St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 22nd August 2021

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 22nd August 2021 Twenty first Sunday in OT (Yr B) 6.15pm (Saturday 21st August 2021)

Glenn Savio Saldanha RIP

8.30am Zoe Venea Vaz (1st birthday) 11.30am Deceased members of the

Carty & Rojas families

5pm People of the parish

Twenty first Week in Ord Time (Yr 1)

Monday 23rd August 2021 (Feria) 10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP PVT Fr Hugh Thwaites RIP Tuesday 24th August 2021 (Feast) ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE -OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY

10am People of the parish PVT The Holy Souls

Wednesday 25th August 2021 (Feria)

10am Salamao, Conceiecao & Philomena Rebello RIP

PVT The Holy Souls Thursday 26th August 2021 (Feria)

10am John & Mary Cradock RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Friday 27th August 2021 (Memorial)

St Monica

10am Irene Elwood RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Saturday 28th August 2021 (Memorial)

St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

10am November Deceased List

Sunday 29th August 2021

Twenty second Sunday in OT (Yr B)

6.15pm (Saturday 28th August 2021)
People of the parish
8.30am Those suffering in Haiti
11.30am Moses & Irene Nelson RIP
5pm Those suffering in Afghanistan

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

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,

CONFIRMATION 2021

Confirmations will take place on Saturday 27th November 2021. For children in year 8 or above seeking Confirmation, please complete the form on our parish website:

St Bart's Confirmation Programme

2021/2022 Application Form (office.com)

Closing: Sunday 12th September 2021.

A copy of your child's Baptismal
Certificate is required, unless they were
Baptised here at St Bartholomew's.
We aim to deliver the Programme in
face-to-face meetings. If things change,
we shall adapt accordingly. *Those who*have applied will be contacted shortly.
Those who applied in 2020, but could not
proceed, will be contacted by a catechist
to establish whether or not they would
like to join this year's programme.

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.

<u>Standing Orders remove the need to</u> <u>worry about envelopes.</u>

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

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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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Antonia Iacomino**, of Hilldown Road, who died on Saturday 14th August 2021. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the family.

ABOUT ST BARTHOLOMEW:

<u>St. Bart's - Our Patron Saint</u> (stbartsnorbury.co.uk)

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf Psalm 85:1-3)

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered,

'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed.

We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23, response v 9)

R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord, my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *R*.
- 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

 The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. *R*.
- 3. They call, and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed that he will save. *R*.
 - **4.** Many are the trials of the just man, but from them all, the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. *R*.
 - 5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

SECOND READING (Ephesians 5:21-32)

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives, just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself, she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands

must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (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 6:60-69)

After hearing his doctrine, many of the followers of Jesus said. 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on. 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (cf Psalm 103:13-15)

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office continues to operate remotely on an ad hoc basis. You may contact us by phone, email or via the Contact Form on our web site. When leaving a voicemail, kindly give your first name and surname. Please wait patiently for a response, especially whilst we have only one priest available.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

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)

Please print the form out and complete it in ink and follow the instructions in relation to documents and photos required.

Hard copies are available from the stewards.

Telephone Interviews will be conducted by Fr Deo from October onwards, and may occur at short notice.

UNCASHED CHEQUES FROM COLLECTIONS

Please check your bank statements for the last 18 months, to see whether or not your cheques have been debited.

This would be a good opportunity to set up a Standing Order.

Anybody who signed a Standing Order previously, please check your statements to see whether or not it has been activated.