



Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S	11	6.00pm		June Knipe (rec dec)
Su	12	8.30am		the people of the Parish & their needs
		10.30am		of Requiem
		5.00pm (TLM)		The Holy Souls
M	13	12noon	feria	The Holy Souls
T	14	9.00am	feria	The Holy Souls
W	15	9.00am	St Albert the Great	Mary Baker (anniv)
			[12noon Funeral of Anne Lester]	
T	16	7.30am	St Edmund of Abingdon	departed priests of the Diocese
F	17	9.30am	St Hugh of Lincoln	John Clifford (rec dec)
S	18	9.00am	Dedication Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul	Leslie, George & Josephine Baker (rip)

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S	18	6.00pm		Cyril Ryan (anniv)
Su	19	8.30am		Mary Gilmartin (rec dec)
		10.30am		dep't of Murphy, O'Connor & Gannon
		5.00pm (TLM)		the people of the Parish & their needs

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

Confessions: Saturday 9.30-10am; 5.15-5.45pm and at call

Holy Matrimony: - in accordance with the norms of Canon Law, SIX months' notice must be given, whether the marriage is here or abroad, to enable the required spiritual preparation to take place and for the paperwork to be gathered and, if necessary, submitted to the Chancellor of the Diocese. Please make an appointment to see either of the clergy.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after Mass on Saturday morning

Parish Centre Bookings: call the Parish Office or email: susannacorbally@rcdow.org.uk

(£20 per hour for regular bookings; £25 per hour for occasional or single bookings.)

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

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

5 November £474.33

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THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

This Sunday is Remembrance Day, when our thoughts in this "the Month of the Holy Souls" turn in a particular way to those who gave their lives in the Great Wars of the last century, and in subsequent conflicts. Sometimes we have an understandable desire to "canonise" those who have died and to want to picture

them taking up immediately those places predestined for them. Jesus promised: "I am going now to prepare a place for you ... so that where I am you may be too". (John 14:3). But there is a danger here that we sell our loved ones short. Few of us die in that state by which we are fully prepared to see God as he truly is. Most of us are much less than we ought to be - often it is the case not of what we have done wrong but that we are the unworthy servants whose talents have remained buried in the ground (Matthew 25: 14-30) - so much that could have been, but never flowered. "By their fruits you will know them". As the Holy Father said at Holy Mass on 3rd November for the Cardinals and Bishops who died during the last year:

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Dan 12:2). Those who sleep in the dust of the earth are obviously the dead. Yet awakening from death is not in itself a return to life: some will awake for eternal life, others for everlasting shame. Death makes definitive the "crossroads" which even now, in this world, stands before us: the way of life, with God, or the way of death, far from him. The "many" who will rise for eternal life are to be understood as the "many" for whom the blood of Christ was shed. They are the multitude that, thanks to the goodness and mercy of God, can experience the life that does not pass away, the complete victory over death brought by the resurrection.

St Albert the Great (1206 - 1280) was born at Lauingen on the Danube, in Germany, and studied at Padua and Paris before entering the Dominican Order. He taught in a number of places including the University of Paris, where St Thomas Aquinas studied under him. He was one of the greatest philosophers of the Middle Ages, coming at the beginning of the great flowering that came with the rediscovery of the works of Aristotle. He had a great interest in science and astronomy. In 1260, the Pope made him Bishop of Regensburg, a post that he held for three years before resigning it. He made great efforts to secure peace between people and between cities. He died at Cologne in 1280.

St Edmund of Abingdon (1175? - 1240) was born at St Edmund's Lane, Abingdon, on 20 November, probably in the year 1175. His father was a rich merchant, hence the surname "Rich" (which he never in fact used himself). Under the influence of his mother he led an ascetic life. He studied at Oxford and Paris, and became a teacher in about 1200 or a little earlier. For six years he lectured on mathematics and dialectics, apparently dividing his time between Oxford and Paris, and winning distinction for his part in introducing the study of Aristotle. He is the first known Oxford Master of Arts, and the place where he taught was eventually renamed St Edmund Hall. Between 1205 and 1210 he changed direction, studying theology and being ordained a priest. He took a doctorate in divinity, and soon won fame as a lecturer on theology and as an extemporaneous preacher. Some time between 1219 and 1222 he was appointed vicar of the parish of Calne in Wiltshire and Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, and finally became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. He died at Soisy-Bouy on 16 November 1240. Devotion to him was especially marked at Abingdon, and at Catesby where his sisters were both nuns. Edmund was canonised in 1246, and is the Joint Principal Patron of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

St Hugh of Lincoln (1140 - 1200) was born near Grenoble in France and entered the Carthusian monastery of La Grande Chartreuse at the age of 25. In 1175, he was asked by King Henry II of England to become prior of a Carthusian house in England, and a decade later he was appointed bishop of Lincoln, a post which he accepted only when directly commanded to do so by the prior of La Grande Chartreuse. His diocese was the largest in England, and he spent the rest of his life in ceaseless work there. He was a friend (and critic) of successive kings, but also worked with his own hands on the extension of his cathedral. He gained a great reputation for justice, the care of the sick, and the support of the oppressed: he risked his life to help the Jewish community. He died in London on 16 November 1200 and was declared a saint in 1220, the first Carthusian to be canonized.

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul. Already in the twelfth century there was being celebrated today the anniversary of the dedication of the basilicas of St Peter at the Vatican and St Paul in the Via Ostiense by Pope St Silvester and Pope St Siricius in the fourth century. More recently this commemoration has been extended to the whole Church, honouring the two greatest apostles of Christ.

Confirmation 2018.

The parents of those who have applied for confirmation in 2018 are invited to a meeting in the parish centre from 8.00pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday 22nd November.

Love in Action meetings

Pope Francis has frequently urged us to go beyond our church buildings and to 'step forward in love'. To this end he has instituted a World Day of the Poor, which this year falls on 19th November. As a way of reflecting on and exploring responses to the Holy Father's call, our Justice and Peace Group invites parishioners to a short series of prayer-group meetings.

These will take place in the Parish Hall on Sundays 19th and 26th November, and 10th and 17th December at 7.00 pm, and will be based on the diocesan programme www.stepforwardinlove.org. Each session will be approximately an hour long and refreshments will be available. If you have any questions, please contact Maurice Lyon at mauricefl@aol.com or ring 07968 048517.

PLEASE pray for all who live in the midst of violence. For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. For those who are sick either at Home, in Hospital or Nursing Home, for the recently departed; those killed as a result of violence and terrorism; for peace in the world and for those who govern the nations, that they may do so wisely and justly.

School Applications and the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP).

The diocese has issued a new certificate for those applying for a place at Catholic Schools. The diocese has also made it very clear who can receive the CCP. Parish priests can only sign the certificates of those who have been attending Mass in the Parish for the last five years. By the term 'practising Catholic', the diocese has confirmed the teaching of the Church that a practising Catholic is someone who attends Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

21st November 8pm at St Anthony's, Radlett, info evening for those booked on the pilgrimage.

SVP

The work of the St Vincent de Paul Society here in our Parish is to extend the hand of friendship to those in need within our community and we aim to do this in a charitable and non-judgemental way. People may have material needs for which the SVP can provide, but there are also those who are lonely or isolated, or those who suffer from depression or addiction. If you know of any individuals who are in any sort of need, please encourage them to contact us. This may be via Fr Tim or directly to St Bart's SVP - contact Anne McCarthy on 01727 875197. Any communication will be dealt with in complete confidence.