

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 24th July 2016

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 24th July – 17th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 23rd July)
Carmen Vella RIP
8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass
10.00am Welfare of Deacon Ged & Kathy
Perkins and family
11.30am People of the parish
(Hymn choir singing)
4.00pm Benediction
5.00pm Holy Souls

Seventeenth week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 25th July
St James the Apostle (Feast)
7.30am Mary Philomena Smyth RIP
10.00am Peter Chapman RIP

Tuesday 26th July

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)
7.30am Welfare of Kiran Bacchus (birthday)
10.00am Rita Gannon RIP

Wednesday 27th July

7.30am Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
10am Thanksgiving – Onwuekwe &
Ilobi families and friends

Thursday 28th July

7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am Mark Addison RIP

Friday 29th July

St Martha (Memorial)

7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am UCM Intention

Saturday 30th July - Our Lady

10.00am Mary Ann Sy-Yan RIP

Next Sunday 31st July – 18th Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 30th July)
Zofia Franzman RIP
8.30am People of the parish
10.00am Thanksgiving - Philip Chapman
(birthday) and deceased relatives and friends
11.30am Holy Souls
4.00pm Benediction
5.00pm Holy Souls

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.

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday P. 111-114

Thank you for your continuous generosity: Last weekend's collection came to £1773.49 (£1161.49 Baskets; £612.00 Standing Orders).

Savio and Lynette Fernandes would like to thank all who supported their Coffee Morning last Sunday in aid of the **Don Bosco Children's Shelter in Mumbai**. The amazing sum of **£574.00** was raised! Would Dawn kindly contact Lynette on 07976 551279 to collect her raffle prize.

We still have raffle prizes from a previous UCM Coffee Morning. They are in the parish office, awaiting Isaac and Hanna.

Please remember that the hall is now closed for redecoration and will be totally out of bounds to all users until the first week in September.

GIFT AID

There are still approximately 90 uncollected boxes of Gift Aid envelopes and a number of end-of-year letters. You do need your envelopes even if you give by Standing Order, and you still wish to give to Diocesan second collections. Please go to the little room behind Our Lady's Altar in order to collect your **Letters and Envelopes. Those remaining will shortly be posted. If you have any questions or issues regarding Gift Aid, please contact the Gift Aid Organisers via the parish office. Please also see the most important notice overleaf about the latest taxation rules, which are particularly important if, amongst other things, you have retired and/or you no longer pay tax. Some people may in fact need to withdraw from Gift Aid altogether.**

Pictures of the Diaconal Ordination of Ged Perkins and his two new fellow deacons may be viewed on our Archdiocesan website at:
<http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/>

**Lord,
Teach us to pray.**



Fr Deo is now in Tanzania until Thursday 25th August. We wish him a happy and relaxing break. Whilst he is away, we look forward to the arrival of

Father Modestus Etrima, from Arua Diocese in Uganda, who will be staying here with us. In the meantime, other priests will be providing cover as needed.

A few tips for Gift Aid givers:

- 1/ If you miss a week or more, don't worry! Just use your next envelope, and discard those from missed weeks. .
- 2/ If you forget your envelope, there are some emergency envelopes in the porches. Just add your Gift Aid Number and date. For second collections, please add also the name of the collection on the front.
- 3/ Please don't use anybody else's envelope under any circumstances.
- 4/ Please do not mix first and second collections in one envelope. Always use a separate envelope for second collections.
- 5/ If you have moved parish, please advise the appropriate Gift Aid team at your previous parish and contact our own Gift Aid team to join the scheme here.
- 6/ If you give by Standing Order, you will still need envelopes for second collections.
- 7/ Please do not use out of date envelopes. Contact the Gift Aid team if you need new ones. (See also Emergency Envelopes).
- 8/ If you are in any doubt about being in the Gift Aid scheme, just stop using your envelopes and contact the Gift Aid team.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound:



Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquier, Anita Blaquier, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates; Raffaela Forte, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Joan Huie, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Linda Lovel, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose McMillan, Ajitha Mahantantila, Charmaine Meli, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Mrs Bobby Thain, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary Philomena Smyth**, formerly of Norbury Crescent, who died recently. Mary was the mother of Dom Daniel Smyth OSB of Buckfast Abbey. Our prayers go out to the family.

