

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(YEAR A)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

### *Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023*

6.15pm (Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022)

People of the parish

8.30am The Holy Souls

10am The Holy Souls

11.30am Tony Tambirasa RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

### **4pm Benediction**

5pm Intentions of Mary O'Sullivan

### *Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 (Memorial)*

*Saints Basil the Great &*

*Gregory Nazianzen,*

*Bishops & Doctors of the Church*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Francis Gracias RIP

### *Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Christine Sambrook RIP

### *Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Memorial)*

*The Beatified Martyrs of our Diocese*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Patrick Flynn RIP

### *Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Patrick Hickey RIP

### *First Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Solemnity)*

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am People of the parish

Then, Adoration until Benediction at 2pm

**7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall**

### *Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Feria)*

10am Danielle D'Souza Garabello

(16<sup>th</sup> birthday)

### *Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

6.15pm (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

Joaquim Jacob Fernandes RIP

8.30am The Holy Souls

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

11.30am Intentions of Geoff Thompson

### **4pm Benediction**

5pm Intentions of Elizabeth Power

## 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,

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI,

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,

Fr Michael Jones, 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

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Of your charity, please pray for the

happy repose of the soul of

**Patrick James Flynn,**

of Heybridge Avenue, who died on

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The funeral for **Amelia Demby**

will take place here on

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

at 12.30pm.

## **FATHER AUGUSTINE IS LEAVING**

As many of you will know by now,

Father Augustine, who has been

On mission to us from his diocese in

Nigeria, has now been recalled by his

Bishop, who agreed to let us keep him

a little longer, as Fr Deo recovered.

We would not have got through these

last few years as well as we did

without the input of Fr Augustine.

It goes without saying that we shall all

miss him very much indeed.

Father Augustine will be leaving us in

just over two weeks. His final Mass

here will be the 10am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

January 2022. We shall be holding a

farewell celebration for him on the

evening of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

We shall also hold a special collection

for him as a gift from the parish.

Details will be finalised next week.

## **THE EPIPHANY**

A reminder that the Solemnity of the

Epiphany of the Lord is a Holy Day of

Obligation. Masses at 7.30am & 10am.

Whilst we currently advertise an evening

Mass, we have suspended this, due to

very low numbers attending, and only one

priest currently available. We shall

review the situation in due course.

## **FREE COFFEE MORNING**

Please do come along and join us for our

first free coffee morning of 2023 next

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 after all morning

Masses. To be hosted by two families

from our parish, it will be a truly

international event. We'll be holding two

coffee mornings per month from now on

## **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office is closed until Tuesday

17<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Your contacts will be

monitored throughout. Please wait

patiently for a reply.

### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Fr Michael Jones, former Parish Priest of St Bartholomew's, who is recovering from a recent slight stroke.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is reported to be seriously ill, possibly close to death. Join the world in praying for him.

### **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.**

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS THANKS**

We should like to formally thank everybody who worked so hard to make Christmas such a blessed and beautiful time. There are too many of you to thank individually, including those who spent hours decorating the church and the crib, the flower arrangers, all our faithful altar servers, our choirs, organists, readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To all of you, our grateful thanks. For, without your generous help, we could not have done anything. Thank you also most sincerely for your generous Christmas offerings to the clergy. May God reward you for your kindness. We wish you all a very Happy New Year.

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR PARISH?**

You may recall, some time before COVID, that we held a Parish Stewardship event, during which we explored the three areas of Time, Talents and Treasure, looking at what each of us might do for our parish, through giving of our time to help out, using our unique talents for the good of our parish, and reviewing our financial contributions, where possible.

As we emerge from COVID, accepting that it is not going to go away completely, and with the number of our regularly attending parishioners having fallen significantly, the new year might be an appropriate time to take stock and see what we might yet be able to achieve, bearing in mind also the current economic situation and how that has affected us all in various ways.

We are not planning to hold another Stewardship event at this stage, but would simply urge those of you who offered to help in various ways to come forward, if you are still both willing and able to do so, and let us know what you might be able to do to help your parish from now on.



The visit of the Magi, bearing gifts of gold,  
frankincense & Myrrh.

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### **PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2023**

#### **For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition, and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.