

St. Bartholomew's Church

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Peace on Earth Sunday

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th: 2nd of the Year

6.15 (Sat eve) Oliver Walsh's Intention
(Hymns)

8.30 All Parishioners

10.00 Maria Dhanraj (Hymns)

11.30 Sheila Donohoe (Plainchant)

5.00 John Kenny

Monday 18th:

10.00 Caren Burne

Tuesday 19th:

10.00 Frank Piazzi

Mass Times and Intentions

Wednesday 20th:

10.00 Requiem for Lily Nicholas

Thursday 21st: St Agnes

10.00 John Joseph Murphy

Friday 22nd:

10.00 Kathleen Linehan

Saturday 23rd:

10.00 Rev. Cyril Walmsley

Next Sunday 24th: 3rd of the Year

6.15 (Sat eve) Private Intention (Hymns)

8.30 Bernard Tierney

10.00 Patsy Moloney (Family Choir)

11.30 Tony Buckley (Hymn Choir)

5.00 All Parishioners

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11.00am; 5.00-6.00pm

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Monday - Saturday 9.30am

Sick: John Armstrong, Monica Casey, John Douglas, Brian d'Souza, Len Dunne, Antonio Fernandes, Christina Joel, Ajitha Mahatantila, Karl Maxwell, Pat & Jess Power, Albert Rego, Albert Steiert, Josef Szumilas, Magdalen Sunich, Chris Sweeney, Liz Tivey, Esmlin Williams.

Thank You: Last week's collection was £1138 and £605 by Standing Order. The collection for SPUC was £375

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 6 - Saturday 11.30

Obi Ohen, Velly Cattermole, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Linda Johnson, Brenda Phillips, Doreen Pillay, Juliet Blake.

Recently Deceased - Please pray for the repose of the soul Lily Nicholas (an English Martyrs parishioner) whose funeral is on Wednesday. Please pray also for the repose of the souls of: William Hutton, of Abercairn Road whose funeral takes place on Monday 25th at 1.45pm South London Crematorium; Mary Lacey, a former parishioner, whose funeral takes place on Friday 29th at 10am; Leonard Phillips of Woodmansterne Road who died on Wednesday, funeral details to follow; Kath Palframan, a former parishioner and member of the UCM, who died on Friday in the Lake District. Our sympathy to the families all the deceased.

This Sunday

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peace on Earth Sunday

Peace Sunday is an opportunity to pray and act to create a more just and peaceful world. It offers us an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Father's World Peace Day message. This year the theme is "you want to cultivate peace, protect creation".

The 2010 World Peace Day message encourages us to see how protecting the earth and making sure its gifts reach everyone, as God intends, is essential to reducing conflict between people.

Retiring collection for Pax Christi

5pm - 'Inbetweeners' meet for Mass followed by a get-together in the Hall. Young people in Years 10 to 13 are invited to join them for the Group.

Coffee Morning after 10am Mass for the work of Pax Christi.

Next Sunday

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life Coffee Morning in the Hall after 10am and 11.30am Masses.

Unity Service for Church Unity Week 6.30pm at Norbury Baptist Church, Semley Road.

CAFOD Second Collection for the victims of the Haiti Earthquake.

This Week

Monday 18th

Church Unity Octave beginnings today until 25th January.

UCM meet at 8pm in the St Charles Room for a talk given by Fr Francis. Please bring your subscriptions, £10, and postage stamps for the Mother Teresa Sisters.

Knights of St Columba meet at 8pm in the St Basil Room.

Tuesday 19th

Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 8pm in the Priest's House.

Wednesday 20th

Young Mothers group meet at 8pm in the St James Room.

Journey in Faith - meet at 8pm in the Priest's House. This week's theme: Sign and Sacrament.

The group will meet every Wednesday evening at 8pm until Easter.

Saturday 23rd

First Communion Programme for Children and Parents 10am in the Hall and St Charles Room. Fr Tom will be talking to parents about Reconciliation you are asked to make every effort to attend.

Baptism Course - 3 - 4pm in the Meeting Room.

SVP Sudan Update

The SVP would like to thank parishioners for the wonderful response to the Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal. Our Conference managed to collect almost £500 and we were congratulated for the largest amount raised.

Guild of St Stephen Medal

Ceremony

We will be enrolling new members into the Guild of St Stephen at 10am Mass on Saturday February 6th 2009

If you think you should be receiving a medal, and have been serving for at least a year, please write your name on the list in the Sacristy.

