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Sunday 24th December 2023 – Sunday 14th January 2024

CHRISTMAS 2023 AND NEW YEAR 2024

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 24th December 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B

Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers

Today we light the third purple candle on our Advent Wreath, which represents the peace Christ brings into the world.

6.15pm (Saturday 23rd December 2023)

Mary & Joseph Vassallo RIP

8.30am Delphine Desa (86th Birthday)

10am People of the parish

11.30am Intentions of Anita Blaquiére

NB: No Benediction; No 5pm Mass

Also Sunday 24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm Children's Carols and nativity play

6.15pm Christmas Mass for children

11.30pm Carols with Polyphony Choir

12 Midnight Mass of Christmas

Octave of Christmas

Tuesday 26th December 2023

St Stephen, Deacon, the first Martyr (Feast)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Dominic Mascarenhas RIP

Wednesday 27th December 2023

St John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Gabriele Migale RIP

1.15pm Requiem for Reeda D'Souza

Thursday 28th December 2023 (Feast)

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

7.30am Return of lapsed Catholics

10am Daryl Desa RIP

Friday 29th December 2023 (Feast)

St Thomas of Canterbury,

Bishop and Martyr,

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Abraham Ghandi RIP

Saturday 30th December 2023

Sixth day within the Octave of

the Nativity of the Lord

10am Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune

Sunday 31st December 2023 (Feast)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY & JOSEPH

6.15pm (Saturday 30th December 2023)

For all families in our parish

8.30am Keith & Aoife Higgins

10am Ron Francis RIP

11:30am Intentions of Kathleen & Kieran

(Hymn Choir)

4.00pm Benediction

5pm Clementina Fernandes RIP

12 Midnight Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

People of the parish

Monday 1st January 2024 (Solemnity)

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10.00am People of the parish

(NB: No 7.30am Mass)

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 (Memorial)

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs. of the Church

7.30am Intentions of Gerry & Marie

& families

10am Margaret & John White RIP

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

7.30am The Holy Souls

10.00am Mary O'Sullivan RIP

Thursday 4th January 2024 (Memorial)

The Beatified Martyrs of our Diocese

7.30am The Holy Souls

10.00 Intentions of Billy & Kathleen

O'Toole & family

First Friday 5th January 2024 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10.00am Intentions of Noel O'Hara

Then Adoration until Benediction at 2pm

Saturday 6th January 2024 (Feria)

10.00 Intentions of Iggy Fernandes

Sunday 7th January 2024 (Solemnity)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6.15pm (Saturday 6th January 2024)

Mary & Joseph Vassallo RIP

8.30am Mary Kelly RIP

10am People of the parish

11.30am Intentions of Alan Blaquiére

(50th Birthday 31st December 2023)

(Polyphony Choir)

4pm Benediction

5pm Pobrina Fernandes RIP

Monday 8th January 2024 (Feast)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

Ordinary Time Before Lent

Tuesday 9th January 2024 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Richard Cummins

Wednesday 10th January 2024 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am The Holy Souls

Thursday 11th January 2024 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Antonio D'Alessio RIP

Friday 12th January 2024 (Memorial)

Saint Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Michael Netherwood (RIP)

Saturday 13th January 2024 (Memorial)

Saint Hilary, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

Sunday 14th January 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

6.15pm (Saturday 13th January 2024)

8.30am The Holy Souls

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am The Holy Souls

(Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am Geoff Thompson RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm The Holy Souls

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

***Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am;**

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

***Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass, until 11.30am then 5pm – 6pm.**

***Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);**

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(1st Friday after 10am Mass

until 2pm)

***Rosary: Monday – Saturday**

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(Stations of the Cross during Lent)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2023/24 AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Our sincere thanks to all who have worked so hard to make the Celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord such a resounding success!

From the Altar servers, to the choir, the cleaners, and those who put up the crib and decorations, thank you!

May Christ abundantly bless you all this Christmas and always.

On New Year's Eve, there will be an extra Mass at Midnight as we enter the New Year of 2024 in the company of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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.

FATHER DEO IS TAKING A HOLIDAY

Father Deo is preparing for his winter break. This year, he
will be travelling to Ghana on Thursday 11th January 2024,
thence to Tanzania the following week. He returns to us on
Thursday 25th January 2024. Father Gus Kinnane will once
again be coming out of retirement to cover the 8.30am and
10am Masses on Sundays 14th & 21st January 2024.

We are most grateful to him.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The inaugural Mass for our First Holy Communicants and
their families is scheduled for 10am on Saturday 20th
January 2024. After Mass, there will be a meeting for the
parents along with a tour of our beautiful church.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next one will take place at

8pm on Wednesdays **17th & 24th January 2024.**

Please complete a Baptism Details Form **in full** and return it
to the Parish Office. You must attend both sessions.

THE FAMILY CHOIR

Organist, Louis Pearson, is planning to restart the Family
Choir. This choir has not been active for several years, and
has been greatly missed. Handouts are available in the porch
areas. Please contact Louis to register your interest:

Louispearson1992@live.com or call 07931 792254.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners, and those receiving treatment:

Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake,
Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese,
Agnes Buckley, Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,
Jean Cowie, 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,
Andrew McMillan, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
Kathleen Lawrence,

late of Shirley, and formerly of Forrest Gardens.

Kathleen, known as Kathy, wife of Ray,
died on Sunday 3rd December 2023.

The Lawrence family were parishioners here for 50 years,
and many of you will no doubt remember them.
May Kathleen Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We should like to welcome new Altar Servers to our team.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server,
please email norburymc@rcaos.org.uk, and you will then
receive a link to an online application form.

Permission from parents or guardians will be required.

The only requirement is that you have made your
First Holy Communion.

**Two linked training sessions,
both of which you must attend,
will take place at 6pm on
Sunday 14th January 2024 &
Sunday 21st January 2024.**

Please note that anybody aged 18 or over will require a DBS
check, the cost of which will be borne by the parish.

