

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 8th January 2017

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 8th January –

The Epiphany of the Lord

6.15pm (Saturday 7th January)

People of the parish

8.30am Jim Clark RIP

10.00am Thanksgiving & Divine Protection

- Onwuekwe & Ilobi families

11.30am Welfare of Michael

& Maria Ippoliti

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Welfare of Elizabeth Power

Monday 9th January

The Baptism of The Lord

(The end of the Christmas Season)

7.30am Welfare of Mary Kenny

10.00am John & Margaret McNamara RIP

First Week in Ordinary Time:

Tuesday 10th January

7.30am Mary RIP (Kane)

10.00am Deceased members of Over 55's

Wednesday 11th January –

7.30am Welfare of Thaddeus & Mathyna

Nwagwu, family & friends

10.00am Farrell & Kenny family members,

living and dead

Thursday 12th January

7.30am Veronica Tiernan RIP

10.00am Thanksgiving – Angela & Lazarus

Pinto – 60th Wedding Anniversary

Friday 13th January

St Hilary – Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7.30am Welfare of Sadie (Kane)

10.00am John Nolan RIP (Corr)

Saturday 14th January – Our Lady

10.00am Welfare of Margaret Mensah

Next Sunday 15th January –

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.15pm (Saturday 14th January)

Michael Kane RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Francis & Shirley D'Souza RIP

11.30am Welfare of Joyce Ippoliti & family

(Plainchant Choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Una Flynn 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.

Today, members of the Society for the Protection of unborn Children (SPUC) will be collecting for their White Flower appeal as you leave Mass. They will also give out White Flower stickers, which you may wear to show your support for the unborn. Please give generously to support the work of those who work tirelessly for the unborn. May God bless the work they and their supporters do in the cause of life.

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Monday 9th is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This marks the end of the Christmas Season, immediately after which we revert to Ordinary Time (Year A) for Sundays and Cycle 1 for weekdays. This will take us into Lent. Whilst this Feast is not a Holiday of Obligation, its importance is marked by its inclusion in the Parish Mass Book.

Thank you for your continuous generosity: Last weekend's collection came to £1911.46 (£1313.46-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

Father Deo and Father Paul send their sincere thanks for the great, indeed legendary generosity which you showed by your Christmas Offering. If you would like to know the amount you gave as a parish, by all means ask Father Deo privately.

In the coming week:

Monday 9th – UCM meet in the Upper Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

Wednesday 11th – Fr Deo leaves for a two week stay with his mother in Tanzania.

Friday 13th – Over 55's. Lucky for some! Meet in the upper hall from 2pm – 4pm.

Saturday 14th – First Holy Communion Session 1: "In the Name of The Father" Upper Hall – 10am to 11.30am. Would parents kindly deliver and collect their children in good time.

Guild of St Stephen Medal Ceremony
Would all servers please note that this is planned for 10.00am on Saturday 28th January 2017, so please put it in your diaries. More details will follow shortly. Kindly note the date change (it was posted previously as being in February.)

We welcome Canon Joseph Collins to say the 10am & 11.30am Masses this Sunday and for the next two Sundays.

During Father Deo's absence, cover is to be provided by a neighbouring parish, so Masses will take place as usual on a daily basis. Once Father Deo has returned, an announcement will be made as to the name of our new Assistant Priest, together with the date of his arrival.

Arrangements will be made at a suitable time in the next few weeks to formally thank Fr Paul for his contribution to parish life here at St Bartholomew's.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The next rota will run from 18th & 19th February 2017 to 25th & 26th April 2017. Please do your best to advise us as to your availability and indeed to your non availability via the parish office no later than 6th February 2017.

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 parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Raffaella Forte, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Gladys Laskey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, 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, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Martin Wise, of Hollman Gardens, who died on Tuesday 27th December 2016.

John Nolan, of Tylecroft Road, who died on Sunday 18th December 2016.

As ever, our sympathy and prayers go out to the families.

Church Cleaning: Group 1 this week coming:

Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam. *Please could you help clean the church?*

Rota for Coffee Mornings 2017

Please contact the parish office to book a date.

Gift Aid givers: *With the recent changes in taxation, several of our gift aiders have had to leave the scheme. We would advise those who leave the scheme, in addition to informing the Parish office/Gift Aid organiser, that they should also inform the government tax office (tel: 0300 200 3300). This is to ensure that the tax office records are up to date when assessing their tax liabilities.*

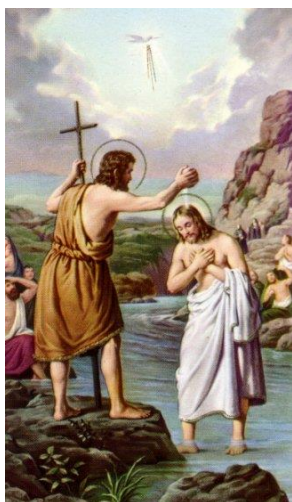
Baptism Preparation Course:

Saturday 21st AND Saturday 28th January 2017 at 3pm.

Please complete an application form to enrol.

Further courses are planned for March, May and July 2017. Please look out for dates to be announced.

You must have attended such a course if you have not done so within the three years prior to any Baptism.



A THOUGHT FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Epiphany, or Manifestation, of Our Lord to the Three Kings, often called the Three Wise Men, and of course the Magi, who represent the Gentile, or non-Jewish races, such as ourselves. Although of great importance in their own land, these men humbly fell down, offered gifts and worshipped the King of kings. Their behaviour showed that they recognised that they were in the Presence of God. What might we learn from their attitude? Do other people who see us in church, perhaps outside Mass times, sense that we are conscious of the Presence of God in the Tabernacle, and of our fellow parishioners who seek a quiet atmosphere in which they may meditate and pray, free of distraction? Are our precious young parishioners, the adults of the future, and therefore, potential parents, priests and religious, being set a good example as to the way that we should make use of this sacred space? Are they inspired and filled with a sense of the uniqueness of the House of God? Parents, as the first teachers of their children, are in the forefront of this education in and practice of, the Faith. Children need to become familiar with the church and the Mass from as early an age as possible. Part of their formation in the Faith will, indeed, involve developing and understanding the need for reverence in church; however, parents must be supported in this task. Are we all playing our own part through our good example? Do we, like the Three Wise Men, demonstrate our loving awareness of God's Presence.

