

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 6th November 2016

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 6th November – 32nd Sunday in OT

6.15pm (Saturday 5th November)

Intentions of the Buckley family

8.30am Andy & May Byrne RIP

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Francis Butler RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

5.00pm Ellis Foundation Mass

Thirty second week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 7th November - The dedication of St George's Cathedral Southwark (Feast)

7.30am Deceased members of family Garofolo

10.00am Fr Leo Asciak RIP, former curate of this parish – (29th anniversary).

Tuesday 8th November

7.30am Welfare of Alvito Gracias

10.00am Eva Ebner RIP

Wednesday 9th November – The dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Rome (Feast)

7.30am Eva Ebner RIP

10.00am Edward Eaton RIP

Thursday 10th November - St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

7.30am Antoine Shun RIP

10.00am Don Woodroffe RIP

Friday 11th November

St Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial)

7.30am Agnes Kelly RIP

10.00am Mary McDaid RIP

Saturday 12th November

St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

10.00am Mary Dobbin RIP

Next Sunday 13th November – 33rd Sunday in OT

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

6.15pm (Saturday 12th November)

Christopher Nawrat RIP

8.30am Deceased members of Council 266 of

The Knights of St Columba, Streatham

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am All those who died in wars

(Uniformed groups in attendance)

(Plainchant Choir singing)

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

5.00pm Karen Moody & John Gooding 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, & at call, when a priest is available.

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Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to £1917.00 (£1319.00 -Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan

Administration. Money raised goes towards the costs of central administration of the archdiocese. Gift Aid givers have a special envelope in their boxes. Alternatively, kindly use a spare/emergency one, marking it clearly for that collection.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL THOSE WHO MISSED THE INTRODUCTORY SESSION

The Confirmation Programme held its introductory meeting last Wednesday. If you completed an application to be on the programme **but you did not attend that meeting, then you must attend the additional introductory session**, which will be held on **Wednesday 9th November 2016 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in the hall. It is important that both candidates and parents/guardians attend this meeting so that they can complete their application process to be on this programme. If you are not able to attend this meeting then please contact the parish office without delay.**

Coffee morning – none this weekend.

The Polyphony Choir thanks all who supported their Coffee Morning last Sunday and, by demolishing a huge number of cakes, helped them to raise a total of **£159.06!**

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN

Archbishop Peter Smith would like every Catholic in the Diocese to have an opportunity to hear about the needs of sick and retired priests and how you can lend your support to this fundraising campaign to raise £4.5m over the next four years.

A member of the Clergy Support Fund Campaign team will speak briefly at all Masses both this week and next. Special cards will be distributed, so that everyone who would like to know more about the needs of our sick and retired priests will be given the opportunity to do so. Our Clergy Support Fund Campaign Team will help you to complete them. If you would like to hear more, please fill in a card and hand it in today as you leave the church. You will then receive a personal invitation to a presentation, including times and dates, which will take place in **February 2017** in our parish hall. Only one card need be completed per family, as provision will be made for other family members to attend. Thank you.

Rota for Coffee Mornings 2017

Any individual, family or parish group wishing to book the hall for Coffee mornings next year, kindly contact the parish office to confirm availability of dates. If there is a good cause for which you would like to raise funds, this might be a good opportunity for you to do so.

First Holy Communion Dates

Dates allocated to each child will be displayed on the notice board in the main porch **this weekend**. Would parents kindly check the spelling of names and report any changes to the parish office. Letters to parents will then be issued for collection on the first weekend in December. Please look out for yours.

URGENT CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Former Catechists are asked to get in touch with to help with First Holy Communions and Confirmations for 2017. We still desperately need extra people in order to run successful programmes, which are currently being prepared for both these vital Sacraments, **most particularly for the First Holy Communion programme**. If you might be able to help us, please see Fr Deo or Fr Paul, or contact Teresa Furtado regarding First Holy Communions, or Deacon Ged Perkins regarding Confirmations.

**We welcome into the Church,
Oscar Thomas Merivale**

who was Baptised here last Sunday.

During this month dedicated to the Holy Souls, our Book of Remembrance will be situated beneath the main altar as usual. Please write in the names of those Faithful Departed for whom you would like prayers to be offered up at Masses during November.

In the coming week:

Monday 7th - Fr Paul travels to Ireland to visit his Spiritan house. He remains there until Friday 18th November.

Friday 11th – Over 55s

meet in the upper hall from 2pm - 4pm

Saturday 12th –

Day of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at BTG School.

Sick and Housebound

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office

Please pray for our 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, Gladys Laskey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Jose Mcmillan, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Church Cleaning: Group 4 this week:

Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Sharon Leonidas, Juliet Mensah, Renata Serrao, Sophia Smith.

