

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

PENTECOST

(Year C)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost**



6.15pm (Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May)

Eugene Lopez RIP

8.30am Welfare of Mr & Mrs Obiosa & family  
10.00am Jack Chapman RIP

**12 Noon First Holy Communion Mass**

**4.00pm Benediction**

5.00pm People of the parish

(Please take your Parish Mass Books to the porch as you leave after this Mass.)

**Seventh week in Ordinary Time:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

*St Simon Stock, Priest (Memorial)*

7.30am Thanksgiving - Jean Bacchus  
10.00am Maura Hughes RIP

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30am Peter Hynes RIP

10.00am Dominic Francis Xavier  
Mascarenhas RIP

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30am Ann Strain RIP

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30am Maria Gouveia RIP

10.00am Tony King RIP and deceased relatives of Richard & Sabina Bush

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30am Welfare of the Forkan families  
10.00am Welfare of Eche Onwuekwe & Praise God Oriaku

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Our Lady**

10.00am Welfare of Mike Harris & Mick Cole

**Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May-The Most Holy Trinity**

6.15pm (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May) Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Adewumni Joseph Dina RIP

**12.00 First Holy Communion Mass**

**4.00pm Benediction**

5.00pm Thanksgiving - Rebello family

**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, when a priest is available.

## Readings in Parish Mass Book:

**This Sunday - P. 294**

(Saturday eve P. 285)

**Next Sunday - P. 81 ("new" dark red books)**

## Thank you for your generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to £2026.61 (£1414.61 in baskets & £612.00 in Standing orders) (NB: The amount for standing orders has recently been revised.)

You also gave a total of £588.80 for World Communications Day.

**NB:** At some point in the coming weeks, we shall be holding a Special Collection to promote humanitarian support for the needy of Ukraine, as requested by Pope Francis. The date for this collection will be announced shortly

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL THOSE WHO GIFT AID THEIR OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH:

Would all Gift Aiders, please be aware that there have recently been significant changes to the tax system. Gift Aiders should therefore review very carefully whether or not they will be paying sufficient tax in 2016-17 in order to cover the gift aid that St Bartholomew's will claim back on their donations.

The major points that may take people out of paying sufficient tax are:

- a) The first £1,000 of investment income is tax free from 2016.
- b) The first £5,000 of Dividend Income is tax free.
- c) Tax free personal allowance is up to £11,000 from April 2016, rising to £12,500 in future.
- d) Higher Rate tax threshold rises to £43,000 from April 2016

*It will be appreciated that many of our gift aid donors who rely on pensions and savings will be falling out of income tax completely (e.g. you would need to have bank savings and shares worth something over £100,000 to use up the two new tax-free allowances on interest and dividends) and many others too will no longer be paying tax. Clearly, those gift aiders who are affected by these changes should advise the Parish Office if they will need to leave the gift aid scheme.*

We should like to remind gift aiders that all personal Gift Aid information is treated in the strictest confidence by the Gift Aid organisers, the Diocesan Gift Aid team and the Parish Office.

New boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes along with End of Year Letters will be available on the weekend of May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> ("Money Sunday") in the little room behind Our Lady's Altar.

## First Holy Communion

We pray for all those children, listed below, who will today be receiving the Body and Blood of Our Blessed Lord Jesus for the very first time, during the special First Holy Communion Mass, at 12.00 Noon today. We also pray for their parents and catechists.



**Barnabas Cowlin;**  
**Caitlin Craig;**  
**Athena Cusack;**  
**Dainah Dyer;**  
**Oscar Dygant;**  
**Nathan Fernandes;**  
**Andre Goncalves;**  
**Samuel Mubiru Mayanja;**  
**Joao Pedro Mendonca;**  
**Elisa Odewale;**  
**Dylan Patrick Rowley;**  
**Hugo Springett;**  
**Finnigan Williams.**

**In the coming week:-**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Practice for First Holy Communion Mass at 6.30pm in the church, in preparation for the 12.00 Noon Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**NB:** Parents to attend with children.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Baptism Preparation Course at 8pm (1<sup>st</sup> session) for those who have signed up.

Please note that next weekend, Trinity Sunday, the Parish Mass Book changes to Volume 2, Year C. (Deep red cover).

## Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Frances Caulfield, Raffaela Forte, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Joan Huie, Felix Isichei, Linda Lovel, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose Mcmillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Charmaine Meli, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Pietro Mobile, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Mrs Bobby Thain, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

### Church Cleaning: Group 3 this week:

Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Jeannette Da Silva, Bernie Knight. As you can see, this group is in great need of new volunteers. Can you help? Please let us know.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES:

*The next course is on Wednesdays May 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.*

*Please register as soon as possible if you wish to take part.*

Please see the newsletter for details of future courses.

**The Repository:** We are fully stocked for our First Holy Communions. The Repository will be opened up during the Wednesday evening rehearsals for First Holy Communions, so that parents will have a good chance to make their purchases of cards and gifts.

### The Church Hall - Advance notice:

The hall will be closed to all users as follows:

2/ Monday – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June - BTG Admissions Appeals

3/ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – E.U. Referendum.

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD:

Please watch out for details of our own response to Pope Francis' plea for this event to take place in every parish during the Year of Mercy. In any event, this will require the round-the-clock presence of parishioners, in particular during periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St George's Cathedral:

This is scheduled to take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Details of this Year of Mercy event will be released in due course.

