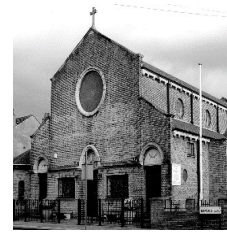


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Sunday 1st December 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(YEAR C)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS:

Sunday 1st December 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

New Lectionary and Parish Mass Book available in the Church

Saturday 6.15 pm (30th November 2024)

November Deceased List

8:30am Mary Houlhan RIP

10am Cathy Nicholls RIP

11:30am Francis Butler RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4pm Benediction

5pm Mary Durkin RIP

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday 2nd December 2024 (Feria)

7:30am November Deceased List

10am Ildeberto Dias Gomes RIP

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 (Memorial)

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30am Marie Evans RIP

10am Piedade Fernandes RIP

Wednesday 4th December 2024 (Mem)

Saint John Damascene,

Priest and Doctor of the Church.

7:30am Phillip Duffy RIP

10am Cathy Nicholls RIP

Thursday 5th December 2024 (Mem)

Saint John Almond, Priest and Martyr

7:30am Intentions of the Dogde Family

10am Fabian Tavares RIP

Friday 6th December 2024 (Memorial)

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

7:30am The Holy Souls

10am Antoine Chung Mink Kan

Saturday 7th December 2024 (Meml)

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

10am Iris Bryan RIP

Sunday 8th December 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

Saturday 6.15 pm (7th December 2024)

Vincentina Mascarenhas RIP

8:30am Natalia Teresa Snieg RIP

(Coffee Confirmation Group)

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

(Coffee Confirmation Group)

11:30am Joe & Anna Marie McNamara RIP

(Coffee Confirmation Group)

4pm Benediction

5pm Wellbeing of Theo Ferreira

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mass: Monday – 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:

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 Blaquiére,

Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

John DeWaal, Audrey Draude,

Eileen Dunne, Terry Folorunso,

Mary Ellen Fox, Giovanni Franco,

Rachel Gadd, Mary Gibbs,

Amalia Gonzalez, Michael Goodwin;

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Fr Louie Kitt,

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.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

24th November 2024

	Details	Total	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid
	Basket	£841.77	£274.00	£567.77
	SECOND	£670.22	£289.09	£381.13
	Collection:			
	Catholic			
	Youth			
	Services			

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 over email by contacting 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 our newer altar servers in particular!

Here are the details you will need:

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December 2024

6pm Christmas Carols, followed by

6.15pm Christmas Vigil, Family Mass.

A short 30-minute practice for this mass will take place on Saturday 14th December at 11am

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December 2024

Midnight Mass.

A short 30-minute practice for this mass will take place on Saturday 14th December at 11.30am

Christmas Day 8.30 am, 10.00 am,

11.30 am Masses

NOTE: (No evening Mass)

No Practice for these masses, but please sign up.

NEXT COFFEE MORNING

Our Confirmation candidates will be hosting their very 1st Coffee Morning next Sunday, 8th December, after all morning Masses. Please come along and show your support for our Confirmandi, who, together with their parents and guardians, will be raising funds for two worthy charities: **The SVP at St. Bartholomew's**
The Norwood & Brixton Food Bank
There will be Raffle Tickets available after each Mass for this event.

Your presence and generosity will make a difference. We look forward to seeing you there!

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 SESSION 6

The next session is on Wednesday 11th December 2024, at BTG School.

GRATITUDE

Re: Mission Appeal Collection for the weekend of 29th September 2024.

On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), they would like to offer their sincere thanks and gratitude for your kind generosity in response to the Mission Appeal that took place recently at St Bartholomew's Norbury. Together they raised **£1,186.17**. Thank you for alms-giving.

TODAY WE ARE MEETING THE NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to invite you to a special meeting with Fr. Deo this **Sunday 1st of December 2024**. This is an excellent opportunity for Fr. Deo to personally welcome you into our church family, get to know you better, and share some insights about the history, mission, and community of St. Bart's. Whether you are new to the parish or recently joined, this meeting will be a chance to connect with Fr. Deo and learn more about how you can get involved in parish life. We look forward to seeing you there! **Location: Parish Church Hall Time: 6.30 pm.** Please let the office know by email or phone if you plan to attend by leaving your details... Warm regards, The St. Bart's Parish Team.

ADVENT BEGINS TODAY

We begin our preparation for the coming of **OUR LORD** at Christmas. It is a season that calls for moderate music and decorations, reflecting the anticipation and reverence for Christ's coming. With the new Lectionary and the turquoise-coloured Parish Mass Books, the liturgical shift will be marked with fresh opportunities for reflection. The Year C lectionary, with its focus on the Gospel of St Luke, will invite a deeper exploration of the Gospel of peace, joy, and salvation. The first purple candle on the Advent wreath, known as the "Hope" candle, serves as a symbol of expectation for the Saviour's arrival.

CHRISTMAS AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

We are pleased to inform you that our Parish Christmas Cards are now available in all porch areas. These cards carry heartfelt Christmas wishes from all clergy and **provide detailed information about the upcoming Masses and services. This includes the schedule from the 1st Sunday of Advent through to the New Year of 2025.** Please feel free to take one of these cards and keep it as a reminder of our celebrations during this joyful season.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

As is our tradition, we invite you to make a personal gift to our priests, Father Deo and Father Damian, this Christmas. Specially produced envelopes are available in all porch areas where you can enclose your offering. If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please consider writing 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. Thank you for your generosity and support.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We invite you to donate to support the beautiful flower arrangements that will enhance our church during the Christmas season. Please use the special wall box located in the main porch for your donations. Our talented flower arrangers will create stunning displays that will brighten our worship space and bring the spirit of the season to life. Your generous contribution will help make this festive season even more special for all who visit. Thank you for your support!

REPOSITORY

The repository offers a wonderful selection of cards and gifts for Christmas. Why not stop by and explore our collection? You'll also find thoughtful **Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion** gifts are available for purchase.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL

Please come to the merry and fun-filled Christmas Fair at St James the Great School (CR7 8HJ) **today Sunday 1st December from 11 am till 3 pm.** There will be exciting stalls, arts and craft activities for children, a Santa's grotto, hot drinks, mulled wine, candy floss, popcorn, bottle tombola, a grand raffle and more! All funds raised are used to support the school and the families that attend.

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 worldwide. 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.

BAPTISM AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NORBURY

At St Bart's, we normally have 4 Pre-Baptism preparation courses for the year; we have just completed the last course for 2024. If there are parents who have already done the course within the last 3 years, please contact the office or email to book a date for the ceremony. Thus, all information regarding the ceremony can be found on the Baptism form; please pay attention to all the details in the form. The form can be downloaded from the parish website or obtained from the church porch. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the **2025 Pre-Baptism preparation courses.**

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN ICT DEPARTMENT:

We want to bring to your attention a concerning rise in scam emails targeting our parishioners. **These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address.** They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. **Unfortunately, we have received reports of parishioners falling victim to these scams, with some individuals losing up to £600 to the fraudsters. Parishioners are asked:**

- Never purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless they have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means.
- To double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office.
- To avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

If your parishioners encounter these emails, please encourage them to report them as spam and inform the parish office immediately.