

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 13th March 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 13th March

6:15 (Saturday 12th March)
Mimma Di Giacomo RIP

Third and final Scrutiny for our Elect

08:30 Holy Souls
10:00 People of the parish
11:30 Isabel Sá RIP and
Jorge Da Cunha Carvalho RIP
4:00 Stations of the Cross
5:00 John & Mary Durkin RIP

Fifth Week of Lent:

Monday 14th March

07:30 Rosita Ugoeke RIP
10:00 Peter Blaquier RIP

Tuesday 15th March

7:30 Welfare of Elizabeth Maduka
10:00 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

Wednesday 16th March

07:30 Welfare of the Cowen family
10:00 Holy Souls

Thursday 17th March


St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (Feast)
7:30 Welfare of the Ryan family
10:00 Welfare of the McCarthy family

Friday 18th March

07:30 Kath & Jerry Harte RIP
(former parishioners)

10:00 Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Saturday 19th March



St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

10:00 Welfare of the Maduka family

Next Sunday 20th March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6:15 (19th March)

Carmen Vella RIP

08:30 Kevin O'Halloran RIP

10:00 Welfare of the Umusu family

11:30 People of the parish

Special Liturgy and Solemn Procession of Palms starting from the Lower Hall (Plainchant & Hymn Choirs singing)

4:00 Stations of the Cross

5:00 John Flood RIP

Daily Mass & Prayer

***Mass: Mon – Fri: 7:30am**

*Morning Prayer of the Church

Mon - Sat **9.15am**

*Adoration & Benediction.

Mon – Sat **9.30am**

***Mass: Mon – Sat 10.00am**

***Rosary: Mon – Sat 10.30am**

***Confessions: Saturday, after 10.00am Mass, until 11.00am; then in the afternoon from 5.00pm to 6.00pm, and at call, provided that a priest is available.**

Thank You for your generosity:

The collection for last weekend,

6th March came to **£2155.05:**

(£1435.05 in the collection baskets plus £720.00 in standing orders).

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday – P. 176

(3rd Scrutiny at 6:15 Mass – P.179

Next Sunday – P. 190

(P. 184 at 11:30 Mass)

The Three Scrutinies

This weekend, during the **6:15 Mass**, our RCIA candidates, that is our Elect, will take part in the **third** and last of the **Three Scrutinies** as part of their journey in the Catholic faith, which will come to its fulfilment at the Easter Vigil this year. Please pray for our Elect:

Michael Lord Fiifi Boadi, Ellen Gyamera, Ethan Prince Gyamera and Maria Ippoliti.

Coffee Morning: today after ALL morning Masses with our Brownies and Rainbows. Do come over to the hall after Mass this Morning and support these young uniformed groups to raise funds.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS:

The Knights of St Columba will be distributing these at all Masses this weekend. Please take one home and display it during Holy Week. There is a special section on the poster which announces the resurrection of Christ, which you can fold down at Easter. You are respectfully invited to make a donation to the Seminary Fund.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

Palms will be blessed at all Masses, and you will need to pick your palms up as you enter the Church. At the 11:30 Mass, a blessing of palms and a solemn procession will take place, starting from the Lower Hall. Those wishing to take part, weather permitting, should assemble in good time in the hall.

The Pilgrim:

The March edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available. Please take your **FREE** copy.

In the coming week:

Monday 14th –

UCM meet in the hall at 2.00pm for their AGM, which will be followed by Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 19th –

First Holy Communion Programme: Session No: 8 for the children, entitled "Fruit of the Vine".

Please ensure all candidates are ready for a 10:00 prompt start in the Upper Hall. Would parents kindly ensure that they arrive promptly at 12:00 Noon to collect their children. Catechists have had to wait around for up to an hour in recent weeks.

Lenten Day of Penitence:

As usual, and with the Year of Mercy very much in mind, we have marked out the Tuesday of Holy Week (March 22nd 2016) for an opportunity to fulfil your Easter Duties in respect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Following the 10.00am Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions all day until Benediction at 8.00pm

EASTER GREETINGS:

Please take a Parish Easter Card.

