

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(YEAR C)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

(Rose candle lit on Advent Crown)

6.15pm (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

Kathleen Carr RIP

8.30am Renato Orlando RIP

10am People of the parish

11.30am Intentions of Georgette Yoo Foo

5pm Patrick John Lacey RIP

## Third Week of Advent

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Mem)

St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7.30am Thanksgiving – Ohen family

10am Sheila Newman RIP

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Mem)

St John of the Cross, Priest &

Doctor of the Church

7.30am Kunal Ramrekha – exam success

10am Philip Cowie RIP

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Feria)

7.30am Intentions of Victor Mardell

10am Joseph Zhu Bao Geng RIP

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Feria)

7.30am Ina Cremin RIP

10am Teresa Jiang Ren Qiu RIP

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Feria)

7.30am Giovanni Mosconi RIP

10am Joseph Zhu Bao Geng RIP

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Feria)

10am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr C)

(3<sup>rd</sup> purple candle lit on Advent Crown)

6.15pm (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

Oliva Mshala RIP

8.30am Angelo Orlanduzzi RIP

10am Deceased members of the

Menezes & D'Costa families

11.30am People of the parish

(Plainchant choir singing)

2.30pm Christmas Carol Service with

the Polyphony Choir. Free entry.

Retiring collection for the SVP.

5pm Teresa Jiang Ren Qiu RIP

## 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.

## CURRENT COVID INFORMATION

Track & Trace Forms apply Sundays,

Saturday evenings, Holidays & funerals.

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.

Please inform us if you test positive.

**"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.

## OUR ADVENT CROWN

Today, Gaudete Sunday, we light the rose candle. We move from repentance towards the joy which Christmas brings.

This candle is also known as the Shepherd Candle, symbolising joy.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Madeline DeRuyter**, late of Dorset, and formerly of Hepworth Road, who died on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Madeline was one of our Brownie leaders, along with the late Hazel Timmins. Madeline also founded our Rainbow pack and instituted a daily playgroup. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the family.

## Funeral of Jim Hughes RIP

This will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 11am, followed by cremation at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road at 12 Noon.

## 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 download a Standing Order form here: <https://bit.ly/3ExB8aM>  
Year End Letters are not yet available.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

By tradition, your Christmas offerings across the Christmas weekend are your personal gift to our priests. Please take one of our beautifully printed Christmas Offering Envelopes, into which you may place your offering. If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme, you are kindly asked to write your Gift Aid number in the box provided.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POSTER

The Knights of St Columba will be distributing their Christmas posters this weekend, which you may put in your windows. Please consider making a donation to the Seminary Fund.  
NB: There is also a wall box in the porch for the Seminary Fund.

## CHRISTMAS CRIB ON STREATHAM COMMON

The Knights of St Columba have placed their crib on Streatham as a public demonstration of the central place of Christ in Christmas. Why not pay a visit and perhaps pray there before the crib?

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

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (Philippians 4:4-5)

**Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.**

### **FIRST READING** (Zephaniah 3:14-18)

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Isaiah 12:2-6, response v 6)

**R: Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength my song,  
he became my saviour. With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,  
declare the greatness of his name. **R.**
  3. Sing a psalm to the Lord,  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

### **SECOND READING** (Philippians 4:4-7)

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Isaiah 61:1(Luke 4:18))

**Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord  
has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news  
to the poor. Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL** (Luke 3:10-18)

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?', he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics, he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too, who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion!  
Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so

John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff, he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (cf Isaiah 35:4)

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Please contribute what you can towards beautifying the church for Christmas. There is a special wall box in the porch.

### **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

Please pick up your copy of this annual CAFOD catalogue from the stewards and help our brothers and sisters in need overseas.

### **MISSIO**

Miranda Forte has now taken over from Cynthia Jouan as our MISSIO organiser. New promoters are urgently needed. Promoters collect funds from box holders every 3 months, and help the organiser to recruit new boxholders. Please advise the parish office if you are interested in helping with the Mission of the Church to "Go, teach all nations!"

### **ST BART'S CALENDAR 2022**

This will be launched shortly. Please look out for the posters, and check on our parish web site for information on how to obtain one of these **Limited Edition** calendars.

### **ST BART'S DIARY 2022**

Please pick up your free diary from the Repository. You are invited to make an offering of your choice.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**

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)

### **CONFIRMATION GROUP FOODBANK COLLECTION**

Thanks to all those who have brought along items for the foodbank this weekend, making Christmas brighter for some needy people, and helping in the formation of our Confirmandi.

### **THE ULTIMATE RELATIONSHIP**

The Archdiocese of Southwark introduces a booklet by Catholic Christian Outreach of Canada. In just 18 pages, it explores our relationship with God, encouraging us to build upon that relationship, bearing in mind that relationships are mutual. We hope that you will find this publication to be helpful to you and your family members. It contains various helpful prayers and  
Copies will be available this weekend and beyond.

If you know anybody who might be showing an interest in the Catholic Faith, this might be something you could give to them

### **A DAY WITH MARY**

Next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at St George's Cathedral, Southwark from 10.15 am to 5.15pm. Lunch break at 12.15pm. Please take a packed lunch.