

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year A)

## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January –  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

## Second Week in Ordinary Time

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

7.30am John Nolan RIP  
10.00am Holy Souls

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

*St Anthony, Abbot (Memorial)*

7.30am Holy Souls  
10.00am Cecil Pace RIP

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January –*

7.30am Holy Souls  
10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

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

7.30am Willian B Rebello RIP  
10.00am Mervyn Dessa RIP & Vira Dessa

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

7.30am Holy Souls  
10.00am Funeral of Ellen (Nelly) Weldon

*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January*

*St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)*  
10.00am John Joseph Murphy RIP

*Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January –*

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)*  
6.15pm (Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January)

Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass  
10.00am Welfare of Jonathan D'Souza  
11.30am Pietro Mobile RIP  
(Hymn Choir singing)

**4.00pm Benediction**

5.00pm People of the parish

## 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 £2102.00  
 (£1504.00-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders).**

**You also gave a marvellous £590.00 to the  
SPUC White Flower Appeal!**

**The total sent to Friends of the Holy Land  
from Crib Offerings was £235.00.**

## In the coming week:

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Octave of Prayer for  
Christian Unity begins.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – First Holy Communion  
Session 2: "Lord Have Mercy"  
in the Upper Hall – 10am to 11.30am.  
Would parents kindly deliver and  
collect their children in good time.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Confirmation Group  
"Awayday" Candidates should arrive  
promptly at the British Home and  
Hospital for Incurables, 37 Crown  
Lane, SW16 3JB at 9.45 am ready for a  
10.00am start. The day will finish at  
4.00 pm. If driving, parents and  
guardians can drop candidates off in  
Ryecroft Road, which is opposite the  
Home. Candidates should enter the  
building at the gate to the left of the  
bus stop on the hospital side of the  
Crown Lane. Please note there is no  
entry for vehicles at this gate. They  
will need to bring a packed lunch and  
sufficient drinks for the day. Also  
they should bring their Confirmation  
Books. Consent Forms must be handed  
in by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at the  
latest. This deadline also applies to  
Consent forms for the "Flame" event.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> AND Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**January 2017 at 3pm:**

**Baptism Preparation Course.**

**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.**

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

**Fr Deo sends his greetings to you all  
from Tanzania. During his absence, we  
welcome priests from a neighbouring  
parish. Once Father Deo has returned,  
he hopes to be in a position to announce  
the name of our new Assistant Priest,  
and the date of his arrival.**

## Coffee Morning Next Sunday:

**After the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses  
With LIFE. There will also be a sale of  
knitted goods. Proceeds will go to LIFE  
Headquarters: [www.lifecharity.org.uk](http://www.lifecharity.org.uk)**

## READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The next rota will run from 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 2017 to 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017.  
Please do your best to advise us as to  
your availability and indeed to your non  
availability via the parish office.**

**Responses are required no later than 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 2017**

**Guild of St Stephen Medal Ceremony:**  
Would all servers please note that this  
will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
2017 at 10.00am Mass, so please note  
this in your diary. Please be advised that  
the previous date provided (in  
February) is incorrect. Please read the  
notice in the Sacristy and sign up as  
appropriate. We are also seeking  
parents to help with refreshments in the  
hall after Mass.

**Parish Web site** Groups are  
reminded that they have ownership  
of the content of their respective  
Web pages. Any additions or  
amendments required should be  
emailed to:

[webmaster@stbartsnorbury.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@stbartsnorbury.co.uk)

Groups that have not yet provided  
any information are encouraged to  
do so. The same email address may  
be used by parishioners for general  
comments/suggestions.

**ROADWORKS:** We were taken by  
surprise by recent roadworks. You may  
have to park further away or take  
another route to get to the church.

## 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 Blaquier, Anita Blaquier, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Raffaela Forte, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green; Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Gladys Laskey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, 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.

## Church Cleaning: Group 2 this week coming:

Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua, Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya, Victoria Okonko. *Please could you help clean the church?*

### Rota for Coffee Mornings 2017

Please contact the parish office to book a date. You may wish to raise money as an individual, a family or a group, perhaps for a charity. Coffee Mornings may be held after either one or more

Sunday morning Masses. There are a number of slots still available, so if you are interested, please get in touch as soon as possible. There are some Sundays which are restricted, and there are no Coffee Mornings during the month of August.

**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.*

## CATHOLIC DIARIES:

We have just received a consignment of St Bartholomew's own diaries. These are available from the Repository at the bargain price of just 30p! If you still need a diary, now is your chance to snap one up!

## SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES:

These are also available from the Repository. You may purchase a spiral bound copy at £3.50 or a standard copy at £3.00.

We have been asked about the national Catholic Directory for England and Wales. This is expected to be back in print for 2018. Meanwhile, information is always available on the internet at: [www.catholic-ew.org.uk](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk)

### The Passage:

**Burns Night Ceilidh at Westminster Cathedral Hall on Wednesday 25 January from 7.00 p.m. till 10.30. Please support the excellent work of The Passage with homeless people by attending a Burns Night tickets £18.54 (£29.10 including Burns Night Supper) details at: [www.passage.org.uk/events/ceilidh-aid-passage](http://www.passage.org.uk/events/ceilidh-aid-passage);**



### Missio:

Promoters and Boxholders are reminded that collection is now due for this month of January.

### NATIVITY TABLEAU PHOTOGRAPHS:

John Taylor took a number of photographs at this event at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. They are on display in the porch on the window sill nearest to the Repository. If you would like to order copies as a record of your child's involvement in this event, please use the form provided to make your order.

### Job Opportunities in the Catholic sphere:

Please look in the yellow folder on the windowsill, which is regularly updated with advertisements for jobs.

### A THOUGHT:

Our Saviour opened His Arms on the Cross to embrace those He was going to Sacrifice His Life to save, namely fallen humanity which, in the fullness of time, included us. We are now, through our Baptism, responsible for embracing God and so working our way to Heaven, to rest eternally in His Loving Embrace.

The Church offers us, Her children, a treasury of helps to keep us faithful to God and, so, in the State of Grace. Mass and the Seven Sacraments form the core of this treasury. The Teachings of the Church, passed on to us through the Pope, Bishops and Priests, provide, as it were, a 'road-map' which will, if followed, together with the Grace of the Sacraments, keep us firmly on the way to Heaven.

While a 'minimum' of Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses and Confessions will 'do', there are additional aids to sanctity which, whether we recognise our need for them or not, are on offer. Every day, for example, we are invited to come and just spend some time in *our* Parish Church, adoring Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, just being there and talking with Him in the silence of our hearts, open to any inspirations He may put into our minds. Even if physically going to church is not possible (we may well have to be at work) we can still, wherever we may be, tell our Lord of our love for Him and ask for His help in our daily life.

If, however parents find themselves at home with children, then why not, even once a week, bring them to adore Our Lord, maybe even staying for Mass afterwards. Just as delicate seedlings need watering, feeding and pruning so the growing faith of our children (and, indeed, our own Faith!) must be carefully cultivated. If our children see us giving Adoration and Mass the importance they deserve and are encouraged by us to do likewise, we are handing to them a priceless treasure which will be with them through the 'storms' of life, exceeding in value all the 'treasures' of 'heaven on Earth' set before us by the advertising media.