

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 25th December 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 25th December 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8.30am John Joseph Murphy RIP

10am Mary Qian RIP

11.30am Mary Jiang RIP

(NB: No Benediction & No 5pm Mass)

The Octave of Christmas

Monday 26th December 2022 (Feast)

Saint Stephen, Deacon, the first Martyr

10am Intentions of Noleen McSweeney

Tuesday 27th December 2022 (Feast)

Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Ron Francis RIP

Wednesday 28th December 2022 (Feast)

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7.30am Fr Kenneth Berry RIP

10am Daryl Desa RIP

Thursday 29th December 2022 (Feast)

Saint Thomas of Canterbury,

Bishop & Martyr

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Abraham Ghandi RIP

Friday 30th December 2022 (Feast)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF

JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

7.30am Antoine Chung Ming Kan RIP

10am Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 31st December 2022

10am Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

Sunday 1st January 2023

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

6.15pm (Saturday 31st December 2022)

People of the parish

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Intentions of Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ

11.30am Recovery of Fr Deo

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm Mary Sequeira RIP

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY IN THE NEW YEAR MASS COVER

We welcome with thanks, once again, **Father David Standley** to say the 8.30am Mass this Christmas morning.

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, 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

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is closed until Tuesday 17th January 2023. Your contacts will be monitored throughout. Please wait patiently for a reply, remembering that Fr Deo is still under orders to rest, and Fr Augustine will be very busy indeed!

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD



Mary, Babe and Shepherd (Designed by Mitch)
Courtesy of www.image-source.co.uk

CHRISTMAS THANKS

Once again, we have many to thank for helping us to prepare for and to celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

It's impossible to name everybody! They include the Polyphony Choir, the orchestra, our faithful altar servers, sacristans, stewards, flower arrangers, our visiting priests. We thank also our anonymous Christmas tree donor, those who decorated it and put up the crib, and the team of volunteers who lit up the tree outside, and our gardener, who put up the lighted decorations outside the church.

To you all, whatever you did to help, and, of course, to all our parishioners, a very happy, peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the new year 2023. Our thanks too for all your cards and gifts, which were greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

By tradition, your Christmas offering is your personal gift to our Priests, Father Deo & Father Augustine. Envelopes are 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.

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.

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 can obtain
some value from such money, to help with their vital work,
which has become increasingly urgent in these hard times.

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.**

NEXT FREE COFFEE MORNING

Please come and join us for our first **free** coffee morning of
2023 on Sunday 8th January 2023 after all morning Masses.
It will be hosted by two of our Parish families and promises
to be a truly international event. We shall be holding two
coffee mornings per month from January 2023.

FLOWERS

We thank sincerely those who have been contributing
towards decorating the church with flowers.
They have, like everything else, become very much more
expensive. If you would like to help us to provide flowers,
which our talented flower arrangers always put to the best
possible use in adorning the church,
please put your donations, however small, into the wall box
in the main porch, clearly marked "Flowers".

SAFEGUARDING

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

LAST SUNDAY'S CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Our thanks to the Polyphony Choir, Orchestra and reader for
such a wonderful evening last Sunday. There was a retiring
collection for the SVP which, due to your generosity, raised
£297.35 which they will put towards helping others who are
less fortunate than ourselves. Sincere thanks to you all.

COFFEE MORNING THANKS

A total of £225.00 was raised by the Explorer Scouts at their
Coffee Morning in respect of Ariana's Scout Jamboree visit.
Many thanks to all who came along and supported this event,
and to anybody who might have made an online donation.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
Mary Sequeira, late of Addiscombe, and formerly of Norbury
Avenue, who went to meet the Risen Lord on **Thursday 15th
December 2022**. We were informed by her daughter Maureen.
Details of the funeral were not available at the time of printing.

OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB



OUR OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE



OUR TREE INSIDE THE CHURCH

