

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR B)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

6.15pm (Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021)

Archbishop Peter Smith RIP  
(First Anniversary)

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

11.30am Intentions of Jack & Ron Mather

5pm People of the parish

## Third week of Lent

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria)*

10am Intentions of Joseph Lunn

PVT Louis Side RIP

*Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria)*

10.00 Jerome B Persaud RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria)*

10am Daryl Desa RIP

PVT Pat Lacey RIP

*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria)*

10am Intentions of Steven Pantelleresco

PVT The Holy Souls

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria)*

10am Intentions of Ann O'Donnell

PVT The Holy Souls

*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria)*

10am Michael Thornton RIP

*(Confessions after Mass until 11.30am)*

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

6.15pm (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021)

People of the parish

8.30am For all mothers in our parish

11.30am Intentions of

Steven Pantelleresco

5pm Intentions of Pope Francis on the

8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his election

## 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.

## MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please contact us to book Masses, giving contact details also 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 offer £10.00. Please address queries to the Parish Office. Kindly post Mass requests through the presbytery door to avoid them being 'quarantined'.

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION

This remains suspended until otherwise advised by Archbishop John and his Brother Bishops of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. They will also advise us on the reopening of churches and halls. It is unlikely that much will change until after Easter.

## COVID PANDEMIC INFORMATION

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. Always use a fresh disposable face mask or other face covering, **which should cover your nose and your mouth.**

Hand sanitiser is available at the church. Please keep at least 2 metres from others.

**Please follow instructions regarding the reception of Holy Communion or a blessing. Please then go straight home and don't socialise outside the church.**

**"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!**

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is currently closed and is functioning remotely. Please phone, email or send a message via the Contact Form on our web site. Kindly wait patiently for a reply.

## 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.**

## SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

While the Jews demand miracles, and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews, an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans, madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 11:25, 26)

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

## GOSPEL (John 2:13-25)

Just before the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem and, in the Temple, he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there.

Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over, and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture:

"Zeal for your house will devour me." The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and, in three days, I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for Passover, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them;

he never needed evidence about any man;  
he could tell what a man had in him.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (cf Psalm 83:4-5)

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

## 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 obliged by law to take part in this exercise,**

Census packs will be posted to households.

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

You may complete the Census prior to the above date.

## READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf Psalm 24:15-16)

**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

### FIRST READING (Exodus 20:1-17)

God spoke all these words. He said,  
'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days, you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals, nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days, the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day, he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 18:8-11, response John 6:68)

**R: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever; The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold, and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **R.**