

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR B)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

6.15pm (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021)

People of the parish

8.30am Jerome B Persaud RIP

11.30am Pietro Mobile RIP

5pm Padraig Kilgannon RIP

## First week of Lent

*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 (Feast)*

**The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**

10am Intentions of Suzanne and family

PVT Ellis Foundation Mass

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 (Feria)*

10.00 Raffaele Forte RIP

PVT Juliette Dawn Giscombe RIP

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Feria)*

10am Intentions of John Ambler

PVT Raffaele Forte RIP

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Feria)*

10am Intentions of Sheila Price

(91<sup>st</sup> birthday)

PVT Raffaele Forte RIP

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Feria)*

10am UCM intention

PVT Maria Bay Thi Nguyen RIP

*Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Feria)*

10am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP

*(Confessions after Mass until 11.30am)*

*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

6.15pm (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021)

People of the parish

8.30am Intentions of Karim Bacchus

11.30am Deceased members of the

Buckley family (Foundation Mass)

5pm Claire Purnell – Browne RIP

## Current Public Mass Schedule

\***Mass: Monday – Saturday: 10am;**

\***Confessions: Saturday, after**

**10am Mass, until approx 11.30am;**

\***Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);**

**8.30am; 11.30am; 5pm.**

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

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,  
Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,  
Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,  
Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp,  
Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez,  
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, 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.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is currently closed.  
Please phone, email or send a message  
via the Contact Form on our web site.

Please wait patiently for a reply.

## MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please contact us to book Masses.  
Kindly include contact details as well as  
your Gift Aid number if applicable.  
Mass Offering Envelopes are available  
from our stewards at church.

You are invited to make an offering if  
you can. Most tend to offer £10.00,  
where they can afford to. Please address  
any queries to the Parish Office.

## CONFIRMATIONS, FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS & BAPTISMS

Please wait for news. Once we have a  
way forward, we shall let you know.

## COVID PANDEMIC INFORMATION

We must all continue to follow the rules  
and guidelines unless or until they are  
lifted by the government. **Please do not  
come to the church if you have any  
symptoms, whether COVID or not, or if  
you have been told to shield.** Please do as  
directed by our stewards.

Please use a fresh disposable face mask or  
other face covering, **which should cover  
your nose and your mouth.** You must  
have evidence of a valid exemption.

Hand sanitiser is available at the church.

Always keep at least 2 metres from  
others. **Please follow instructions**

**regarding the reception of Holy**

**Communion or a blessing, and**

**subsequently leaving the church.**

**When you leave the church, please go**

**straight home and do not stop to chat.**

**"HANDS - FACE - SPACE"**

**Stay Home; Protect the NHS;**

**Save Lives;**

Should you need to visit the presbytery,  
kindly ensure you wear a mask.

## STANDING ORDERS & FINANCE

**Would all those who kindly set up a**

**Standing Order during our Planned**

**Giving Drive check their bank**

**statements to see if their instructions**

**to their banks have been received.**

We have found that, in many cases, they  
have not been put in place. Please  
consider a Standing order, ***should your***

***financial circumstances allow.***

Standing Orders currently assure us of  
approximately **£750.00** per week. Whilst  
a small number of new Standing Orders  
have been set up, sadly we have also lost  
others through death and those moving  
away. We are also most grateful for the  
generous support of those who have sent  
in payments to bolster parish finances.

For information on the Gift Aid Scheme,  
a crucial way to increase parish funds,  
please contact the Parish Office.

**If you are a tax payer, and you join the  
scheme, we can reclaim tax you have**

**paid, adding 25% back to your**

**contributions, without you parting with  
any more money!**

## READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(cf Psalm 90:15-16)

**When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.**

### COLLECT

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and, by worthy conduct, pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING (Genesis 9:8-15)

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you; everything that came out of the ark; everything that lives on the earth. I establish my covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I shall set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds,

I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so, the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 24:4-9, response cf v 10)

**R: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways,  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love, remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

### SECOND READING (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body, he was put to death; in the spirit, he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building the ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt, but a pledge made to God from a good conscience,

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Matthew 4:4)

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

### GOSPEL (Mark 1:12-15)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Matthew 4:4)

**One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## LENT

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are currently looking at when and how we might hold Stations of the Cross in line with COVID regulations.

### CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2021

[CAFOD : Regular gift to the Lent Appeal 2021](#)

Walk for Water: [Join the Big Walk for Water! | CAFOD](#)

## Lenten Retreats

"Follow Me" - Southwark Archdiocese Spirituality Commission: [Diocesan Retreat 2021 — Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission \(southwarkdsc.org.uk\)](#)

The Redemptorists: [The Redemptorists » A Lenten retreat](#)

### NATIONAL CENSUS 2021

Census Day is Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2021. We are all encouraged to take part in this exercise which helps towards the formation of policy in areas such as healthcare, education and transport.

The results of the census will affect us all in future years.

For full information, please go to: [Census 2021](#)