



Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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28 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S	10	6.00pm		private intention
Su	11	8.30am		Clara Power (rec dec)
		10.30am		Margaret Butler (rec dec)
		5.00pm (EF XX after Pentecost)		the people of the Parish & their needs
M	12	12noon	St Wilfrid	John Courname (rec dec)
T	13	9.00am	St Edward the Confessor	Westminster clergy
W	14	9.00am	St Callistus	Clara Power (rec dec)
T	15	7.30am	St Theresa of Avila	Kathleen Brennan (anniv)
F	16	9.30am	feria	Andrew Brown (rec dec)
S	17	9.00am	St Ignatius of Antioch	vocations to the Priesthood

29 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S	17	6.00pm		the people of the Parish & their needs
Su	18	8.30am		private intention
		10.30am		Vera Henry (anniv)
		5.00pm (EF XXI after Pentecost)		restoration of HDOs

Mass times and intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral.
 Lauds (Morning Prayer of the Church) is offered every Friday at 9.15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30 -10am; 5.15-5.45pm and at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after Mass on Saturday morning

Parish Centre Bookings: call the Parish Office

Chairman of the Parish Council: Phil Ahern philjdahern@aol.com

The Parish Office is normally open on Monday and Friday

9.00 am until 12.00noon (term time only)

The Parish Secretaries are Mrs Susanna Corbally - susannacorbally@rcdow.org.uk

and Mrs Michelle Fitzgerald - michellefitzgerald@rcdow.org.uk

PLEASE hold in your prayers those who are sick, either at Home, in Hospital or Nursing Home: Sheila Chitnis, Nancy Hanton, Mary Wallace, Hannah O'Gorman, Sean Lankas, Mary Murphy, Ruth Wright, Anna Whittle.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Oct 4 - £897.35

CAFOD £317.67

Thank you for your generosity!

THE MISSAL THIS WEEK

Entrance Antiphon

The psalmist praises the mercy of God, who does not mark our iniquities. With confidence in God's mercy, we begin our prayer. From at least the eighth century to the pre-Vatican II missal, this antiphon was used on the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost.

Collect

We pray that God's grace may accompany us, making us determined to do good. It is one of the evening and

morning prayers collected in the Hadrian Sacramentary. It was used on the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost in some early traditions. The Latin word for the "determined" in this prayer is *intentos*, which inspired a custom in Lancashire for serving roast goose on Saint Michael's Day because of the old English word *tentaas*, meaning "on foot." The words were not related, but they sounded alike.

Prayer over the Offerings

We ask that our acts of devotedness will help us pass over to the glory of heaven. This same prayer is used on Palm Sunday and on Tuesday of Holy Week. It first appeared in the Hadrian Sacramentary on the Tuesday after Easter.

Communion Antiphon

The rich may suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. Sharing Holy Communion especially proves the point, for it satisfies our every need. From the First Letter of John, we hear that we will be like the Lord when he appears, for we shall see him as he is. In this Communion we see and

touch our redeemer. Both antiphons were new to the post-Vatican II missal.

Prayer after Communion

As we are fed with this most holy Body and Blood, we ask to be sharers of the divine nature. This prayer was also used on Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent. It comes from the July daily prayers of the Verona Sacramentary.

WELCOMERS

The new list of Welcomers is being prepared. We need some extra Welcomers for all Sunday Masses, particularly at 6pm. If you can help please let the Office know.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass the Catholic Women's League will offer the Holy Rosary. Please come early to Mass and pray, particularly for those migrants and refugees feeling war and violence - for all our prayers are desperately needed. Fatima Prayer said after each Glory Be...: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of thy mercy."

Christmas Crib Working Party Saturday October 17th at 10am

As you are aware the outside Crib was severely damaged last Christmas and the time has arrived to start the repair process - the Crib WILL be outside St Barts this year - however it won't magically appear without some graft! So on the morning of the 17th the following trades are required to meet up - decide what needs doing - and do it!

We need Carpenters - Electricians - Glaziers - Painters - all material costs as appropriate will be met by the parish. On the 17th we can put a plan together and agree a timeline for completion - let me know if you can make it at philjdahern@aol.com - many thanks Phil

REFUGEE CRISIS - DIOCESAN RESPONSE

We continue to pray for all people who are fleeing violence and oppression, and to pray for peace.

As you know, the British government has agreed to take in 20,000 of the most vulnerable displaced Syrians over the next five years. We are still waiting to see what this will mean for Catholic communities in the Diocese of Westminster. In the meantime, we have written to local authorities to determine how best we can work together to address local needs. Responses to the arrival of refugees are likely to be organised by local authorities through approved charities, so I would advise individuals to look for volunteering opportunities in their area.

We are continuing to ask parishes to collect the names of volunteers who can provide the following services:

Help with languages, including interpreting and ESOL (English as a Second Language teaching); Legal advice; Medical services; Befriending. Basic necessities, such as clothing, shoes, toiletries, food parcels, toys etc.

Accommodation

Refugees and asylum seekers arriving in the Diocese of Westminster will be in need of accommodation, so we are reaching out to Catholic communities to ask if they would be willing to host people to protect them from homelessness and exploitation.

If you wish to host someone immediately then I suggest you contact *Spare Room*, an organisation which places destitute nonviolent migrants with hosts.

Spare Room only takes referrals from established immigration and asylum advice agencies.

Training

If you would like to undertake training relevant to volunteering with refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, we have connections with a range of established agencies in London who are able to offer training in:

Befriending; Refugee and migration awareness; Issues relating to homelessness; Other relevant skills.

Please contact saskiapapadakis@rcdow.org.uk for further information.

Donate

At Caritas Westminster we rely on the generosity of Catholic communities to be able to continue to support refugees and other vulnerable people in the Diocese of Westminster. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so easily and securely online, or by sending a cheque payable to 'WRCDT - Caritas' to Caritas Westminster, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN.

Other organisations

Refugee Action is a national charity which supports refugees in the UK. Their website has information on how to donate and other ways in which you can help refugees.

Local Catholic charities which work with homeless people include *the Passage*, *Depaul Nightstop* and the *Cardinal Hume Centre* (CHC). Both Depaul and CHC work with young homeless people, and CHC offers immigration advice and advocacy.

If you would like to send donations to help migrants and refugees in mainland Europe, you can send money to CAFOD's Refugee Crisis in Europe appeal. You can also donate to the Jesuit Refugee Service Europe (JRS), which advocates for and supports refugees and migrants.

If you donate items to British Red Cross charity shops, the money raised from sales will go towards the British Red Cross Europe Refugee Crisis Appeal. You can also donate items to Oxfam and Save the Children shops, where the money raised will help charities which care for child refugees. The charity Seeking Sanctuary is not taking further donations at the moment, but will be advertising collection dates during the winter months.

The local response to the refugee situation: Open Forum and Discussion at Trinity United Reformed Church, Beaconsfield Road, St Albans on Thursday 22nd October 7.30 for 8.00. Organised by Churches Together in St Albans.

One World Week: Soup and crumble supper, with speaker and Traidcraft raffle at St Mary's Church Hall, 1 Sherwood Avenue, St Albans, AL4 9QA on Saturday 17th October 7pm - 9.30pm. Tickets £3 each available from: k.f.rankin@btinternet.com. Organised by Churches Together in Marshalswick.

Foundation Governors are urgently required for a small Catholic Primary School in Welwyn Garden City. If you are a practising Catholic (and if your children if you have any school aged children, are in Catholic education) and would be willing to be considered for appointment as a governor please contact Jenny Owen on 01727 839695.