

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Yr B)

## Mass Intentions:

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

*Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)*

*Gaudete Sunday*

6.15pm (Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December)

Theresa Nestor RIP.

8.30am People of the parish.

11.30am Intentions of Bishop Patrick Lynch, upon his retirement.

5pm Margaret Cregan RIP.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Advent

*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

*St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*

10am Philip Cowie RIP

(20<sup>th</sup> anniversary).

PVT – Through the intercession of Our Lady, protection, strength & guidance for all Religious and seminarians (Novena).

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

10am Thanksgiving – Doris D'Souza.

PVT – Intentions of Jacki & Ron Mather

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

10am Christine Strain RIP.

PVT – Intentions of O'Leary family.

*Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

10am – Ernest Joseph Borgonha RIP.

PVT – Intentions of O'Sullivan family.

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

10am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP.

PVT – Intentions of Elizabeth Power.

*Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

10am Thanksgiving & Special Intention (Muoghalu family).

*(Confessions follow until 11.30am)*

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)*

6.15pm (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December)

Bridget & James Cassidy RIP.

8.30am Thanksgiving –

Bernadette Fernandes

11.30am Fr Deo on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

5pm People of the parish.

**For Fr Augustine's recorded Masses**

**Please go to: <https://bit.ly/35jyczn>**

**For a list of parishes within this Archdiocese broadcasting Masses,**

**Please go to: <https://bit.ly/3c81Qsf>**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Public Masses 10am (Mon – Sat).**

**Confessions every Saturday after 10am Mass until 11.30am.**

**Sunday Masses - all except 10am.**

**Track & Trace Forms still apply.**

**Private prayer sessions have ceased.**

Stewards will be on duty.

Please volunteer as a steward in order to help us avoid the need to cancel Masses. NHS & Public Health guidelines apply.

## **STANDING ORDERS & FINANCE**

Please set up a Standing order if your financial circumstances allow. Those of you who received full boxes of envelopes will find inside a Standing Order Form. Standing Orders currently assure us of just **£750.00** per week (figure to be revised). Please contact the Parish Office for details of Standing Orders and to enquire about the Gift Aid Scheme, should you be a tax payer and be in a position to join.

Please see the Home Page of our Parish Web Site for details of how each of you can help to uphold parish finances, according to your personal means.

## **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

By tradition, your offerings at Christmas are your personal gift to our priests, Fr Deo and Fr Augustine.

If you are a member of our Gift Aid Scheme, please use the dedicated envelopes from your boxes or packs.

If you wish, you may make your Christmas Offering on line.

You will find details on our web site. In order for us to claim Gift Aid, it is important that your Gift Aid number is quoted in the reference box on line.

As for our specially printed Christmas Offerings Envelopes, we have a very limited supply; these will be available from our stewards at Mass. If you are a Gift Aider, and you cannot locate your own numbered envelope, please be sure to write your Gift Aid number clearly on the Christmas Offering envelope. For any queries about how to make your Christmas Offering, please contact the parish office.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND**

**These include:**

John Ambler, 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, Terry Jupp, Scarlett Kurowski, Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Elenor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Tony Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, 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.

## **OUR ADVENT WREATH**

Today is Gaudete Sunday.

“Gaudete!” is Latin for ‘Rejoice!’

The Rose candle will be lit as we rejoice in anticipation of the birth of Christ.

**MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS**  
Mass intentions may still be booked by phone, email or in writing.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office is **closed**, and is currently staffed remotely. Please phone, email or use the contact form on our web site. Please wait patiently for a reply.

## **2021 PARISH DIARY**

Now available from the Repository. Please make an offering if you can.

## **CHRISTMAS POSTERS**

Available now, courtesy of the Knights of St Columba. You may also pay a visit to the KSC's Christmas Crib on Streatham Common.

## **READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY**

### **First Reading** – (Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11)

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

(Luke 1:46-50, 53-54, response Isaiah 61:10)

#### **R: My soul rejoices in my God.**

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth, all ages will call me blessed. **R**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age  
on those who fear him. **R**
3. He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **R**

### **Second Reading** – (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and, for all things, give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good, and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God has called you and he will not fail you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation** – (Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18))

**Alleluia! alleluia!**

**The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.  
Alleluia!**

### **Gospel** – (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.  
He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.  
This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked

'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So, they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So, John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.'  
This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR - ADVANCE WARNING OF CHRISTMAS MASSES**

We expect the following Masses to go ahead subject, as ever, to any COVID restrictions in place at the time:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Christmas Eve

10am - usual daily Mass

6.15pm – The Nativity of the Lord  
(Solemnity) – Vigil Mass

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12 Midnight – The Nativity of the Lord  
(Solemnity) - Mass during the Night

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)

Masses at 8.30am & 11.30am only

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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Boxing Day

St Stephen, the first Martyr (Feast)

10am - usual daily Mass

Confessions after this Mass until 11.30am

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(Feast) 6.15pm (Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December)

8.30am, 11.30am & 5pm

***Please note that there will not be a Midnight  
Mass on New Year's Eve.***

We regret that we shall not be issuing a parish Christmas card this year, and shall instead convey our greetings to you in the newsletter and on our parish web site.