

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (LOW SUNDAY) DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (YEAR B)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LOW SUNDAY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

6.15pm (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

Bishop Charles Henderson RIP

8.30am Petronio Assis Correia RIP

11.30am People of the parish

5pm November deceased list.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Feria)

10am Gaëtan Nicol Yan-Leung RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Feria)

10am Luke Sequeira RIP

PVT John Joseph Murphy RIP

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Feria)

10am Baby Jamie Fernandes RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Feria)

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Feria)

10am Antonio & Aleta Mascarenhas RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Feria)

10am Ellis Foundation Mass

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.15pm (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

Patrick Towey RIP

8.30am Thanksgiving - Correia

11.30am People of the parish

5pm Mary Durkin 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.

## THANKS TO STEWARDS

We thank all our faithful stewards who enable Mass to take place during COVID restrictions, including sanitising the church. Without them, we could not open at all. Thanks to all parishioners for cooperating with our stewards.

## 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, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Elenaoir McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, 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.

## EASTER OFFERING THANKS

Father Deo and Father Augustine thank you for your Easter offerings. Despite current circumstances, you have not forgotten your priests. May God bless you all for your generosity.

## GENERAL OFFERINGS

We have also been struck by several substantial offerings by parishioners made towards the work of the Church. It has not always been possible to thank you individually, so please consider this announcement as our sincere thanks for your great kindness. We are also aware that many of you have been affected by COVID in so many ways, including taking a hit on your finances in general. Please do not feel bad about the effect this has had on your ability to make offerings, as it is outside of your control.

## COVID PANDEMIC INFORMATION

Please do not come to the church if you have any symptoms, whether COVID or not, even if you have already received your first or both doses of the vaccine.

Please do as directed by our stewards.

A fresh disposable face mask or other face covering should be worn,

which must cover nose and 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 do not socialise outside the church.**

**Do bear in mind the latest slogan:**

**“HANDS; FACE; SPACE;**

**FRESH AIR”**

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 inform the Parish Office if you intend to set up, or have already set up an online payment. 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. 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. Please phone, email or send a message via the Contact Form on our web site.

Please wait patiently for a reply.

## READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(1 Peter 2:2)

**Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that, in him, you may grow to salvation, alleluia.**

### FIRST READING (Acts 4:32-35)

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24 response v 1)

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

### SECOND READING (1 John 5:1-6)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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

### SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own

Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 20:29)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'**  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL (John 20:19-31)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.'

After saying this, he breathed on them and said:

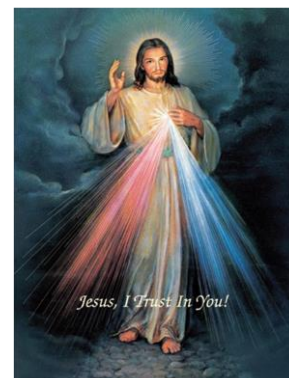
'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later, the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here: look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Cf John 20:27)

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**



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