

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

(YEAR B)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024*

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YR B**

8.30am P.A. Macken RIP

*(Coffee Morning after this Mass)*

10am Elenor Finn RIP

*(Coffee Morning after this Mass)*

11.30am People of the parish

**NB: No Benediction and no 5pm Mass**

## OCTAVE OF EASTER

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024*

10am Ellis Foundation Mass

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024*

7.30am Mario Rodrigues RIP

10am Gaëtan Yan-Leung RIP

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024*

7.30am Rev Huebert Miranda RIP

10am Daniel & Juliann Linehan RIP

*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Mary & Joseph Vassallo RIP

*First Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Wellbeing of Sean Kearney

**Adoration until 10pm**

**7pm-9pm Youth Club in the hall**

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

10am Maeve Barratt RIP

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

6.15pm (Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024)

Robert Adamowicz RIP

8.30am November Deceased List

10am Shirley D'Souza RIP

11.30am Hazel & Andy McCrystal

and family (Foundation Mass)

**4pm Benediction**

5pm People of the parish

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There was a fantastic response to the introduction of this great apostolate in our parish. A committee has been formed to help things run smoothly.

Adoration recommences on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024, commencing with 10am Mass, through until Benediction at 10pm (no adoration before Mass), then every Friday except during the summer holiday period.

## OUR NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

**Monday – Saturday: 10am;**

**Morning Prayer –**

**Monday – Saturday 9.15am;**

**\*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:**

**Monday-Thursday & Saturday 9.30am**

**Friday after 10am Mass until 10pm;**

**\*Rosary: Monday – Thursday &**

**Saturday after 10am Mass**

**Sunday 4pm with Benediction**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK,**

**THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT**

**& THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND:**

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, Giovanni Franco,

Daniel Furtado, Rachel Gadd, Mary Gibbs,

Michael Goodwin; 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, Ajitha Mahatantila,

Mary Meyern, Elsy Mickle,

Thomas Pereira, Terezinha Po,

Angel Rojas, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,

Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira,

Christine Shaughnessy, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Ivete Vaz,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ,

Georgette Yoo Foo

## A WORD OF THANKS

Thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare our church for the Easter Triduum: the flower arrangers, banner hangers, altar servers, choirs and Children's Liturgy Group. We can't name everybody, but we thank you sincerely for your efforts.

## COFFEE MORNING WITH FATHER PAUL UBEBE OMV

Father Paul's last Masses here will be this morning. You will have an opportunity to say your goodbyes at a special Coffee Morning after the 8.30am and 10am Masses.

We thank Fr Paul for his service to this parish over the past year. Our prayers go with him as he moves on.

## OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

The name of our new priest is

**Father Damian Ildigwe.**

We look forward to welcoming

Father Damian, who arrives on

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session, *for children* will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at

**St James the Great School from**

**10am – 11.30am as per programme.**

***All children must be registered in the***

***Sacristy at Mass on Sundays.***

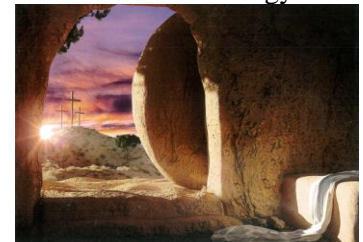
## RECENT COLLECTION

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Basket: £1201.78:**

**Gift Aid: £342.96; Non G/A: 858.82**

## EASTER CARDS AND OFFERINGS

Please take a Parish Easter Card away with you. It contains Easter greetings from all our clergy.



You will also find Easter Offering Envelopes in which to place your personal gift to our priests. If you are a member of our Gift Aid Scheme, please ensure that you write your Gift Aid number clearly in the box provided.

## NEW WASHROOM FACILITIES

We now have new contractors looking after the washroom and hygiene facilities in both the church and the hall.

You should notice a marked difference. Paper items will continue to be sourced separately, and we ask you to let us know should anything run out.