A final list of those servers selected to receive their medal will be shown on the notice board at the end of January.

Southwark 2010 Directory /

Parish Diary

There are still copies available for our Southwark Catholic Directory (edited by Fr Philip) priced £3 and a Parish Catholic Diary priced £1.50 available in the Repository. Do go and take a look in the Repository it has a number of Catholic items.

APF Promoters and Boxholders

The collection is due this month of January. Thank You

Peace on Earth Sunday

The theme chosen by Pope Benedict for this year's Peace Sunday is a striking one: "*If You Want To Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation*". Twenty years ago, when the Berlin wall came down, hardly anyone would have made the connection between work for peace and the struggle to protect the environment. There was general acceptance that the Church should be involved in peace-making and conflict resolution, but Christian environmentalists were generally regarded as a bit cranky. Today we are much more aware of how essential it is that Christians work to safeguard the natural world and re-make our own lifestyles, so that we might "tread lightly on the earth".

Most of us, however, haven't yet caught up with Pope Benedict's insight that there is an intimate connection between environmental damage and warfare, so let us probe that link a little. There are clearly political connections to be made. Many of the wars of the last generation have been "resource wars" (fought over oil, diamonds, narcotics and the like). And with increasing pressure on drinking-water supplies, grazing land, grain harvests and other basic resources, we can expect more such conflicts in the future. Desertification and environmental degradation yield not only a harvest of human suffering but also refugee-flows and economic disruption. So protecting creation is a crucial tool for peace-making.

But there is also a spiritual connection to be made between environmental health and peace; and perhaps this will prove even more important in the long term.

Whatever the justifications which can be offered in any particular case, warfare always represents a gross failure on the part of the human family. Differences which should have been resolved through dialogue and friendship are tackled through violence. Our neighbour is viewed from a distance, with suspicion, as a potential enemy, rather than approached as a possible friend. So, too, in the modern era we came to look at the natural world from a distance and with hostility. It was there to be subjugated, mined, exploited, even trashed. It belonged to us and we could do whatever we wanted with it. We cut ourselves off from its natural rhythms. We thought we owed it nothing. And so we left gaping wounds across our planet and gaping wounds in our own alienated hearts.

Now we are having to learn again that we belong to nature, and not the other way round. We live here for a while, as tenants and stewards, not owners. But we are also learning that nature gives us the means for healing the wounds we have made, both in the living world and in our own spirits. And we are discovering in our own Christian tradition a forgotten wisdom, voices such as that of St Francis of Assisi, who praised God for Brother Sun and Sister Moon and every other aspect of creation, including Sister Death. These voices, together with Pope Benedict, call us now to live in harmony with each other and with our wonderful planet.

© Fr Rob Esdaile of Pax Christi

Are you 18 to 38 years old?

'Evangelisation: A Route to Discerning Our Personal Vocation'. A talk for young adults aged 18 - 38 years old by Fr. Nino Vinciguerra of the Sion Community on Friday 22nd January 2010, 7.30 - 9.00pm in the Hinsley Room at Westminster Cathedral (off Morpeth Terrace). For further details visit www.free2become.org or call 01277 373848.

Are you in your 20s or 30s?

You are warmly invited to join the SW London 20/30s, a social group which attracts Catholics from many surrounding parishes. They will be meeting for a drink on Saturday 23rd January in The Hand & Racquet pub, 25-27 Wimbledon Hill Road SW19 7NE (a two minute walk from Wimbledon Station) at 7.30pm.

For more info please contact Tim Wells: 07849 693400
Bernisi Morrin: 07905 056864

Knights of St Columba Action Project 2009 - 11

Vision Aid Overseas The Knights of St Columba (KSC) have decided to support this National Action Programme because they share Vision Aid Overseas' dream of a world in which no one is disabled because they do not have access to eyecare and spectacles.

Five reasons why the KSC would like you to support this campaign:

They think it is unacceptable that over half a billion people do not have good vision because they do not have spectacles; They will be able to send children back to school; they will help mothers and fathers to provide for their families; they will help the blind to see; they believe in the right to sight.

If you would like a collecting box for your home to help collect for this project please contact Melvin Carty on 8764 3320

St Bartholomew's Orchestra

Following the Christmas concert with the Polyphony Choir, the Orchestra is now rehearsing for its four remaining concerts up to the summer break. Additional string players will be welcomed, and players with reasonable orchestral competence should contact the Orchestra Secretary on 8771 1388 or Bernard Jupp on 8764 7523.

