

St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 15th December 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(YEAR C)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS:

Sunday 15th December 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

Gaudete Sunday

Saturday 6.15 pm (14th December 2024)

The Wellbeing of Ignacia
Fernandes

8:30am The Wellbeing of Jordan De Sa
(Free Coffee Morning)

10am Maria Dos Ramos Miguel RIP
(Free Coffee Morning)

11:30am Intentions of Michael & Eileen
(Free Coffee Morning)

Plainchant Choir

4pm Benediction

5pm November Deceased List

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday 16th December 2024 (Feria)

7:30am The Holy Souls

10am Michael O'Hora RIP

Tuesday 17th December 2024 (Feria)

7:30am November Deceased List

10am Clementina Fernandes RIP

Wednesday 18th December 2024 (Feria)

7:30am The Holy Souls

10am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Thursday 19th December 2024 (Feria)

7:30am The Holy Souls

10am November Deceased List

Friday 20th December 2024 (Feria)

DAY OF PENANCE WITH ADORATION

FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM

7:30am The Holy Souls

10am Thanksgiving – family of
Grenville Fernandes

Saturday 21st December 2024 (Feria)

10am Pietro Mobile RIP

Sunday 22nd December 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers.

Saturday 6.15 pm (21st December 2024)

Mario Rodrigues RIP

8:30am Gilly Fernandes RIP

10am Thanksgiving –
Fernandes Family

11:30am Michael O'Hora RIP

**Poly Choir Christmas Concert
At 2.30 pm**

4pm Benediction

5pm The Holy Souls

NOTE: ALLELUIA

Kind reminder to all: We do not sing the 'Alleluia', we say the 'Alleluia.'

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6:15 pm
8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm

Benediction: 4 pm

Weekdays Mass:

Monday – Friday 7:30am & 10am

Saturday

10 am

Confession:

Saturday after 10 am Mass then
from 5 pm – 6 pm

Adoration & Benediction:

Monday-Thursday & Saturday 9.30am

Friday after 10 am Mass until 10pm

Rosary:

Monday – Thursday &

Saturday after 10 am Mass

Sunday 4 pm with Benediction

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The third rose candle on the Advent wreath, known as the "Shepherd's Candle," holds significant meaning as we draw closer to Christmas. As we light the rose candle, we reflect on the joy of the season—both the joy of the shepherds and the joy that comes from the birth of Christ, which brings hope and salvation to the world. The lighting of the rose candle is a celebration of the growing anticipation for Christmas, reminding us that this season is not only a time of preparation but also, a time of rejoicing (Gaudete) in the coming of Jesus.

DAY OF PENANCE WITH ADORATION

We are delighted to announce that the Day of Penance will take place on Friday the 20th of December 2024, in conjunction with Adoration.

Confessions will be available from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. What a wonderful opportunity to reconcile and make things right with the Lord. We hope to see you there.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NATIVITY PLAY



The Children's Liturgy Group are producing their annual Nativity Play and carols for the Christmas Eve Mass,

to take place at 6 pm, before the 6.15 pm Mass.

Rehearsal will be on Monday 23rd December

2024 from 3 pm to 4.30 pm in the church,

at which all the roles and costumes will be provided. If you would like your child to take part, you must bring them to the rehearsal and remain with them throughout.

To participate, please email Linda Harries

lharries@gmail.com or call her on

07770 623230 no later than Wednesday the

18th of December 2024, giving your child's

name and age. Role-playing will be for those of school nursery age up to year 3.

Those from

year 4 upwards will be narrators and carol

singers.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

8th December 2024

<u>BASKET</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>NON-GIFT</u>
	<u>AID</u>	<u>AID</u>
£	£	£
979.41	392.00	587.41

FREE COFFEE MORNING

Today 15th December 2024, the Cleaning Team will be hosting a free coffee morning after the 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 11.30 am Masses; Do stop by and enjoy a hot or cold refreshment, meeting and greeting fellow parishioners. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to one of the team.

THANK YOU

The confirmation group would like to sincerely thank you all for your generosity and support.

Thanks to all the volunteers including the confirmandi's parents who contributed to this marvellous event. Together they raised £420.00 for their three (3) charities. Thank you for your kindness.



CHRISTMAS AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

We are pleased to inform you that our Parish Christmas Cards are now available in all porch areas. These cards carry heartfelt Christmas wishes from all clergy and **provide detailed information about the upcoming Masses and services. This includes the schedule from the 1st Sunday of Advent through to the New Year of 2025.** Please feel free to take one of these cards and keep it as a reminder of our celebrations during this joyful season.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

As is our tradition, we invite you to make a personal gift to our priests, Father Deo and Father Damian, this Christmas. Specially produced envelopes are available in all porch areas where you can enclose your offering. If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please consider writing your Gift Aid number in the box provided. Alternatively, you may wish to use the Christmas Day envelope from your personal set of Gift Aid envelopes. Thank you for your generosity and support.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We invite you to donate to support the beautiful flower arrangements that will enhance our church during the Christmas season. Please use the special wall box located in the main porch for your donations. Our talented flower arrangers will create stunning displays that will brighten our worship space and bring the spirit of the season to life. Your generous contribution will help make this festive season even more special for all who visit. Thank you for your support!

REPOSITORY

The repository offers a wonderful selection of cards and gifts for Christmas. Why not stop by and explore our collection? You'll also find thoughtful **Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion** gifts are available for purchase.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person, you created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

BAPTISM AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S NORBURY

At St Bart's, we normally have 4 Pre-Baptism preparation courses for the year. If there are parents who have already done the course within the last 3 years, please contact the office or email to book a date for the ceremony. Thus, all information regarding the ceremony can be found on the Baptism form; please pay attention to all the details in the form. The form can be downloaded from the parish website or obtained from the church porch. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the **2025 Pre-Baptism preparation courses.**



CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 SESSION 7

The next session is on **Wednesday 15th January 2025**, from 7.15 pm to 9 pm at BTG School.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights of St Columba will be gathering on **Monday 16th December 2024 from 8 pm to 10 pm in the upper Church Hall.** They normally meet every 3rd Monday of the month. Why not stop by to meet the team and get to know a bit about what they discuss?

Christmas Carols & Readings

St. Bartholomew's
Polyphony Choir

A Christmas Celebration
St. Bartholomew's Church

Conductor Sitsafe Flaka Organist Tony Price
Tenor Solo Richard Harries
Reader Julie McDonagh

Junction of Ellison/Hepworth Roads SW16 5DE

Sunday 22 December 14:30

Entry is FREE

Post-concert mulled wine and mince pies in the hall
Retiring collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society



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POLYPHONY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This will take place on **Sunday 22nd December 2024 at 2.30 pm in the church.** This celebration of Christmas, led by our Polyphony Choir and soloists, will include carols and readings. Entry is free. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the SVP. Please give generously. You are also invited to come across to the hall afterwards to enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT & THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley, John DeWaal, Audrey Draude, Eileen Dunne, Terry Folorunso, Mary Ellen Fox, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Mary Gibbs, Amalia Gonzalez, Michael Goodwin; Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Fr Michael Jones, Fr Louie Kitt, Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez, James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Andrew McMillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Elsy Mickle, Thomas Pereira, Terezinha Po, Angel Rojas, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira, Christine Shaughnessy, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Ivete Vaz, Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ, Georgette Yoo Foo.