Church Cleaning: Group 6 this week:

Ena Holland, Mary Ickeke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam.

Please consider whether you could give up some time to help clean the church. The burden continues to fall on a small number of people.

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

If you are considering having your child Baptised, please look out for more dates in the autumn, when courses resume. If you seek Baptism for a second or subsequent child, then you need to show that you have been on a Baptism Preparation Course within the three years prior to the next Baptism.

The Church Halls:

Please note that both the upper and lower halls are now out of bounds to all users until Friday 2nd September inclusive for redecoration. If this is likely to take any longer, we shall inform you accordingly.

!!!!WARNING!!!!

THERE IS STILL SCAFFOLDING TO THE REAR AND SIDES OF THE CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY. THIS IS DUE TO ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK WHICH IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON OUR VERY OLD GUTTERING AND ROOF TILES, MANY OF WHICH ARE DAMAGED. THIS IMPORTANT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE WILL SAVE US FROM SERIOUS LEAKS INTO THE BUILDINGS. WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE CARE WHEN MOVING AROUND THE SCAFFOLDED BUILDINGS. IN PARTICULAR PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN STAY WELL AWAY FROM IT. PLEASE BEAR WITH US OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKSWHILST THIS VITAL WORK IS CARRIED OUT.

!!!DANGER!!!

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN ANY OF THE WINDOWS IN THE GALLERY. THEY WILL STRIKE THE SCAFFOLDING AND MAY CAUSE INJURY AS WELL AS DAMAGE. CLEAR NOTICES HAVE BEEN POSTED AT THE FOUR POINTS AT WHICH THE WINDOW CORDS ARE LOCATED.

VERY IMPORTANT GIFT AID INFORMATION:

Would all Gift Aiders, whether existing or new, 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. Please be aware that all such matters are treated in the strictest confidence by the Gift Aid organisers and the parish office.

A final appeal to all our Adult Altar Servers re DBS Clearance:

As you know it is imperative that we all complete our DBS (child protection) clearance paperwork.

We need this for the Parish and to protect ourselves individually as we work with our younger altar servers.

We have not had a great response yet. We have completed Altar Server forms, but not the actual DBS paperwork.

Therefore, we have placed, in the main Sacristy area, an envelope for each adult server. Some remain uncollected.

We should be grateful if the forms enclosed in those envelopes could be completed **by the end of this month. Please collect yours ASAP.**

Please **urgently** help us to get this important task finished.

If anyone has any concerns or issues, please let Nana, Fr Deo, Deacon Ged or myself know. Thank you. (Jed Murphy, Master of Ceremonies.)

A Day With Mary – Next Saturday July 23rd 2016 at St Anselm's in Tooting Bec. Please see the poster in the porch.

Twenty Four Hours for the Lord, and Visit to the Holy Door.

Please keep in your diaries **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September 2016** for these events. We are doing these things at the request of His Holiness Pope Francis as part of our participation as a parish in the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. There is a CTS pamphlet about the Holy Door, in the CTS rack in the porch beside the Repository. More of these have been ordered so that parishioners who would like to know more about the Holy Door may be able to read about its origin and meaning.

PARISH AGM – Minutes and all reports will be published in due course and be available for you to read through in the porch.

PARISH MUSIC WORKSHOP

This has been rescheduled for Saturday October 15th 2016. Please keep this date free in your diaries, and watch out for further news of this important event which will enhance the vital role of music in the many liturgies throughout the Church's year.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2017

This process is almost upon us once again. As usual, Fr Deo will be holding interview sessions in the hall. All parishioners requiring a reference for their children will be required to attend, having first completed an application form and provided a recent family photograph. Details of these sessions will be announced on the main notice boards in the porch, in the autumn. Please therefore keep an eye on the noticeboards. Dates of interview sessions will not be published in the newsletter.