Bishop Thomas Grant School 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Open Days to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the School

Saturday 20th March for past pupils and staff who were at the School from September 1959 to July 1975

Saturday 26th June for past pupils and staff who were at the School from 1975 to July 2009.

Full details on how to get tickets for the above events are available on the School website

www.btg.ac/50_2.html

The closing date for tickets is Friday 12th February. Please note that ticket bookings cannot be made by telephone.

Useful information for you to keep

The Eucharistic Fast - Canon 919

Whoever is to receive the blessed Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from all food and drink. Water and medicine do not break the fast.

The elderly and those who are suffering from some illness, as well as those who care for them, may receive the Blessed Eucharist without the need to fast.

Other than Holy Communion, eating and drinking in Church is quite inappropriate.

Friday Penance

In accordance with the mind of the universal Church, the Bishops of England and Wales remind their people of the obligation of Friday Penance and instruct them that it may be fulfilled in one or more of the following ways

- By abstaining from meat or some other food;
- By abstaining from alcoholic drink, smoking or some form of amusement;
- By making the special effort involved in family prayer, taking part in the Mass, visiting the Blessed Sacrament or praying the Stations of the Cross
- By fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps by giving what is saved in this way to the needy at home and abroad;
- By making a special effort to help somebody who is poor, sick, old or lonely.

The form of penance we adopt each Friday is a matter of personal choice and does not have to take the same form every Friday. Failure to undertake this penance on a particular Friday would not constitute a sin. However, penance is part of the life of every Christian and the intention to do penance on Friday is of obligation.

Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is the taking of only one full meal and two snacks. No eating between meals is allowed, but water, milk, tea, coffee, and juices are OK. Traditionally, everyone over 21 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast; but the present Code of Canon Law sets the ages of 18 and 59 as the limits.

Abstinence from meat applies from the age of 14 years upwards.

The two days for Fasting and Abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Baptism

If you wish to have your child baptised please make yourself known to one of the Clergy. Before your child is baptised will be asked about your religious practice and probably invited to attend a Preparation Course. Parents are encouraged, where possible, to attend this course before their baby is born. The Course consists of two sessions of about an hour each. Once you have completed the course please contact the Parish Office to book a date for the baptism.

Writing Cheques

When writing cheques for offering Masses or any collection please make Cheques payable to 'St Bartholomew's Church'

Dates for your Diary

Multicultural Evening Saturday 6th February from after the 6.15pm Mass. Parishioners will be invited to bring a national dish from their country. Bring your own drinks. More details next week. Offers of help are still welcome.

Parish Dinner Dance. Saturday 16th October at Bishop Thomas Grant School. More details nearer to the date.

Ash Wednesday 17th February

Palm Sunday 28th March

Good Friday 2nd April

Easter Sunday 4th April

Ascension 16th May

Pentecost Sunday 23rd May

Trinity Sunday 30th May

Corpus Christi Sunday 6th June

SS Peter and Paul - Tuesday 29th June

Assumption of Our Lady - Sunday 15th August

All Saints - Sunday 31st October

Christmas Day - Saturday 25th December

First Communions Saturday 15th & 22nd May, 12noon

Confirmation Mass Saturday 19th June, 12noon.

Marriage

If you are Catholic and intend to marry at St Bartholomew's or in any other church please speak to one of the priests or Deacon Paul.

Preparation for this sacrament involves several meetings with one of the clergy and attending a day for engaged couples. The Church requires that you give at least six months notice of your intention to marry.

Children in Church

Children are particularly welcome in church. In the Gospel of Luke there is the story of the Apostles trying to keep children from Jesus and Jesus' response "*Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs*". However it is also important that people are not distracted from the mass by excessive noise or movement and parents have a responsibility to keep their children under control and reasonably occupied. It is particularly important to have reasonable quiet during the readings and the homily, and reverence during the consecration. If a child is being noisy there is an area at the back of the church where it is possible to follow the mass without interrupting the concentration of the rest of the congregation. Ideally children should be encouraged to pray and to follow the mass with a children's prayer book. Finally other than babies, children of any age should not eat or drink in church.

Chewing Gum, Mobile Phones, Hats in Church

It should go without saying that gum should not be chewed in church - but we're saying it for those who haven't thought that far. *Please dispose of your gum before entering the Church.* Also please turn off your phone or set it to silent when you come to church. Remember that boys and men should not have their heads covered inside of Church i.e. should not be wearing any sort of hats, caps, hoodies or head gear.