



St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Saturday 11th January (Feast)	6.15pm		Wellbeing of Shane Gough
Sunday 12th January	8.30am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Feast	Etelvina Barreto RIP
	10am		Cathy Nicholls RIP
	11.30am		The welfare of Christopher Sequeira and his 3 girls
	4pm		Benediction
	5pm		People of the Parish

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 13th January	7.30am	Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)	Wellbeing of Rev Father Louie Kitt
	10am		Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP
Tuesday 14th January	7.30am	Feria	The Holy Souls
	10am		Marice Edlins RIP
Wednesday 15th January	7.30am	Feria	November Deceased List
	10am		Private Intention
Thursday 16th January	7.30am	Feria	The Holy Souls
	10am		The Holy Souls <i>(2.15pm Requiem Mass - Dennis Saldanha)</i>
Friday 17th January	7.30am	Saint Anthony, Abbot (Memorial)	The Holy Souls
	10am		Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP
Saturday 18th January	10am	Feria	Hans Spiker RIP

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PEACE DAY

Saturday 18th January	6.15pm	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th January	8.30am		Jonathan D'Souza Walker 18th Birthday
	10am		Raffaella Forte RIP
	11.30am		Intention of Romano Ippoliti <i>(Plainchant)</i>
	4pm		Benediction
	5pm		Feast November Deceased List

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times	Weekdays Mass	Confession	Adoration & Benediction	Rosary
Saturday 6.15pm (Vigil)	Monday to Friday 7.30am & 10am	Saturday after 10am Mass then from 5pm to 6pm	Monday to Thursday & Saturday 9.30am Friday after 10am Mass until 10pm	Monday to Thursday & Saturday after 10am Mass
Sunday 8.30am; 10am; 11.30am & 5pm Benediction 4pm	Saturday 10am			

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD TODAY
 Sunday 12th January 2025

Jesus is Baptised in the River Jordon by John
Image David Zalenka



RECENT COLLECTIONS:
 5th January 2025

Gift Aid: £233.30
 Non-Gift Aid: £600.12
 Basket: £833.42

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A)

- *Have you been attending Mass but you are not a Catholic?
- *Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?
- *We warmly invite those adults seeking Baptism to be part of our Journey in Faith group.
- *The weekly forums involve learning about the Catholic Faith and the truth and beauty of the Gospel.
- *Please call or email the Parish Office if you are considering becoming a Catholic.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES 2025

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the next course dates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

The inaugural Mass for our First Holy Communicants and their families is scheduled for 10:00 am on **Saturday 8th February 2025**. After the Mass, there will be a meeting for the parents along with a tour of our splendid church.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 SESSION 7

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

THE LOSS OF FATHER DAMIAN'S MOTHER

Fr. Damian lost his mother Bridget Obiageli Paulina Ildigwe over the weekend. We extend our condolence to Fr. Damian and his family and pray for the happy repose of Bridget. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Fr. Damian will travel back to Nigeria for the funeral when the family finalizes arrangements for the funeral.

WEEKLY SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As we begin 2025, we are excited to announce that we plan to hold weekly coffee mornings after all Sunday morning masses. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to connect, get to know one another, and continue building our vibrant, friendly community!

The Church will provide tea, coffee, and biscuits, but we need volunteers to help with setting up and serving the refreshments. If you're available and interested in helping, please email the parish office, and we will set up a rota to ensure everything runs smoothly. Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

PEACE SUNDAY

19th January 2025

"The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice". We invite you to support the ongoing mission for peace by making a donation to *PAX CHRISTI*. Special envelopes are available in the church porches for your contributions. The collection of the envelopes will be on 19th January 2025. We thank you for your generosity.

A YEAR OF HOPE

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development: 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18th January, 10:30am to midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee Please see our [Jubilee page](#) for more resources and information around the Jubilee. Many thanks.

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 and serve Him more deeply. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

TEACHER VACANCY AT ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL

This role would suit an ECT or more experienced Teacher Grade - MPS/UPS.

Please see the brown folder in the main church porch, For more details. Closing date: Midday, Wednesday 22nd January 2025. Return completed applications to the Deputy Head Martin Ruddy; martinr@stjamesthegreat.org :

THE BEAVERS RESUME!

Beavers start meeting on Wednesday 15th January, and Cubs, Scouts and Explorers resume on Thursday 16th January. We have spaces for boys and girls in Beavers (age 6-7) Cubs (8-10½) Scouts (10½-14) and Explorers (15-18). For more information email 32ndstreathamscouts@gmail.com or call Nick Andon on 07740 942966.

FATHER DEO IS ON A SHORT HOLIDAY

Father Deo is now on holiday in Tanzania, from where he sends us all his best wishes and prayers. We wish him a remarkable momentary stay.

SUNDAY MASS COVER

We welcome Father Augustine Kinnane who will be saying the 8.30am & 10am Masses for us on the 12th; 19th & 26th January 2025.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 18th January 2025, our Lady & St Philip Neri, Sydenham Road, London SE26 5SE. Please see the poster in the church porch.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights of St. Columba will be meeting on **Monday 20th of January 2025 from 8pm to 10pm** in the upper hall room. They normally gather every 3rd Monday of the month.