

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NORBURY



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SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Page 155)

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Saturday 28th February	6.15pm	Kevin Jones RIP
Sunday 1st March <i>Today's second collection is for CAFOD Lent Fast Day</i>	8.30am	Ellis (Foundation Mass)
	10am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Annie Colleran RIP (Polyphony Choir)
	4pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	5pm	The Holy Souls
SECOND WEEK OF LENT		
Monday 2nd March (<i>Feria</i>)	7.30am	The Holy Souls
	10am	For the Return of Lapsed Catholics
	12noon	Requiem Mass for Mrs Mary Bridget McBride
Tuesday 3rd March (<i>Feria</i>)	7.30am	November Deceased List
	10am	Anna Uania McNamara RIP
Wednesday 4th March (<i>Feria</i>)	7.30am	The Holy Souls
	10am	People of the Parish
	6pm	Reconciliation
Thursday 5th March (<i>Feria</i>)	7.30am	The Holy Souls
	10am	The Holy Souls
Friday 6th March (<i>Feria</i>)	7.30am	People of the Parish
	10am	People of the Parish
Saturday 7th March (<i>Feria</i>)	10am	The Holy Souls

RECONCILIATION:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on **Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 6pm in the church** as part of our First Holy Communion preparation. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:
Chapter 5: Children only at St James the Great School, Windsor Road, Thornton Heath CR7 8HJ (SJTG)
Saturday 7th March 2026 from 10am-11 am.

FREE COFFEE MORNING: You are warmly invited to a Free Coffee Morning hosted by the First Holy Communion Children and their Parents on **Sunday 8th March 2026, after all the morning Masses.** Please come along for a cuppa, a chat, and some lovely company!

FOOD HUB DONATION REQUEST: I am writing on behalf of our local Food Hub to kindly request your support through food donations. As demand continues to grow within our community, we are working hard to ensure that individuals and families experiencing hardship have access to essential groceries and household items. Your generosity can make a real difference. We would be extremely grateful for donations of non-perishable food items such as pasta, rice, tinned goods, cereals, tea, coffee, and long-life milk. We also welcome toiletries and basic hygiene products. If you are able to contribute, please deliver items to the parish office Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Thank you in advance for your kindness, generosity, and continued support of our community.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2026:
Today, an appeal will be made when the collection is taken. Special envelopes will be available in all church porches for those who wish to donate. Contactless donations can also be made using the card readers located at the back of the church. Please take a moment to consider how you might support our brothers and sisters overseas who face a permanent cost-of-living crisis. We kindly ask you to give whatever you can, according to your own circumstances.

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Page 158)

Saturday 7th March	6.15pm	Wellbeing of Baby Rafferty Kearns & Family
Sunday 8th March	8.30am	Helena Akaadom Boamah & Louis Kwame Boadi (Happy Birthday) (Free Coffee Morning Hosted by the F.H.C. Children and Parents)
	10am	Philippe Yoo Foo RIP (Family Choir) (Free Coffee Morning Hosted by the F.H.C. Children and Parents)
	11.30am	Aidan Kent RIP (Free Coffee Morning Hosted by the F.H.C. Children and Parents)
	4pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	5pm	Michael Brown (Birthday)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Thursday & Saturday 9.30 am

Friday
After 10am Mass until 10pm

CONFESSION

Saturday after 10am Mass, then from 5pm to 6pm

ROSARY

Monday to Thursday & Saturday after 10am Mass

CONFIRMATION SESSION 5:

- Children and Parents
- Parents' Session – Plus Coffee Morning Preparation

Wednesday 11th March 2026, from 7.15 pm to 9 pm, at BTG School.

ALTAR SERVING OVER THE HOLY WEEK 2026: We kindly ask all Altar Servers to sign up for the Holy Week services.

Palm Sunday Mass: 29th March - 11.30am
Practice: Saturday 28th March –11.00 -11.30am

Maundy Thursday Mass: 2nd April - 8pm
Practice: Wednesday 1st April - 7.30pm

Good Friday Service: 3rd April - 3pm
Practice: Friday 3rd April - 10.30am (same day)

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th April– 8.30pm
Practice: Saturday 4th April - 10.30am (same day)

Practices will last approx. 45 minutes.

