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Sunday 24th September 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 24th September 2023 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS FIRST WEEKEND OF ANNUAL MASS COUNT 6.15pm (Saturday 23rd September 2023) Mary & Joseph Vassallo RIP 8.30am Clinton & Kerry D'Silva

(Wedding day) (Coffee after this Mass) 10am For the return of lapsed Catholics

11.30am People of the parish (Coffee after this Mass) (Hymn Choir) 4pm Rosary & Benediction 5pm Christopher Carroll (100th birthday)

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORD TIME Monday 25th September 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls 10am Maria Luisa & Pedro Rojas RIP Tuesday 26th September 2023(Mem) Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs 7.30am The Holy Souls 10am Ellis Foundation Mass

Wednesday 27th September 2023 (Mem) Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Birthday Intentions of Gerard Cowie

7.30pm PPC Meeting in the hall Thursday 28th September 2023 (Mem)

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr 7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Birthday Intentions of Jean Cowie

Friday 29th September 2023 (Feast) Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

7.30am The Holy Souls 10am Thomas Corr RIP

7pm - 9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 30th September 2023 (Mem)

Saint Jerome, Priest & **Doctor of the Church**

10am Mary Yeats RIP

Sunday 1st October 2023 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME ROSARY SUNDAY

SECOND WEEKEND OF ANNUAL MASS COUNT 6.15pm (Saturday 30th September 2023)

November Deceased List 8.30am Intentions of Jean Cowie 10am Joe Moynihan RIP 11.30am SVP Intention

(Polyphony Choir)

4pm Rosary & Benediction 5pm People of the parish

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

(Coffee after this Mass) (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, 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, Elsy Mickle, Pat Nawrat, Thomas Pereira, Terezinha Po. David Price. Sheila Price. Angel Rojas, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ, Georgette Yoo Foo.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE The next course will take place on both

Saturdays 7th & 14th October 2023 at 2.30pm. You must attend both sessions. After the course, you may book a date for Baptism. Please collect

a Baptism Details Form from the porch, complete it in ink, paying close attention to the section on Godparents,

and return it to the Parish Office

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Would counters please count the number of people at all Masses this weekend, then the next three weekends.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 The closing date for registration is Friday 10th October 2023.

Registration will be online only, by clicking on this link:

https://tinyurl.com/HolyComm24

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY!

In the hall after all morning Masses, with the Daughters of Divine Love, in support of their charitable work. Also, raffle tickets and entry tickets for their forthcoming Dinner Dance.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

Reference Forms are available on our parish website: https://bit.lv/3PnMExD

Hard copies are in the main porch. The forms explain the entire process. NB: Please ensure that you consult the Parish Priest of your previous parish, if you have been here at St Bart's for less than 3 years.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The next session is on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at BTG school. (Details in the published programme.)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS Basket 837.61:

(Gift Aid: £359.33; Non-G/A: £478.28) Plus Standing Orders: £751.67. Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation Collection: £213.83

PARISH OFFICE & HOLIDAYS

Due to holidays, the Parish Office will not now be fully manned until Wednesday 11th October 2023. We ask that you wait patiently for a reply to your enquiries. When leaving an answerphone message, please state your name and details clearly, spelling any unusual words, and giving what information you can as to the reason for your call. You will be replied to as soon as possible.

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.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Schools Open Events may be found in the light brown folder in the main porch. This folder also contains details on job opportunities in the Catholic world.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10AM SUNDAY MASS

Children from school Nursery and up to Year 3 are invited, at the beginning of 10am Sunday Mass, to process into the sacristy for a child - themed gospel session, including singing and activities. The children will then re-join the mass before communion. Please encourage your child to attend this fun and friendly session.

All children need to be able to attend independently of their parents/carers, and only parish DBS checked adults can remain in the sessions. Should you wish to volunteer to be part of this group of adults, please let the parish office know, as more help is needed.

The parish will fund any necessary DBS checks.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

There is to be a seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities". This will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 28th October 2023 from 9.30am to 4pm. All are welcome. Register at https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W
For further information, please email:

racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP RIP

Bishop Howard Tripp's first anniversary of death is on 3rd October 2023. There will be a Year's Mind Mass for him - celebrated at St George's Cathedral - the day after, on **Wednesday 4th October** at **12.30pm**. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant.

This Mass will be simply the usual lunchtime Cathedral Mass, but it was felt important to mark Bishop Howard's first anniversary in some small way, in the place where he lies at rest in the Cathedral crypt.

Bishop Howard gave 24 years of devoted episcopal service as Auxiliary Bishop in the South West Area of the Diocese, and continued his episcopal service indirectly during his 18 years of retirement. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Everyone is most welcome to attend the Mass.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2023

A timely reminder that the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day occurs on Friday, 6th October 2023. This is an opportunity, for all those who can afford it, to help our brothers and sisters abroad, in developing and 'third world' countries, to improve their daily lives in various practical ways; to help provide them with the basics of life which we, all too often, tend to take for granted.

The collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day will be taken on the weekend of Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October 2023. Special CAFOD envelopes will be available for this collection. *Please do NOT use weekly Gift Aid envelopes*. The special CAFOD envelopes will enable you to Gift Aid

your contributions. Alternatively, you may make payment using your mobile phone to read the special QR Code which will be found on posters in the porch.

<u>Any cheques should be made payable to CAFOD - NOT to St Bartholomew's,</u>

Here is a link to donate via the CAFOD website: bit.ly/3Rtfj5R



"'Why be envious because I am generous?' " (Matthew 20:16) Picture courtesy of https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/ordinary25a.htm;

HAVE YOU LEFT THE GIFT AID SCHEME?

Many boxes of envelopes remain uncollected from the porch. It may be that you have left the scheme. Please inform the Parish Office of your status. It costs the parish money to have envelopes printed, and we could reduce that cost where anybody has left the scheme, or if they might like to take up a Standing Order.