Archdiocesan Education Commission.

### READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY

**First Reading** – (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19)

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus, you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 response v 5)

**R: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R**

**Second Reading** – (Romans 8:26-27)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints, expressed by the Spirit, are according to the mind of God.

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**Gospel Acclamation** - (Ephesians 1:17, 18))

**Alleluia! alleluia! May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** – (Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep, his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time, I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." '

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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