It's always great to see so many of our servers participating, so please sign up to serve by emailing norburymc@rcaos.org.uk or via the signup sheet in the Sacristy - we always need as many Servers as possible!

ALTAR SERVERS 48TH ANNUAL RALLY - MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026: The 48th Annual Mass and Rally of Southwark Altar Servers will take place at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, bringing together Altar Servers from across the Archdiocese for a day of worship, fellowship, and celebration. We are planning on arranging transport to and from St. Bartholomew's to Aylesford. If you would be interested in attending, please write your name on the notice sheet in the Sacristy, or contact Deacon Ged or Jed Murphy: norburymc@rcaos.org.uk. Once we have an indication of numbers, we will confirm the available Altar Server places and the names nearer the time.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Requiem Mass for **Mrs Mary Bridget McBride** will take place here on Monday **2nd March 2026 at 12 noon, and then she will be repatriated to Ireland in due course.** Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Jeannette Storage - Rutter**, who died peacefully on Wednesday 4th February. Jeannette was one of the earliest members of the Polyphony Choir, continuing to sing until moving back to Malta. She later returned to the UK. Also, **Anne Howes**, another former parishioner and Polyphony Choir member, died recently. Our Condolences and prayers go out to the families. May they rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

21ST & 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

Gift Aid: £306.00; Non-Gift Aid: £692.23

Basket: £998.23

For Contactless Donation: Please use the Card Machines at the back of the Church or use this **QR CODE**. Thank you for your generosity



☘ ST. PATRICK'S DAY & MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE

MORNING ☘ Sunday, 15th March 2026 After all the morning Masses. Join the Social Committee for a joyful St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day celebration filled with good food, warm drinks, and great company!

☘ On the Menu:

- Bacon Rolls
- Traditional Irish Soda Bread
- Smoked Salmon
- Irish Coffee

• Tea & Coffee

☘ RAFFLE

Win a special hamper prize celebrating Mother's Day & St. Patrick's Day

☘ **Raffle Tickets are Available to buy at the Parish Office or on the day of the event.**

Special offer: 6 different strips for only £5

Or single strip: £2

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNUSED GIFTS FROM A PREVIOUS OCCASION?

- Bottles – Wine, Brandy or Whisky
- Body products
- Chocolates
- Box of cookies

- Gift Vouchers
- Candles, Lotions & Bath Sets...

All these donations and more are welcome to support fundraising events for the Church Maintenance. We thank you in advance.

☘ Everyone is very welcome — come along, celebrate, and enjoy the craic! Please take a flyer home and share it with your family, friends and neighbours.

PLANNED GIVING: If you are a taxpayer, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. We can reclaim the tax you have paid, adding 25% to your offerings at no extra cost to you! Standing orders are an excellent way to make your offerings.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES – NEW TAX YEAR 2026/2027
Gift Aid envelopes for the 2026/2027 tax year will be available for collection on **Sunday, 15th March 2026, in the Church Hall after all morning Masses.** If you are unable to collect your envelope on this date, please collect it from the Parish Office at a later time. Please ensure you sign for your envelope upon collection. Due to GDPR requirements, envelopes cannot be left out on display. If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, the necessary forms, including Standing Order forms, will be available. Please note that if you have recently switched to giving by Standing Order, your Gift Aid number will have changed. If you are unsure of your current Gift Aid number, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of the parish through the Gift Aid Scheme — your generosity truly makes a difference.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ACTIVE DISCIPLE OF JESUS IN A SECULAR SOCIETY? **Please note change of date and location****** You're warmly invited to explore how Christians can live as active disciples in today's secular culture, where faith sits alongside science, technology, politics, media and well-being. Join our interactive workshop on **Saturday 7th March, from 14:00-15:30, in St. Bart's Church**, as we reflect together on these themes. Book your free place here: <https://tinyurl.com/moderndisciples>