It contains details of all major services from Palm Sunday to Easter itself. This card contains Easter greetings from your clergy. You will also find Easter Offering envelopes. Please take one away. It may be used to make your traditional Easter Offering to your clergy.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Denis Bourke, Frances Caulfield, Rev David Coram, Raffaela Forte, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Patsy Hopkins, Felix Isichei, Linda Lovel, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose Mcmillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Dominic Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Edgar Ming, Breda O'Donoghue (Fox), Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Tony Tambirasa, Mrs Bobby Thain, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo; Ian and Nazim.

Church Cleaning: Group 5 this week:

Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Emma Morrone, Livia Pappano, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli. *Please let the parish office know if you are willing and able to join one of our cleaning teams, all of which are very much in need new members. If you are on a team, but no longer able to attend, please let us know.*

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: If you have not already done so, please advise the Parish Office of your availability for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, helping us to avoid a last minute rush!

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

The next course will take place later this month.

The dates are Wednesdays 23rd & 30th March at 8pm.

Further courses are planned for May and July 2016.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

The Repository: There is a wide range of greetings cards, Mass cards, Mass books and devotional items available. Don't forget St Patrick's Day next week, closely followed by Easter. Then we look forward to First Holy Communions.

The Church Hall - Advance notice:

The hall will be closed to all users as follows:

1/ Thursday 5th May – London Mayoral Election;

2/ Monday – Thursday 6th – 9th June

(and possibly Monday 13th June):

BTG School Admissions Appeals

3/ Thursday 23rd June – E.U. Referendum.

An appeal to all Altar Servers:

We would really like to find some new / existing Altar Servers who would be willing to serve regularly at either the **8.30am** or **11.30am** Sunday Masses. Both of these Masses could do with a few more Servers. Please speak to Fr Deo, Fr Paul, Jed or Ged. Additionally, a gentle reminder to all Servers: **please ensure that you arrive for Mass 15-20 mins before Mass starts.** This is to ensure that there is enough time to get changed and to help prepare the Altar and the Sanctuary before Mass begins. **Please try to be particularly prompt for all of the Easter services.**

INTERNET/BROADBAND & PHONES:

These are all now back on line. Thank you for your patience.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Good Friday, 25th March at 12 Noon.

The closing date for volunteers is Friday, 18th March.

Rehearsal 24th March at 4.00pm.

We need children to carry banners, to read for stations or perform various roles. Those from Nursery to Secondary School age are invited to take part, with parental permission. Please contact Linda (07770 623230) or email Marion on: mh.brown@virgin.net



Employment Opportunities and Volunteering within the Catholic sphere:

on the noticeboard nearest to the repository: **Bishop Thomas Grant, Streatham**, wish to employ a **Teacher of Religious Education, Examination Invigilators** and a **School Administration Officer**.

John Fisher, Purley, wish to take on an **Admissions Assistant**. **Bishop Challoner, Shortlands**, require a **Lower KS2 Class Teacher (maternity cover)** and a **Teaching Assistant**.

SAINSBURY ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

Once again, our Scouts, Cubs, Explorers and Beavers will be collecting these vouchers to put towards equipment which they need. A box will be available in the porch. Last year enough vouchers were collected to provide several tents. If you are asked by the cashier whether or not you want vouchers, please say "YES".

Lost Property: Please check for anything belonging to you on the left hand shelf in the main porch. Anything remaining uncollected by Easter will be disposed of.

Helping you through Lent:

Do take advantage of the Lenten Reflections on the theme of Stewardship for each day of Lent and Holy Week, which you can receive by email each day. To sign up please go to:

<http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P>

Youth Club Grand National Sweepstake – Saturday 9th

April: Forms are still available in all porch areas. Please get your entry in by the closing date of Sunday 6th April 2016.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

The following notice is now displayed on the Sacristy door, and it is most important that all parishioners wishing to enter the sacristy are aware of it and that they adhere to it to the letter:

Please note that there is a change to admittance to the Sacristy. All adults must have prior DBS clearance in order to be in the Sacristy when Altar Servers are present.

If you need access to the Sacristy, please let Fr Deo, Fr Paul or the Parish Office know.