St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 21st April 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday World Day of Prayer for Vocations Second Collection today is for the **Priest Training Fund** 6.15pm (Saturday 20th April 2024) People of the parish 8.30am Catherine O'Neill RIP 10am Pietro Mobile RIP 11.30am David & Sheila Price RIP (Plainchant Choir singing) **4pm Benediction**

5pm For an increase in Vocations

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER Monday 22nd April 2024 (Feria) 7.30am Anne Sequeira RIP 10am Nick Sparshatt RIP

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 (Solemnity) Saint George, Patron of England 7.30am Clarence (Sunbun) Macdonald RIP 10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

Wednesday 24th April 2024 (Feria) 7.30am The Holy Souls 10am David Clark RIP (1st anniversary)

Thursday 25th April 2024 (Feast) Saint Mark, Evangelist 7.30am Wellbeing of Christopher and his children 10am Eric Stephen Bethune RIP

Friday 26th April 2024 (Feria) 7.30am Fr David Standley RIP 10am Bosco Crasto RIP Adoration continues until 10pm 7pm-9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 27th April 2024 (Feria) 10am Christine Clark RIP 12 Noon – First Holy Communions (1)

Sunday 28th April 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Second Collection today is for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral 6.15pm (Saturday 27th April 2024) Joseph & Anne Gabrielle 50th Wedding Anniversary 8.30am David Clark RIP 10am Wellbeing of Chris Stapleton 12 Noon – First Holy Communions (2) **4pm Benediction** 5pm People of the parish

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, Eileen Buckley, Philip Chapman, 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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Magdalena Colairo of Kilmartin Avenue, who died on Thursday 4th April 2024. Her Requiem takes place here on Monday 13th May 2024 at 12 Noon. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory! Condolences and prayers to the family.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Please pray for all those children who will be making their First Holy Communion next weekend at special Masses, both at 12 Noon, on Saturday 27th April and Sunday 28th April 2024. Please note that seating priority will be given to the children and their families

and friends attending those Masses.

REPOSITORY NEWS

The Repository is replete with gifts and cards for First Holy Communion. Remembering that our First Holy Communions take place next weekend, please visit the Repository and choose what you would like to purchase before stock runs out!

GOING FORTH HELP PLEASE!

Parents of those children who made their First Holy Communion in 2023 are asked to come forward to help with the Going Forth Lunch for this year. It will take place on Sunday May 11th 2024 after the Going Forth Mass at 12 Noon, between approximately 1.15pm and 2pm. Please would you contact Teresa on 07742 911152 as soon as possible if you are willing to help with this task.

COFFEE MORNING THANKS

A big thankyou to Rubina, Marco, Catarina and their families for treating us all to such amazing goodies at our coffee morning last Sunday. If you would be interested in hosting a coffee morning, please get in touch via the parish office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION Our next course takes place on both Wednesday 3rd July 2024 and Wednesday 10th July 2024. Please apply using a Baptism Request form, to be found in the main porch.

RECENT COLLECTION 14th April 2024 Basket: £934.80: Gift Aid: £145.18; Non G/A: £789.62

LONDON ASSEMBLY AND MAYORALTY ELECTIONS

Please note that the hall will be closed all day on Thursday 2nd May 2024, as our hall will be used as a polling station.

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.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY

New stock has now been obtained, which you will shortly begin to see appearing in the CTS rack outside the Repository. There are many leaflets, prayer books and devotional booklets, including those on the Sacraments, the Catholic faith, lives of the saints, the Gospels, Catechetics and surviving modern life. Please make your purchases and post the money into the wall box to the right of the main door, marked 'Papers & CTS'.

GIFT AID NEWS

We are currently in the process of changing to new Gift Aid Organisers, and we hope to have all your new boxes and packs of envelopes ready for you shortly. We owe a great debt of gratitude to John Byrne, who has been our Gift Aid Organiser for many years now. We shall let you know who the new people are very soon.

NEW 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 <u>norburymc@rcaos.org.uk</u> in order to receive a link to an online application form. The only requirement is that you have made your First Holy Communion. Two linked training sessions will take place at 6pm on Sunday 12th May 2024 and Sunday 19th May 2024 It is important to note that prospective servers should attend <u>both</u> sessions.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Today is designated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. **The Priest Training Fund** provides Ecclesiastical Education for future priests and permanent deacons in our Archdiocese. It also supports the formation of the clergy. Regardless of your Gift Aid status, please use the special envelopes provided by the Archdiocese. These envelopes also contain information on those men who are currently at Seminary. It also contains the Prayer for Vocations. You do not have to be a member of our Gift Aid scheme if you wish to Gift Aid your contributions. Please make any cheques payable to: **RCAS PRIEST TRAINING FUND.**

MAINTENANCE OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Next Sunday 28th April 2024, there will be a collection for the **Maintenance of St George's Cathedral, Southwark**, the mother church of our archdiocese. The proceeds of this collection help to meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. Please give whatever you can to help in this task.

A DAY WITH MARY

Please see posters in the main porch for details of events taking place across the archdiocese. The next one within our own deanery takes place at St Bede's, Clapham Park, on Saturday 4th May 2024.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK FAST DAY

On Saturday 27th April 2024, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally, we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

In case you did not see it yet here is The Catholic Herald short article by Clare McCulloch about the Pro-Life struggle and why

fasting and prayer are so important. Please do read it: <u>https://catholicherald.co.uk/can-pray-and-fasting-really-make-any-</u> difference-when-it-comes-to-abortion/

PROPOSALS TO LOWER ABORTION TIME LIMIT

Given the advances made in modern medicine over the past few decades, with babies being able to survive outside the womb at 22-23 weeks, our current 24-week limit is now ripe for change.

The introduction of a lower limit of 20 weeks is gaining momentum. It is worth noting that across Europe, other countries have a limit of 12 weeks, so our nation's limit is far too high. Please take one of the "Harry & Harley" cards from the porch and send it to your MP, regardless of their position on abortion. All you will need to add is a postage stamp.

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.

PAPAL INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024

Let us pray for the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.