

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR A)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

*Third Sunday of Lent*

*Free Coffee Morning after all Morning Masses today*

6.15 pm (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

Michael Fitzgerald RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Sean O'Reilly RIP

11.30am Teresa Florek-Smail RIP

**4pm Stations of the Cross**

5pm People of the parish

## Third Week of Lent

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am Anna Marie McNamara RIP

10am Michael Thornton RIP

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am Intentions of Pope Francis on

the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his election

10am Mary Boadiwah Akaadom RIP

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

7.30am Joan Bryan RIP

10am Tony Kamalagharan RIP

**6pm Requiem Mass for Mary O'Sullivan**

*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Tom & Dick Bryan RIP

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Feast)*

**Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**

7.30am John Joseph Murphy RIP

10am People of the parish

**12noon Requiem for Angela Holness**

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

*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Feria)*

10am Tom Cafferkey RIP

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

**MOTHERS' DAY**

6.15 pm (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

Jack Oliver RIP

8.30am John Joseph Murphy RIP

10am Gerry O'Neill RIP

11.30am People of the parish

(Plainchant Choir singing at this Mass)

**4pm Stations of the Cross**

5pm Bridie McDonagh RIP

## NORMAL 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

Stations of the Cross Sunday 4pm

(Rosary & Benediction outside Lent)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

### AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére,

Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,

Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza,

Audrey Draude, 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, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ;

Georgette Yoo Foo

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the

soul of **Anna Marie McNamara**,

daughter of Nancy. Anna Marie died on

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish

go out to the family.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

## FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY

This will be after all morning Masses today. Do come and join the growing number of your fellow parishioners, and socialise whilst enjoying refreshments and tasty cakes! See you there!

## COFFEE MORNING THANKS

Our grateful thanks to Rubina, Catarina, Marco and Martinho for the wonderful Portuguese Coffee Morning last Sunday!

## GIFT AID "MONEY SUNDAY"

John Byrne, will be in the hall after all Masses next Sunday and the Saturday evening vigil Mass. Gift Aid information will be available, and you may ask questions directly to John.

For those who are taxpayers, the Church can recover an extra 25% on top of what you give under the Gift Aid scheme, without your having to do anything more than sign a form.

Also, you may wish to consider setting up a Standing Order, whether or not you are in the scheme. Please do come along to the hall to collect your box. If you already give by Standing Order, you will need to pick up an envelope containing Gift Aid envelopes for second collections, since Standing Orders do not cover them. We hope that as many will come to collect their envelopes, since, for the past few years, many have never picked them up, even since COVID times. The parish has to pay for these uncollected envelopes. Standing orders help to cut our costs, as well as enabling us to budget better.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

First Collection: £1183.98:

(Gift Aid £550.50; Non GA £633.48)

Plus Standing Orders £1962.00

CAFOD £1360.56:

(Gift Aid £695.00; Non GA £665.56)

(Gift Aid collected by CAFOD)

Also received last weekend:

Poor Parishes: Gift Aid £109.50

Clergy Support Fund: Gift Aid £90.00

(Gift Aid collected by the CSF)

### **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.

### **FLOWERS**

We thank sincerely those who have been contributing  
towards decorating the church with flowers.

If you would like to help us to provide flowers,  
please put your donations, however small, into the wall box  
in the main porch, clearly marked "Flowers".

### **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.**

### **SALESIAN SISTERS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY**

The Salesian Sisters are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
their Foundation with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Trott  
Street, Battersea, London SW11 3DS at 11.30am Saturday  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2023. If you would like to attend, please let Sr  
Breda know by email on: [bredafma@gmail.com](mailto:bredafma@gmail.com)

### **LAUNCH OF CARITAS SOUTHWARK**

This archdiocesan initiative aims to focus on actively showing  
God's love for others, and in particular those in need.

On Maundy Thursday in particular, we sing the words:  
"Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est."

which translates as:

"Where there is charity and love, there God is."

Caritas Southwark will be our Archdiocesan network to  
co-ordinate our practical loving service of others, putting faith  
into action. The availability of organisations which offer help  
varies across the archdiocese, with some parishes having many  
such groups, and others with just a few, dependent upon many  
local factors. Caritas Southwark has volunteers who have and  
will continue to give assistance to parishes and schools in order  
to support outreach to those in need.

The launch will be marked by a special Mass at St George's  
Cathedral, Southwark, at 12.30pm this coming Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
March 2023. All are welcome. A 'Roadshow' will follow in  
Amigo Hall, next to the Cathedral, where you can find out more.  
Refreshments will be served. Copies of a letter of invitation  
from His Grace Archbishop John Wilson to the official launch of  
Caritas Southwark, are available in the porch today.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Would all those people who currently clean the church, and  
anybody who would like to volunteer for this important weekly  
task, kindly contact the parish office with their names and  
contact details. These will then be collated, and groups will be  
formed, in order to establish a formal rota as soon as possible.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Further help is still needed in order to restart our Children's  
Liturgy group, who lead a 20-minute fun catechetical based  
session for 3-7-year olds during the 10am Mass each Sunday.

Any parishioner who is willing to join the current team of  
catechists to help once a month or who wants to have a chat  
about what it entails should contact Linda Harries on  
07770 623 230 or email: [lharries@gmail.com](mailto:lharries@gmail.com).

No experience is necessary as full training and support will be  
provided and a DBS check will be carried out on new volunteers,  
the cost of which will be met by the parish. The weekly "LOOK"  
sheets for our children are once again available in the main  
porch. We get 25 copies each week. Last week, only 5 were  
taken. If you would like one for your child, please ask one of the  
stewards if you cannot find the cardboard dispenser in which  
they are contained. Using this resource will help your younger  
children to learn something about the liturgy of the day, using  
pictures, puzzles and prayers. This provides an excellent  
opportunity to explain the Gospel simply to little ones.

### **LENTEN DAY OF PENITENCE 2023**

This annual opportunity to receive the Sacrament of  
Confession as part of your Easter Obligation will take place  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. After the 10am Mass,  
the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar.  
Adoration will continue and Confessions will be available  
throughout the day until Benediction at 7pm.

You are strongly encouraged to set aside time to attend.

### **THANKS FOR MASS COVER**

We thank Father David Standley and Father Gus Kinnane, both  
retired from full time priestly ministry, who continue to make  
themselves available to say Masses on Sundays whilst Father  
Deo's recovery continues and until we have news of when we  
shall be welcoming a new assistant priest.