

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Mass Times and Intentions:

### *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.15pm (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020)

For all those who have recently received examination results.

8.30am Dorothy Adams RIP & family.

11.30am Intentions of all Key Workers.

5pm People of the parish.

### *Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time*

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)

Our Patronal Feast Day



10am People and clergy of our parish.

Pvt Mass – All deceased parishioners and clergy of our parish.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020

10am John & May Cradock RIP.

Pvt Mass: Private intention.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

10am Maria Thi Bay Nguyen RIP.

Pvt Mass: The Holy Souls.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

St Monica (Memorial)

10am. Pietro Mobile RIP.

Pvt Mass: Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

St Augustine, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10am. Thanksgiving – Anna.

Pvt Mass: The Holy Souls.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020

The Passion of St John

the Baptist (Memorial)

10am Evelyn Hyland RIP.

Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020)

Crescent Fernandes RIP.

8.30am Fr Donald Minchew RIP.

11.30am In thanksgiving to

St Anthony of Padua.

5pm People of the parish.

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NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU.  
DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE  
CHURCH. IT IS JUST FOR YOU.  
YOU MAY ALSO VIEW IT ON THE  
PARISH WEB SITE.**

## PUBLIC MASSES

We now hold public Masses daily, subject to COVID regulations, and instructions from Archbishop John, following government guidelines. Meanwhile, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Daily public Mass is at 10am from Monday to Saturday, with at least one private Mass from Monday to Friday with no congregation.

We are not open for private prayer. We need more volunteer stewards, aged 18 or over, without whom we may have to cancel Masses.

Please wait for information on Baptism, Weddings and Funerals. The hall remains out of action. Please continue to follow all instructions and directions given to you by the clergy and 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

There are plenty of opportunities to have Masses said. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking and for advice on Mass offerings.

## THE REPOSITORY

New stock has just arrived. The Repository will open when there is somebody available to staff it. In order to comply with COVID guidelines, a maximum of two persons may enter at any one time.

Please refrain from touching items, and allow the person on duty to show you any items. Please wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser provided.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Please approach as directed by stewards. Kindly lower your mask; there is no need to remove it in order to consume the Host. Please remove any gloves. Wait for the Host to be carefully dropped into your open hands. Then replace your mask and kindly exit the Church, unless remaining for Confession.

## CONFESSION

On Saturdays after the 10am Mass, from 10.30am until 11am in the working sacristy, where the servers normally vest, via the main Sacristy. You will firstly be directed to the Retro Chapel to wait. After your Confession, you should leave immediately and make your penance at home. Please follow all social distancing guidelines and any directions given.

## PARISH FINANCES & GIFT AID PLEASE CONSIDER SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER

Standing orders assure us of just £750.00 per week. (NB: approximate figure). 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.

Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme via the Parish Office. Distribution of new Gift Aid envelopes directly to homes is now underway. Those with full boxes of envelopes will find a Standing Order form enclosed. We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order.

In these times when many cannot come to Mass, and are concerned about making offerings, having a Standing Order would ensure that their planned giving continues without interruption, with the satisfaction that the financial element of their stewardship, dependent upon their personal financial circumstances, is fulfilled. Standing Orders make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting.

**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,  
Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,  
Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther,  
Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,  
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, Carole Winch,  
John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,  
Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

**READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY**

**First Reading** – (Isaiah 22:19-23)

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,  
the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your  
post, and the same day I call upon my servant Eliakim,  
son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and  
to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a  
throne of glory for his father's house.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

(Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8 response v 8)

**R: Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels, I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
You increased the strength of my soul. **R**
3. The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

**Second Reading** – (Romans 11:33-36)

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and  
knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or  
understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the  
Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give  
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from  
him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** – (2 Corinthians 5:19)

**Alleluia! alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world  
to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news  
that they are reconciled. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** – (Matthew 16:13-20)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi,  
he put this question to his disciples,  
'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'  
And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah,  
and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'  
'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?'  
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ', he said, 'the  
Son of the living God.'  
Jesus replied, 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man!  
Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you,  
but my Father in heaven. So, I now say to you:  
'You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.  
I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you  
bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you  
loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'  
Then he gave the disciples strict orders  
not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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The Grail (England) from *The Psalms: A New Translation*.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of:

**Margherita (Margaret) Lucy Gunner,  
(previously Fossaluzza),**

formerly of Hilldown Road, and late of Croydon,  
who died on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the family.  
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through  
the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

**VACANCIES AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

We currently have available 2 part-time admin vacancies at the  
Cathedral. For more information please contact  
[triciagilbride@stgeorges.org.uk](mailto:triciagilbride@stgeorges.org.uk).

Closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

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**BAPTISM**

We have received a number of enquiries concerning Baptism,  
and we fully understand your desire for this Sacrament as soon  
as possible. At this stage, we are looking at how we might  
reintroduce Baptism, including preparation of parents and  
guardians as necessary. We ask you to wait patiently for the way  
forward, and to keep an eye on the newsletter.