

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 11th December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 11th December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

(3rd Candle (Rose) on Advent Wreath is lit)

6.15pm (Saturday 10th December 2022)

Anna Dorian RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am SVP Intention

11.30am Gino Ippoliti RIP

4pm Rosary and Benediction

5pm Bridget Curtin RIP

Third Week of Advent

Monday 12th December 2022 (Mem)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7.30am Canon Colm Acton RIP

10am Fr Michael Creech CSsR RIP

2pm – 4pm UCM meeting

Tuesday 13th December 2022 (Mem)

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7.30am Joe Martin RIP

10am Deceased relatives and friends of

Richard & Sabina Bush

Wednesday 14th December 2022 (Mem)

Saint John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Philip Cowie RIP (22nd Anniversary)

Thursday 15th December 2022 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Sylvio Ah Soo Leen RIP

12pm Funeral of Anne Marie Naraine

Friday 16th December 2022 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Ellis Foundation Mass

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 17th December 2022 (Feria)

10am November Deceased List

Sunday 18th December 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

4th Candle (Purple) on Advent Wreath is lit)

6.15pm (Saturday 17th December 2022)

People of the parish

8.30am Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP

10am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

11.30am Rina Galassi RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing at this Mass)

2.30pm – Polyphony Choir Concert

(NB: No Benediction today)

5pm Philip McDermot RIP

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

***Mass:** Monday to Friday 7.30am;

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

***Confession:** Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.

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

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

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

***Rosary:** Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(Stations of the Cross during Lent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman,

Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Amelia Demby;

Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,

Terry Folorunso; Raffaella Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, 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,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo.

OUR ADVENT CROWN

Today, we light the rose - coloured candle, which represents joy. As Christmas approaches, the mood becomes a more joyous anticipation of the birth of Jesus, as reflected in today's readings, psalm and Gospel.

MASS COVER

Once again, with thanks, we welcome **Father Augustine (Gus) Kinnane**, to say the 8.30am & 10am Masses.

RECENTLY DECEASED

The funeral of

Anne Marie Naraine,

will take place here on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 12 Noon.

SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Teresa Furtado. To contact Teresa ***on Safeguarding matters only***, please call her on: 07933 614589.

FATHER DEO

Father Deo remains under strict medical orders to rest his foot following further surgery last Tuesday. His recovery will take a good while. He thanks you for all your good wishes and asks for your continued prayers at this time.

KSC CHRISTMAS POSTER



The Knights of St Columba will be distributing their traditional Christmas posters this weekend. Please take one and place it where it can be seen by others. As usual, you are requested, if possible, to make an offering towards the Seminary Fund, which helps in the training of future priests and deacons in our archdiocese. Please also say the Prayer for Vocations, printed in this newsletter.

PAPAL INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Give a gift of hope this Christmas!

You can help finance CAFOD's World Gifts this Christmas from the catalogue in the porch or online at:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

You may also click on the QR code below. World Gifts will help to transform lives in a challenging world.



THE SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese.

May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Please support the Archbishop's Appeal

Online: rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal/;

Or scan this QR code:



You can telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm: **020 7960 2504**.
For Cash & Cheques – Special envelopes in all porch areas.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

The School Reference Request Form may be found on our parish website here: <https://bit.ly/3RKDk5n>

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people tend to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too.

Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.

Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a Mass Intention if they cannot to make an offering.

ST BART'S POLYPHONY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS

Next Sunday 18th December 2022 at 2.30pm in the church.

You are warmly invited to come along to this traditional start to our Parish Christmas. Entry will be free. A retiring collection will be taken to support the vital work of the SVP, whose task in these times of financial hardship for so many, has greatly increased. Please give as generously as you can. Afterwards, you are invited to the hall to enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Carols & Readings

St. Bartholomew's Polyphony Choir
Orchestra, Organ & Reader

A Christmas Celebration

St. Bartholomew's Church

Junction of Ellison/Hepworth Roads SW16 5DE

Directors: Sitsafe Fiaka & Bernard Jupp

With members of St. Bartholomew's Orchestra

Organists: Tony Price Readers: Julie McDonagh

Sunday 18 December 2.30pm

Entry is FREE

Post-concert mulled wine and mince pies in the hall

Retiring collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society



www.polychoir.co.uk www.stbartsnorbury.co.uk
www.stbartholomeworchestra.co.uk

OLD STERLING AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

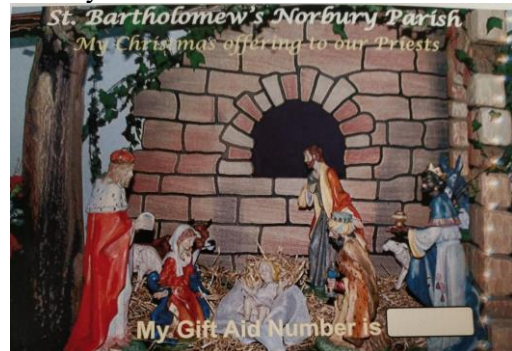
If you have any unwanted foreign currency, including old British money, please place it in the special basket which may be found in the main porch. The SVP, centrally, can obtain back some value from them to help with their vital work.

ADVENT DAY OF PENITENCE

This is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20th December 2022. Following the 10am Mass on that day, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through until Benediction at 7.30pm. Confessions will be available throughout the day, giving you the chance to prepare for Christmas. Further details next week.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

By tradition, your Christmas offering is your personal gift to our Priests, Father Deo & Father Augustine. Envelopes are now available in all porch areas. Those of you who Gift Aid your offerings are invited to use either one of these specially printed envelopes or the Christmas Offering envelope from your boxes. If you have still not collected your Gift Aid envelopes, including those of you who give by Standing Order, please ask for them next time you come to Mass at St Bartholomew's.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Outside the church, by the flagpole, you will see that our Christmas Tree has arrived and been hung with lights by a team of volunteers. We have a 19ft high tree this year, rather than the usual 25ft! Meanwhile, inside the church, beside the main altar, you will see a tree, again decorated by volunteers. This tree arrives outside our front door every year at this time! We thank our anonymous donor once again for such generosity.