

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 25th July 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ord Time (Yr B)

6.15pm (Saturday 24th July 2021)

Deceased members of
the McLaughlin family

8.30am People of the parish

11.30am Peter Chapman RIP

5pm Elsie McCleave RIP

Seventeenth Week in Ord Time (Yr 1)

Monday 26th July 2021 (Memorial)

Saints Joachim & Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Intentions of Kiran Bacchus

PVT The Holy Souls

Tuesday 27th July 2021 (Feria)

10am Giovanni Mosconi RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Wednesday 28th July 2021 (Feria)

10am Aileen Foster RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Thursday 29th July 2021 (Memorial)

Saint Martha

10am Mary McDonough RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Friday 30th July 2021 (Feria)

10am UCM intention

PVT Ann Marie Sy-Yan RIP

Saturday 31st July 2021 (Memorial)

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

10am Fr Cyril Walmsley RIP

Sunday 1st August 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ord Time (Yr B)

6.15pm (Saturday 31st July 2021)

Intentions of Bridget

8.30am People of the parish

11.30am Margaret & Richard Jones RIP

5pm Elsie McCleave RIP

Our 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**

MASS INTENTIONS

There is plenty of availability, particularly on weekdays. Please be flexible, especially for Sunday Masses. Envelopes are available from stewards. Offerings may be Gift Aided. **Please deliver envelopes to the presbytery.** You may book by email or by phone.

CURRENT COVID INFORMATION

Father Deo will review the situation upon his return from Tanzania.

The Sunday obligation remains suspended until further notice.

Please follow stewards' instructions.

Track and Trace forms still apply.

If you feel ill, please stay at home.

Continue to wear masks/face coverings, which must cover nose and mouth.

Please don't gather outside the church.

Observe social distancing of 1 metre.

Votive candles may be lit and offerings may be put in wall boxes.

Kindly refrain from kissing statues.

Remember the current phrase, "HANDS; FACE; SPACE; FRESH AIR"

Please continue to do your bit in helping to restrict transmission of COVID.

Despite changes to national guidelines, please be aware that this virus is still very much with us, and will continue to be.

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

John Ambler, Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Bruce Davidson, 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, James McDonald, Elenaor 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, Michael Wemambu, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

CONFIRMATION 2021 CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

Our programme is due to commence on Monday 27th September 2021, with Confirmation itself on Saturday 27th November 2021. **Please wait for details on how to apply.** We still need more Catechists. If you would like to help, please contact Deacon Ged as soon as possible. Training will be provided.

If Fr Deo has spoken to you about this, kindly contact the parish office so that we can send out DBS forms to you.

FR DEO IS NOW IN TANZANIA

Father Deo has gone to see his mother, possibly for the last time. He returns on Friday 10th September 2021. During his absence, Fr Augustine will be saying all our Masses. Any changes to the Mass schedule, should they become necessary, will be advised as soon as possible. Depending on restrictions upon his return, Fr Deo may need to self-isolate for 10 days, which would extend his absence until 20th September 2021.

GIFT AID & FINANCE NEWS

There is NO NEED to send in envelopes for any Sundays you miss. Just one envelope will do next time you attend Mass. Your contributions will still be recorded for Gift Aid.

Standing Orders remove the need to worry about envelopes.

You may download a Standing Order Form from our parish website:

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(stbartsnorbury.co.uk)

Please await further information regarding the collection and/or distribution of new Gift Aid Envelopes. (Some boxes have been renumbered.)

If you need a Year End Letter, please wait, due to the backlog in entering Gift Aid into the computer programme.

If you are a tax payer, you may join the Gift Aid scheme. We can reclaim tax you have paid, adding 25% to your contributions at no extra cost to you! Please check if your Standing Order has been set up by your bank. If not, please send them fresh instructions.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf Psalm 67:6-7, 36)

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

FIRST READING (2 Kings 4:42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat,' he insisted, 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 144: 10-11, 15-18 response v 16)

**R: You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**
4. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING (Ephesians 4:1-6)

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (cf John 6:63, 68)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL (John 6:1-15)

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered,

'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?'

Jesus said to them,

'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough, he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So, they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves.

The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Psalm 102:2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office continues to operate remotely. Do get in touch by phone, email or via the Contact Form on our web site. Please wait patiently for a response, especially whilst we have only one priest available.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

We await news on how schools will be handling applications this year, and what will be expected in terms of priests' references.

Due to COVID, we shall be holding telephone interviews.

Once we know what will be happening, we shall advise you. The School Reference Application Form is now available on our parish web site. You may also click on this link:

[school_reference_form_september_2022.pdf \(stbartsnorbury.co.uk\)](http://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/school_reference_form_september_2022.pdf)

Please print the form out and then complete it in ink.

Hard copies should be available from stewards by next weekend.

Interviews will not be possible until after Fr Deo's return in September. We therefore ask you to act quickly once the process commences. Please look out for your fellow parishioners whose first language may not be English, and/or who may need assistance with reading, writing and understanding forms.



**Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to
all who were sitting ready.**

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