

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(YEAR A)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**

**KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Solemnity)**

6.15pm (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023)

Dominic Mascarenhas RIP & Eliza

Mascarenhas (78<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

8.30am For the return of lapsed Catholics

10am People of the parish

**12 Noon Confirmation Mass with**

**Bishop Philip Moger (Polyphony)**

*4pm Benediction*

5pm Mary Durkin RIP

*7pm Orchestra & Choir concert at*

*All Saints, West Dulwich, SE21 8JY*

## THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORD TIME

*Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am Jose & Felicidad Farrao RIP

10am Christine Nicol RIP

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am Fr Kenneth Berry RIP

10am Sylvette Mungur RIP

*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am Mary Houlihan RIP

10am Deacon Kevin Dunne RIP

*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Feast)*

*Saint Andrew, Apostle,*

*Patron of Scotland*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Mike Netherwood RIP

*First Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am November Deceased List

10am Wellbeing of Mick Kane

*Then Adoration until Benediction at 2pm*

*7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the hall*

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023*

*The Blessed Virgin Mary*

10am Thanksgiving – Ndubuisi Muoghalu

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**

6.15pm (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023)

Terrence Plant RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Dominic Mascarenhas RIP

11.30am Joe & Anna Marie

McNamara RIP

(Polyphony)

*4pm 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**

**(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, THOSE**  
**UNDERGOING TREATMENT & 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, John DeWaal,

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, Thomas Pereira,

Terezinha Po, Sheila Price, Angel Rojas,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira,

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.

## SUNDAY MASS COVER

We welcome, once again, Father David

Standley, to say the 10am Mass today.

## FATHER PAUL IS AWAY

Until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES &

## SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please check the brown folder in the main

porch Also, see: [St James the Great RC](#)

[Primary & Nursery School - Job](#)

[Vacancies](#)

## CONFIRMATION 2023

We welcome Bishop Philip Moger, who is with us today to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pray for our 46 Confirmandi as they reach this important milestone in their spiritual lives, that the Holy Spirit will come down upon them, giving them the spiritual strength they will require as they go forward in their lives, as Bishop Philip says to each one,

**“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”**

We thank all our devoted catechists who prepared candidates for this day.



**“Receive the Holy Spirit” (Jn 20:22)**

Picture courtesy of [www.salfordliturgy.org.uk](http://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk)

***The final session will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, at Bishop Thomas Grant School.***

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Basket: £904.20:**

**(Gift Aid: £330.02; Non-G/A: £574.18)**

**Plus Standing Orders: £648.67**

## KNIGHT OF ST COLUMBA

## CHRISTMAS POSTERS

These will be available commencing the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

You are invited to make a donation towards the Seminary Fund.

## STREATHAM COMMON CRIB

The Knights of St Columba Crib will be on Streatham Common the same weekend. Do pay it a visit, if you can.

## REPOSITORY

The Repository has a great selection of cards and gifts for Christmas.

Why not pop in and take a look? Last minute Confirmation gifts may also be purchased from the Repository.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please donate using the special wall box in the main porch.

Our wonderful flower arrangers will create displays to  
enhance the church during the Christmas season.

### NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Special envelopes may be placed in the basket beneath  
the main altar all Masses during November. Any  
offerings may be Gift Aided. Each month, from  
December onwards, Mass will be offered for all those  
you list, as part of the **November Deceased List**.

### STREATHAM ST BART'S CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

50<sup>th</sup> year concert **this evening** at 7pm, at  
All Saints Church, West Dulwich, London SE21 8JY.  
Please see the poster in the porch for details.

### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

#### **Give a gift of hope this Christmas**

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has  
been made to us with our sisters and brothers around  
the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for  
family and friends this Christmas online at  
<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a  
catalogue in church. You may also click on the QR  
code which is in the catalogue. World Gifts such as  
"Health Clinic", "Forest School", and  
"Water for a Family" will help transform lives in a  
world filled with challenges.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Please would those altar servers available to serve over  
Christmas please sign up via the sign-up sheet in the  
sacristy, or alternatively, over email by  
contacting [norburymc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:norburymc@rcaos.org.uk)

(For safeguarding reasons, parents of those aged under 18  
years should email on behalf of their children.)

We hope to see as many of you as we have in past years  
and welcome in particular our newer altar servers!

Here are the details you will need:

#### **Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December 2023**

##### **6.00pm Family Mass**

*A short 30min practice for this Mass will take place on  
Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm*

#### **Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December 2023**

##### **Midnight Mass**

*A short 30min practice for this Mass will take place on  
Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm*

**Christmas Day 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.30am Masses**  
*No Practice for these Masses, but please sign up as it  
would be great to have Altar Servers at each of them.*

### ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, we begin our preparation  
for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. We move into  
Liturgical Year B (the year of the evangelist Mark), and  
start using our turquoise coloured Parish Mass Books.

Music and decorations become somewhat moderate,  
reflecting the character of the season. Our Advent Wreath  
will come back into use, and the first purple candle, known  
as the Prophecy Candle.

### CHRISTMAS AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Please take one of our Parish Christmas Cards, which are to  
be found in all porch areas. These cards carry Christmas  
wishes from all our clergy. They also contain details of all  
Masses and services from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 2023, right through to the New Year of 2024.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

By tradition, your offering at Christmas is your personal  
gift to our priests, Father Deo and Father Paul. You will  
find, in all porch areas, specially produced envelopes, in  
which you may enclose your offering. Also, if you are a  
member of the Gift Aid Scheme, you may write your Gift  
Aid number in the box provided. Alternatively,  
you may wish to use the Christmas Day envelope from  
your personal set of Gift Aid envelopes.

### CHURCH DOORS

All our automatically closing doors have now been fully  
serviced. Please allow doors to close behind you on their own,  
and please do not force them shut, as this causes damage. Also,  
please do not operate any of the latches inside the main doors.  
They are not for keeping doors ajar.

### NO PARISH DIARIES FOR 2024

Like many parishes this year, we shall not be able to issue a  
diary, since the company which produced them only  
recently went out of business.  
We hope for an alternative for 2025.