

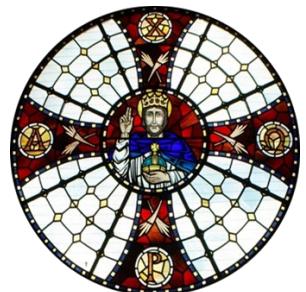


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SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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Saturday 1st February	6.15pm	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>Candlemas</i> (Feast)	John & Bridget Murphy RIP
	8.30am		The Welfare of Desa Clan Friben
	10am		Gemma Devonish RIP
Sunday 2nd February	11.30am		Margaret Williams RIP (<i>Polyphony Choir</i>)
	4pm		BENEDICTION
	5pm		The Holy Souls

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 3rd February	7.30am	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)	Antony Joseph RIP
	10am	<i>Blessing of throats at both Masses today</i>	Thanksgiving - St Anthony
Tuesday 4th February	7.30am	Saint Henry Morse, Priest and Martyr (Memorial)	People of the Parish
	10am		Nora & Miah Moynihan RIP
Wednesday 5th February	7.30am	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)	Jacob Fernandes Anniversary RIP
	10am		Barbara Haynes RIP
Thursday 6th February	7.30am	Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)	The Holy Souls
	10am		Intentions of the People of Iran
Friday 7th February	7.30am		Joseph Lunn RIP
	10am	Feria	Isabel D'Mello RIP
Saturday 8th February	10am	Saints Josephine Bakhita, Virgin <i>Day of prayer for the Victims of Trafficking</i>	Blaise D'Cunha RIP <i>(No confession after the 10am Mass)</i>

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9th February	6.15pm	<i>Racial Justice Sunday will be :</i> <i>(Next Sunday 16th February)</i> <i>Second collection will be taken</i> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	Shane Gough RIP
	8.30am		The Holy Souls <i>(Free Coffee Morning)</i>
	10am		Maria Teixeira Gomes RIP <i>(Free Coffee Morning)</i>
	11.30am		Thanksgiving Bernie Courtney (Birthday) <i>(Free Coffee Morning)</i>
	4pm		BENEDICTION
	5pm		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		Monday to Thursday & Saturday 9.30am	Monday to Thursday &
Sunday 8.30am; 10am; 11.30am & 5pm	Saturday 10am	Saturday after 10am Mass then from 5pm to 6pm	Friday after 10am Mass until 10pm	Saturday after 10am Mass

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES DATES 2025: We are pleased to inform you that the Baptism Preparation Course will consist of four sessions, divided into two sets.

The first set of courses will take place on:

Wednesday, 5th & 12th of March 2025, from 8pm to 9pm in the Church Retro Chapel.

Saturday, 10th & 17th of May 2025, from 2:30pm to 3:30pm in the Church Retro Chapel.

The second set of courses will be announced closer to the time.

If you have NOT attended a course in the past three (3) years, you will need to sign up. You must attend both sessions within the course. To proceed with your request for baptism, please obtain a form titled; "***Request for Baptism at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church***" from the Church's Main Porch. complete it, and return it to the Parish Office. A date for the ceremony may be chosen following the course. We look forward to welcoming you to the sessions.

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 2025 SESSION 9: Wednesday 12th February 2025, from 7.15pm to 9pm at BTG School.

PARISH MISSION 2025 - REDEMPTORISTS: We are pleased to inform you about the upcoming **Parish Mission 2025**, which will be given by the Redemptorists. Fr. Peter Smith will be introducing this mission and will be with us next week on:

Saturday 8th February 2025: 6:15pm

Sunday 9th February 2025: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am and 5pm

Fr. Peter will be celebrating all the Masses and sharing more information about the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE INAUGURAL MASS: We are excited for next Saturday's Inaugural Mass for the First Holy Communion children and their families. May this time of preparation be filled with joy and spiritual growth for everyone involved.

NO CONFESSIONS: We would like to inform you that there will be ***no Confessions in the morning after the 10am Mass, on the 8th February 2025***; due to the Inaugural Mass for our First Holy Communicants and their families which is scheduled for 10am. After the Mass, there will be a meeting for the parents along with a tour of our magnificent church. Hence, the confession for the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm is open as usual.

FREE COFFEE MORNING IS BACK: We are excited to announce that our ***Free Coffee Morning is back! Next Sunday the 9th February 2025 at all morning Masses***. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have already responded to the newsletter. We are still looking for more volunteers so that we can create a rota where each person only attends once a month. If you're able to help, please let us know by calling the Parish Office or please can you kindly write your full name and contact details on the A4 sheet provided in the main church porch. Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE: On the ***16th of February 2025*** is Racial Justice Sunday.

Archbishop John Wilson will be commemorating a distinctive Mass at 10am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. All are invited to attend and emboldened to do so in their traditional dress and costumes. Those attending in person you don't need to book, please arrive in good time, at least 15 minutes before the start of the Mass. thus, for those who cannot attend in person, the service will be live-streamed on their YouTube channel and via this link: <https://bit.ly/3PWpnCe>.

DAY FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING: This coming ***Saturday the 8th of February 2025*** marks the Day of Prayer for the Victims of Human Trafficking. We will be praying for our brothers and sisters who are trapped in cycles of abuse and exploitation. May the Holy Spirit inspire a change of heart in those involved in this evil trade, and may governments recognise the enslaved not as criminals, but as victims in need of compassion and support.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our Priests, Deacons and those in Religious Life; 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.

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

**RECENT COLLECTIONS:
26TH JANUARY 2025**

Gift Aid:	£223.66
Non-Gift Aid:	£634.47
Basket:	£858.13

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