

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 5th September 2021

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 5th September 2021

Twenty third Sunday in OT (Yr B)

6.15pm (Saturday 4th September 2021)

People of the parish

8.30am Joan Bryan RIP

11.30am Intentions of Joyce Ippoliti

5pm Maura Lydon-Farley RIP

Twenty third Week in Ord Time (Yr 1)

Monday 6th September 2021 (Feria)

10am Gerard Kearney RIP

PVT Anne & John McDonagh RIP

Tuesday 7th September 2021 (Feria)

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

PVT Fr John Mulligan RIP

Wednesday 8th September 2021 (Feast)

THE NATIVITY OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Thursday 9th September 2021 (Feria)

10am Roy Daniels RIP

PVT Anne & John McDonagh RIP

Friday 10th September 2021 (Feria)

10am Philip Cowie RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Saturday 11th September 2021

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Intentions of Caitlyn Vailankanni

Chloe Correia (birthday)

Sunday 12th September 2021

Twenty fourth Sunday in OT (Yr B)

Education Sunday (2nd collection)

6.15pm (Saturday 11th September 2021)

People of the parish

8.30am Fr James Carolin RIP

11.30am Jack Chapman RIP

5pm Mabel & Harry Folkes 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

Envelopes are available from stewards.

Offerings may be Gift Aided. **Please deliver envelopes to the presbytery.**

You may book by email or by phone.

Please be prepared to accept alternative dates and times. Masses marked PVT are said without a congregation present.

CURRENT COVID INFORMATION

Father Deo will review the situation shortly. 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 your 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.

Please 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.

Our sincere thanks to all our stewards.

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

Closing Date is next Sunday

12th September 2021.

The final number of candidates will depend upon finding more catechists.

If you think you can help, please contact any member of the clergy without delay.

Confirmation date itself is Saturday 27th November 2021. For children in year 8 or

above please complete the form on our parish website: [St Bart's Confirmation Programme 2021/2022 Application Form \(office.com\)](http://St Bart's Confirmation Programme 2021/2022 Application Form (office.com))

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A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate is required, except where they were Baptised in this parish.

We aim to deliver the Programme in face-to-face meetings. If things change, we shall adapt accordingly.

GIFT AID & FINANCE

If you are a tax payer, and depending upon your financial circumstances, please join the Gift Aid scheme. We can reclaim tax you have paid, adding 25% to your contributions at no extra cost to you! During these difficult times, the scheme has continued to show its worth, particularly through Standing Orders.

You may download a Standing Order

Form from our parish website:

[sof_200904.jpg \(724x1024\)](http://sof_200904.jpg (724x1024))

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

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

HOLIDAYS

Fr Deo returns to the UK on Friday 10th September 2021 and will then spend 10 days in quarantine before coming back to the parish, during which time he will remain unavailable.

Fr Augustine will be setting off for his home country of Nigeria on Monday 20th September 2021, the day of Fr Deo's scheduled return to the parish.

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Our best wishes to Fr Augustine, whose birthday was on 3rd September 2021.

We are grateful to him for keeping things going during Fr Deo's absence.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Psalm 118:137, 124)

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

FIRST READING

(Isaiah 35:4-7)

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the
retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a
deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 145:7-10, response v 1)

R: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
But thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

(James 2:1-5)

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our
glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between
classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your
synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and
at the same time, a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes,
and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say,
'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor
man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by
my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two
different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into
judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor
according to the world that God chose,
to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which
he promised to those who love him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Mark 7:31-37)

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon
towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region.
And they brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in
his speech; and they asked him to lay his hands on him. He took
him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into
the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle.

Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him,
'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and
the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly.
And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he
insisted, the more widely they published it.
Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,'
they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(cf Psalm 41:2-3)

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

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 and contact details and, if possible,
the reason for your call. Please wait patiently for a response,
especially whilst we have only one priest available.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 ENTRY

The School Reference Application Form is available on our
parish web site via a special 'button'. You may also click on this
link: [school reference form september 2022.pdf](http://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/school-reference-form-september-2022.pdf)
(stbartsnorbury.co.uk) Please print the form out, then complete it
in ink and follow the instructions in relation to documents and
photos required. Hard copies are available from the stewards.
Supplementary forms may not be available from some schools
until later in September, so you may either send in what you
have or wait until you have them all together. Nevertheless,
telephone interviews, which may only be conducted by Fr Deo,
will not take place until October, at the earliest, and may have to
be carried out at short notice, dependent upon Fr Deo's schedule.
Please be as flexible as possible during these COVID times.

REPOSITORY

The Repository continues to operate, so do pop in and take a
look around, whilst observing COVID guidelines.
Further new stock has arrived, with Confirmations,
First Holy Communions and Christmas very much in mind.

DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE

FUNDRAISER FOR THEIR PROJECTS IN NIGERIA

Please see: [St. Bart's - Latest News \(stbartsnorbury.co.uk\)](http://stbartsnorbury.co.uk)

The sisters, whose convent is close to St Bartholomew's, are
holding a dinner dance event at St Mary's West Croydon on the
afternoon of Saturday 23rd October 2021. Tickets cost £20.00.
You may contact the Daughters of Divine Love on 07930479685
or 07803281756 or 07764659305 or email: admin@ddlpdo.org

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

We shall let you know the dates of future courses once these
have been agreed with our dedicated catechists. In the meantime,
Baptism Course Applications are available from our stewards.