Please could you give up some time to help clean the church? The burden continues to fall on very few people. (Thanks to those who have recently come forward. We really do still need more kind souls to help!)

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

Application forms may be collected from the porch. The next course takes place as a double session on Wednesday 23rd November 2016 only. All those booked have been contacted. Do keep an eye out for January 2017 dates.

The Repository

We are happy to announce that the Repository is now open! All that now remains is for the carpeting to be fitted, which should be quite soon. In the meantime, please excuse the concrete floor. Christmas stock is now on order, and should be available very soon.

A day with Mary

Saturday 12th November 2016 at Sacred Heart Camberwell. Full details may be found on the poster in the porch, along with details of various specially organised pilgrimages.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of seasonal items, including two hats, two pairs of glasses, a scarf, two books and a very unhappy looking teddy bear which must be sorely missing its owner! Please take a look and see if anything is yours. Anything left by the end of the month will have to be disposed of.

St Bart's over 55 Social Group

We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month in the Parish Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Our aim is to bring people together in a friendly environment where they can get to know each other, participate in various activities, have fun and enjoy tea and refreshments. All those over 55 are welcome and we always look forward to meeting new members. For information please contact:

Anna Howard on 020 8764 9255 or Mary Madden on 07904 499080

Gift Aid givers:

Have you considered giving by Standing Order?

Are you still using Gift Aid envelopes which are out of date? If you miss a week, just destroy the envelope and use the next one. There is no need to send in multiple envelopes. What is important is the date you actually hand in your envelope.

Please contact the Gift Aid team or the parish office

Towards Advent 2016 - a Festival of Catholic Culture is being held on Saturday 26th November in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue London SW1 1QJ from 10am. Over 30 organisations will be attending and it is an opportunity for them to give an insight into their activities and they will also have many articles for sale. Admission is free. In addition some talks and workshops will be given during the event. Further details are available on towardsadvent@blogspot.com

Catholic School Open Days & Employment Opportunities:

Please see the noticeboards for these. Also, due to the volume of notices, there is a yellow folder in the porch, which contains a number of posters and cards advertising School Open Days in particular.

SPEAK UP FOR CAFOD:

Would you like to brush up your public speaking skills and learn how you can help **CAFOD** by speaking in your parish and/or other parishes? Please join our free 'Speaking Up for **CAFOD**' workshop on Saturday 26 November 10am-4pm at Romero House (near Southwark Cathedral). To book your place call us on 020 8449 6970 or email: westminster@cafod.org.uk.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES AT STREATHAM PARK CEMETERY, ROWAN ROAD ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 2016

This will take place next **Sunday**, Remembrance Sunday.

Please gather promptly at **3.00pm** for our short service of readings, hymns, prayers and general blessing of graves. Our brethren from St Bede's, Clapham Park will be joining us for this event. Please use the car park if driving. To find us, please walk straight down the road leading from the entrance. At the very end, turn left and gather close to the new tombs. **Do come dressed for poor weather, as it may well be cold, wet and muddy.** There will be a lot of traffic in the cemetery, so please keep off the road as far as possible, and kindly follow any directions to move whenever cars need to pass. Dependent on weather, light and time, those priests present will accompany people to the graves of loved ones to perform individual blessings. However, please be aware that the priests from Clapham Park are coming primarily to attend to the faithful departed of their own parish. Fr Deo will concentrate on our own parishioners, and intends to proceed clockwise around the perimeter path, starting from the site of our service. Please consider the priests, not all of whom are quite as agile as they used to be, but who will do their best to bless individual graves, and who then have to return to say evening Mass. Please do not feel disappointed if circumstances do not permit any particular graves to be blessed. **Please be mindful of the fact that darkness falls very quickly.** The cemetery gates close at **4.00pm**.

Becoming a Catholic.

Do you know anybody who has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith? Perhaps you have discussed it with a friend or neighbour. Maybe you have been visiting our church, thinking about joining us, and would now like to take the next step towards becoming a Catholic. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team will shortly be holding an introductory meeting. Please contact either of the priests or the Parish office as soon as possible.

Our Parish Website – The Future Beckons!

Should our website be inaccessible, the Polyphony choir is kindly hosting the newsletter for us. Please go to: www.polychoir.co.uk and click on "Newsletter" at the top of their home page.

In the meantime, a brand new website is under construction and nearing completion. The leaders of all parish groups have been contacted in respect of having a page on the new web site. If you have not received such an email, but believe that you should have been included, kindly contact the Parish Office without delay, as the deadline is next weekend.