### 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.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next course will take place on

**Saturdays 20<sup>th</sup> April and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 2.30pm**  
in each case. If you have not attended a course in the past  
three years, you will need to sign up. You must attend both  
sessions. Godparents are welcome to attend the second  
session in particular. Ideally, there should be a Godfather  
and a Godmother. Where this is not possible, there must be  
at least one Godparent. **Godparents must be Baptised,  
Confirmed Practising Catholics, aged 16 or over;**  
otherwise, they may only act as Witnesses.

Please pick up a Baptism Details Form from the main  
porch, complete it and return it to the parish office. A date  
for Baptism may be chosen upon completion of the course.  
Baptisms take place on most Sundays of the year at 1pm.

### SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding issues may be raised with either Teresa  
Furtado, Father Deo, the Parish Office or by calling the  
Archdiocesan Safeguarding office on 020 7261 1606.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

This takes place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Please see the  
poster in the porch for details. There will be a coach running  
from Virgo Fidelis Church, Upper Norwood.  
Cost £50.00.



### AN EASTER THOUGHT

Once again, we are celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus from the  
dead. We celebrate the momentous event which is the basis of our  
faith; this, more than anything, conclusively proves that Jesus is, as

He claimed to be, God and, therefore, Conqueror of Death. Jesus  
took on our Human Nature, living (though without sin) and dying  
as will we all. Because He then, through His Godly, Power, took up  
again the life He had laid down on Calvary, He opened the way for  
every one of us (should we so choose) to follow Him into Eternal  
Happiness; the broken route to our created destiny was restored.

We are offered the chance to, one day, pass beyond this limited  
earthly life to join Him eternally in our True Home, Heaven!  
Through the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Mass and Sacraments, Christ  
is, as He promised, with us, "...until the end of time". Every  
Communion, received in the State of Grace, strengthens the Grace  
first received in Baptism. Should we lose this Life through Mortal  
Sin we are assured, should we repent, of its restoration to our Soul  
through the Sacrament of Reconciliation; an interrupted journey  
resumed. We must *never* fall prey to the myth that Confession is  
*only* for Grave Sins. Neither, however 'minor' are our faults,  
should we be content with doing the 'bare minimum' going, maybe,  
once a year. Just as every 'little' sin weakens our Spiritual health,  
so every Confession, however 'trivial' we may consider our sins,  
makes us Spiritually more 'robust'. The Catechism of the Catholic  
Church (1458) explains very clearly the immense benefits of  
regularly confessing what are called venial sins.

In our age of widespread education for all, ignorance is, generally,  
no excuse for departing from the '*straight and narrow way*'.  
Through the teachings of the Church, challenging as we may well  
find them, we can be sure of knowing what we must do (*or not do*)  
in order, one day, to share in Christ's Risen Life in Heaven.  
Satan, of course, is only too aware of the immense Power opposing  
him, a Power which will, eventually, totally *vanquish* him. He  
does not cease to try and spread confusion and dissent, sadly,  
sometimes among Catholics too; one may find oneself unpopular  
for upholding the Truth. The mass media can, as we are aware,  
be a tool for good or evil. Alarmingly, there can sometimes be  
presented to us a somewhat one-sided view of Divine Love. God  
loves us. Of that there is no doubt; He created us to, ultimately,  
enjoy Eternal Happiness - again true! We do well to remember,  
though, that if we are to get there, we too, have a part to play. We,  
as Human Beings, are endowed with Intelligence and Free Will. As  
St. Augustine noted, "*God, who created you without your consent,  
will not (it could read **cannot**) save you without your co-operation.*"  
In other words, if we are to attain Heaven we must work at it, be to  
the best of our ability, obeying God's Laws - challenging as  
they may - or, to put things another way, to reach our journey's  
hoped-for end we must follow the route map! If we misuse a  
domestic appliance and it goes wrong, it is no use claiming under  
the guarantee! Likewise, with our God-given life;

It must be lived *in accordance with the Maker's Instructions*  
in order to lead us to Heaven.