We plan to hire a coach in order to get everybody there and back.

**New Telephone System:** If you have telephoned recently, you will have noticed the introduction of a short menu when you get through. This involves pressing a key on your phone, depending on whom you wish to speak to. So far the system has had a good reception. We'd be delighted to hear your feedback.

### \*\*\*\*\*FORTHCOMING DIACONAL ORDINATION\*\*\*\*\*

God willing, the Right Reverend Archbishop Peter Smith will be ordaining to the Permanent Diaconate **Ged Perkins, Robert Smith and Piotr Ziezio** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 6:30pm at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Amigo Hall. Your prayers for all three candidates, as well as your presence, are kindly requested.

Would those wishing to attend please provide their names, contact details and the numbers attending, on the sheet that is on the right hand windowsill in the porch, closest to the Repository. This information will enable us to let the diocese know the estimated numbers for catering purposes. We are also planning to hire a coach so that as many as possible can travel together.

**Unwanted clothing:** We often discover bags of clothing left in the porch, which are blocking fire exits. Please may we ask those who leave such items to perhaps take them to a charity shop. We regret that we do not have the capacity to deal with them.

**Lost Property:** There are several items in the porch, including a pair of spectacles, two pairs of gloves and a child's blue body warmer which has a label marked: **JOHN H – 1G**. Please take a look and see if anything is yours. Items will be disposed of if not collected by the end of the month.

**Bright Lights Catholic Festival for Young Adults – 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016:** This festival celebrates 20 years this year. If you are aged between 16 and 30, Please take a postcard. Full details may be found on their web site: [www.brightlights.org.uk](http://www.brightlights.org.uk).

### First Holy Communion Programme 2016:

Our final First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon, (NOT 11.30.)

**The Going Forth Mass for ALL our First Holy Communicants will be held on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>, also at 12 Noon.**

*(NB: The Going Forth Lunch will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May)*

*A Practice will take place for the 22<sup>nd</sup> May Mass as follows:*

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm in the church.*

*Please would parents kindly attend the rehearsal with children.*

*(NB: The Repository will be open for the rehearsal.)*

**Please pray for the following who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 12.00 Noon:**

**Ryan Avery; Santino Benesa; Maraki Engida; Gabriella Enrico; Giulia Enrico; Guilherme Ramos Freitas; Maya Gussin;**

**Roberto Mendonca Jardim; Pablo Lynk – Temes;**

**Akere Nguenchie; Denzel – Laurent Owono;**

**Max – Leonel Owono; Scarlett Peart – Lapidge;**

**Laura Sophia Rhodes; Samuel Vargas Sanchez;**

**Gabriella Tcheukam; Dominic Witkowicz.**

**First Communion Photographs:** These are now available in an album in the porch. They will be added to over the next couple of weeks. Please place your orders and John Taylor will print them accordingly.

### Employment Opportunities in our Catholic Schools:

St James the Great, Thornton Heath, are looking to employ a Key Stage 1 Class Teacher (some experience of phonics an advantage).

St James the Great also seek a Clerk to the Governors.

Laleham Lea, Purley, are looking for a Full Time Teacher.

St Joseph's, Crown Dale, need a full time KS2 Teacher.

St Joseph's, Crown Dale also seeks a Foundation Governor.

Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School require a Teacher of English.

John Fisher, Purley, seek a Teacher of Information Technology (IT).

**Mass Intentions:** We are often asked how much one should offer for a Mass. As a guide, people tend to offer £10. Please do remember that it is an **offering** to the Church and **not a fee**. In order to have a Mass said on a particular date and/or at a particular time, you are advised to book well in advance. Please only take envelopes as and when you need them. If you cannot find one, please ask. Either Fr Deo or Fr Paul will be happy to sign a Mass card, should this be required. We keep a small stock of cards in the presbytery.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers:

Many thanks from the Scout group to all who have handed in their vouchers so far. Please hand in any remaining vouchers by 29<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.

### Director of Music Tony Price writes:

#### Choir members needed + a new choir for young people.

I intend holding a Parish "Come and Sing" event on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016**,

in order to encourage new singers to join the Hymn,

Plainchant and Polyphony Choirs. Therefore, during all Masses on

**3rd/4th June 2016**, I shall be offering a few brief words of encouragement to parishioners to involve themselves in that event, which itself will be supported on the day by those already involved in the singing at St. Bart's. I'd very much like to include mention of the possibility of the formation of a new Choir for Young People in my appeal, but before that is possible, a leader is needed.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in forming a choir in our parish for younger people (First Communion to Confirmation), then please do call Tony Price (020 8647 4435) or have a word with Father Deo, with absolutely no obligation. So far it has proved impossible to find someone with the appropriate skills, who would be prepared to offer the necessary commitment (two Tuesday evenings 6.30-7.30pm, the 11.30am Masses on the second and third Sunday each month and the Christmas Eve Mass). Whilst there hasn't been a call from parishioners for the Family Choir to be re-formed, it would be really great to be able to offer an opportunity to our younger parishioners to become involved in the music in our parish liturgies after their First Holy Communion and as they then move towards Confirmation, in their growing knowledge and love of our Catholic Faith. Over to you!