

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(YEAR C)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr C)**

*(1<sup>st</sup> purple candle lit on Advent Crown)*

6.15pm (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021)

John Dempsey RIP (anniversary)

8.30am People of the parish

10am Sylvette Mungur RIP

11.30am Joe McNamara RIP

5pm Dominic, Adelina &

Philomena D'Sa RIP

## First Week of Advent

*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Feria)*

7.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Sadie Marlow RIP

*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Feast)*

*St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland*

7.30am Miguel Farina RIP

10am Mary Houlihan RIP

*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (Feria)*

7.30am John Perdoni RIP

10am Adeline Bacchus RIP

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 (Feria)*

7.30am Sheila Bates RIP and intentions  
of Brenda & Roy Bates

10am Tim Sheehan RIP

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 (Memorial)*

*St Francis Xavier, Priest*

*(First Friday of the month)*

7.30am Mr & Mrs Yu Sak Kan RIP

10am Good health of the Alphonso family

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Memorial)*

*St John Damascene, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church*

10am Joseph Zhu Bao Geng RIP

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr C)**

*(2<sup>nd</sup> purple candle lit on Advent Crown)*

6.15pm (Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

Albert Rego RIP

8.30am Jose & Felicidade Farrao RIP

10am People of the parish

11.30am Joe Moynihan RIP

*(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)*

5pm SVP intention

## MASS SCHEDULE

\***Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am.**

**Monday – Saturday: 10am.**

\***Confession: Saturday, after 10am**

**Mass, until approx 11.30am.**

\***Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);**

**8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.**

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please contribute what you can towards  
beautifying the church for Christmas.

There is a special wall box in the porch.

## CURRENT COVID INFORMATION

Track and Trace Forms now apply only  
for Sunday Masses, Saturday evenings  
and Holidays of Obligation.

Our sincere thanks to all our stewards.  
Sunday obligation remains suspended.

Please follow stewards' instructions.

If you feel ill, please stay away.

Remember to sanitise your hands.

Remember to wear a mask correctly.

Please don't gather outside the church.

Observe social distancing of 1 metre.

Please refrain from kissing statues.

Please help stop the spread of COVID,  
since it remains in circulation.

**"HANDS; FACE; SPACE; FRESH AIR"**

## 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,  
Philip Chapman, Rosemary Clark,  
Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza,  
Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,  
Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco,  
Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther,  
Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Terry Jupp,  
Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,  
Philomena Lopez, James McDonald,  
Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin,  
Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila,  
Mary Meyern, Mary O'Sullivan,  
Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price,  
Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,  
Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,  
Christine Shaughnessy,  
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.

## REPOSITORY NEWS

Christmas stocks have arrived!  
Cards, calendars and gifts are available.  
We always sell out quickly, so please do  
visit soon to avoid disappointment!

## GIFT AID & FINANCE

If you are a tax payer, please consider  
joining the Gift Aid scheme. We can  
reclaim tax you have paid, adding 25%  
to your offering at no extra cost to you!  
You may find a Standing Order Form on  
our parish website: [sof\\_200904.jpg](http://sof_200904.jpg)  
(724x1024) ([stbartsnorbury.co.uk](http://stbartsnorbury.co.uk))  
Year End Letters are not yet available.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the  
soul of **James (Jim) Hughes**, who died  
peacefully on the morning of  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Jim was  
93, and among the eldest in our parish  
family. He attended Morning Prayer and  
Mass on a daily basis, and had a great  
love for the Church. Jim served Mass  
until he was almost 90! Many will also  
remember how he used to play Father  
Christmas for the nursery children!

Also, **Manuel Alexandre**,  
father of Diana Serrao. Manuel died on  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, after a  
long illness, at the age of 69.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in  
Glory! Our condolences and prayers as a  
parish go to the families.

## CONFIRMATION GROUP

### FOODBANK APPEAL

Please help The Confirmation group  
support the Norwood & Brixton  
foodbank. Please bring any of the  
following with you when coming to  
Mass on the weekend of the  
**11th/12th December 2021 only:**  
UHT Milk, tinned fruit & vegetables,  
edible Christmas items (cakes etc),  
long-dated crisps, biscuits etc. Nothing  
containing alcohol please. We also need  
toiletries. If everybody could bring just  
one or two items, it would help make a  
real difference to those in ever greater  
need this Christmas. Foodbanks have  
never been in so much demand!

## **READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (cf Psalm 24:1-3)

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

### **FIRST READING** (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days, Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 response v 1)

**R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

### **SECOND READING** (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2)

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you, in the Lord Jesus, to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**(Psalm 84:8)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,  
and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL** (Luke: 21:25-28; 34-36)

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth, nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high because your liberation is near at hand.’

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (Psalm 84:13)

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.**

### **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**The office opens on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only, between the hours of 10.30am and 3.30pm.  
Please wear a face mask if you call at the front door.**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**

There will be an introductory meeting for **parents** who would like their children to make their First Holy Communion next year. This will be held on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm in the church**. Enrolment will be online, through the parish web site, instructions regarding which will be given to parents on the night, with the link being provided.

Catechists are desperately needed in order to deliver the 2022 programme. Please contact any of the priests if you may be able to help. Or please email Teresa Furtado: [trizfurtado@gmail.com](mailto:trizfurtado@gmail.com).

### **THE SEASON OF ADVENT HAS NOW BEGUN**

We are now in Liturgical Year C, the Year of Luke. Advent is not only a time to prepare for Christmas, but indeed to look forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time.

Weekday ferial Masses during Advent remain the same each year. We also take time to consider prayerfully the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, in our redemption.

We have now installed our beautiful new Advent Crown.

We light one candle every Sunday throughout Advent - each one of which has a special significance - until we reach Christmas itself, at which point all the candles will be lit together.

***Today, we light the first purple candle, which represents the real hope brought to the world by Jesus’ entry into creation.***

### **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

Please pick up your copy of this annual CAFOD catalogue from the stewards. You may send money direct to CAFOD who will provide, on your behalf, things that will help our deprived brothers and sisters to work towards a better life

### **POLYPHONY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

Remember to mark your diary for **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 2.30pm**, here in the church, as our annual Advent celebration with Christmas carols and scriptures returns after the restrictions of COVID. Just four weeks from today, as Advent draws to a close, why not come along and immerse yourself, through music, singing and scripture, in the coming birth of Our Blessed Lord?

There will be no entry charge this year.

### **RENOVATION OF BENCHES**

We are most grateful for the kindness of a parishioner, who recently began the task of sanding down and varnishing the tops of all the benches. The constant use of cleaning fluids throughout the pandemic has brought forward the need for this renovation.