

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

ALL SAINTS

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## Mass Times and Intentions:

### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

6.15pm (Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020)

People of the parish.

8.30am Bill Chapman RIP.

11.30am Fr Tomas Creagh-Fuller RIP.

5pm Intentions of John Ambler.

### Thirty-First Week in Ord Time

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

#### ALL SOULS DAY –

#### *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

10am All the Faithful Departed.

Pvt Mass: All the Faithful Departed.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

#### *St Martin de Porres,*

#### *Religious (Memorial)*

10am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Pvt Mass: Dennis D'Souza RIP

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### *St Charles Borromeo,*

#### *Bishop (Memorial)*

10am Christine Strain RIP

Pvt Mass: Patricia & Mark Williams RIP

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

10am Michael McCready RIP.

Pvt Mass: Aline Alride RIP.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

10am Jacqueline Kearney RIP.

Pvt Mass: Rupert & Kit Newman RIP.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### *The Dedication of the Cathedral*

#### *Church of St George (Feast)*

10am In reparation and for healing of the Maduka family (Novena).

Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### *Thirty-First Sunday in Ord Time*

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

6.15pm (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

Robert Wright RIP.

8.30am For all those killed in wartime.

12 Noon CONFIRMATION (private)

5pm Rita Chapman RIP.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays after 10am Mass, until approximately 11am, in the servers' sacristy. Please wait in the Retro Chapel.

Please leave straight afterwards and make your penance privately at home.

### PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME.

### PUBLIC MASSES

The Sunday Mass Obligation is on hold.

Daily public Mass is at 10am from Monday to Saturday. A private Mass is said on weekdays at any time of day.

We are not open for private prayer.

We still need volunteer stewards.

Please follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines as well as any instructions and directions given to you by clergy and stewards.

We regret that singing is not permitted.

Kindly do not gather outside or in the porch, either before or after Mass.

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office now opens on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays between 11am & 3pm. Please only visit if to do so is essential.

Please call before you visit us.

Please be COVID aware.

### FATHER AUGUSTINE GHADO

We welcome our new Assistant Priest, Father Augustine Ghado,

A short biography of Fr Augustine, along with his picture, will appear on our parish web site shortly.

### REPOSITORY

Christmas stock has now arrived.

We expect it to go very quickly.

Hurry whilst stocks last!

### PARISH FINANCES, GIFT AID & STANDING ORDERS

Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme via the Parish Office.

Whether or not you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please set up a Standing Order if you possibly can. Standing Orders make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting for the parish.

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

If you recently signed a Standing Order, please check to see if it has taken effect. If not, please contact the Parish Office.

GIFT AID END OF YEAR LETTERS  
Please call or email the parish office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes are available from stewards.

### SUNDAY 11.30AM MASS

Commencing next Sunday, then on Sundays 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the 11.30am Mass will again be suspended. Our Confirmation Masses will take place at 12 noon. These Masses will be closed to parishioners.

The 11.30am Mass will resume on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, which is the First Sunday of Advent.

### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In place of our Book of Remembrance, please take a special Holy Souls Envelope

from one of the Stewards. You may enclose a list of those you wish to be remembered. Lists of names will be placed in a basket beneath the Main Altar, which will be added to as envelopes are opened. *Please do not put anything into the basket yourself.*

Mass will be said daily throughout November, then once a month, for all those listed. You are invited to enclose a Holy Souls offering, which may be Gift Aided if you are a member of our Gift Aid Scheme.

Please hand your completed envelopes to a steward, or post them through the presbytery letter box.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS.

Many congratulations to our new First Communicants, all of whom received Our Lord so reverently for the very first time.

May they all continue to receive Holy Communion as often as they can, and not let their First Communion be their last! Thanks to all parents and guardians who helped their children to prepare.

Thanks especially to our Catechists who continued preparing the children despite the pandemic, so that they could make their First Holy Communion this year.

**PLEASE PRAY ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:**

John Ambler, Jessica Anane,  
Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,  
Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére,  
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, Terry Jupp, Scarlett Kurowski,  
Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,  
Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Lilian McManus,  
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** – (Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14)

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate the land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord,' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

(Psalm 23: 1-6 response cf v 6)

**R: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters, he made it firm. **R.**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who will stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

**Second Reading** – (1 John 3:1-3)

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** – (Matthew 11:28)

**Alleluia! alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** – (Matthew 5:1-12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There, he sat down, and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak.

This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**BLESSING OF GRAVES**

This year, due to COVID, there will not be a public gathering and blessing at the cemetery. Father Deo will visit Streatham Park Cemetery privately, in order to bless the graves. Please note that the civic ceremony at the Streatham Common War Memorial has been cancelled.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

We are happy to announce that the next course will run on Saturdays 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020 at 2.30pm in the Retro Chapel. Due to COVID restrictions, the course will be limited to four families, on a first come, first served basis. Courses will then resume in January 2021, God willing. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join this two-session course.