



## Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>S</b> 14	6.00pm		intentions of Sr Clare Gonsalves
<b>Su</b> 15	8.30am		Maureen Lee (anniv)
	10.30am		the people of the Parish & their needs
	5.00pm (TLM)		private intentions
<b>M</b> 16	12noon	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	intentions of the Allington family
<b>T</b> 17	9.00am	of the Precious Blood	Joan Egan (anniv)
<b>W</b> 18	9.00am	of the Precious Blood	private intentions
<b>T</b> 19	7.30am	of the Precious Blood	priest's intentions
<b>F</b> 20	7.30am	of the Precious Blood	priest's intentions
<b>S</b> 21	9.00am	of BVM	Tim Allhusen (rec dec)

### 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>S</b> 21	6.00pm		the people of the Parish & their needs
<b>Su</b> 22	8.30am		Josie Mills (anniv)
	10.30am		Robert Hester (anniv)
	5.00pm (TLM)		private intentions

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, at least 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](mailto: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](mailto:susannacorbally@rcdow.org.uk)  
 and Mrs. Michelle Fitzgerald - [michellefitzgerald@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:michellefitzgerald@rcdow.org.uk)

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### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

8 July £338.49

(includes envelopes but not Bankers Orders etc.  
 which average £1602 per week).

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The Diocesan levy on Parishes is 33%.

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 automatically.

**As announced**, Fr Tim will be leaving St Bartholomew's on his appointment by the Cardinal as Rector and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Dolours, Hendon. His last weekend in the Parish will be 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Fr Francis Antwi-Darkwah has been appointed as the Parish Priest of St Bartholomew's. He is presently on sabbatical in Ghana and will take up his appointment in mid-September.

### Sunday September 2nd

Two things to put in the diary for the 2nd of September. Firstly, the 10.30 Mass will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Tim's 14 years of ministry and service to the Parish.

Secondly, this will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall to which all parishioners are invited. There is a flip chart in the porch for the names of those who would like to attend.

A presentation will be made to Fr Tim at this reception on behalf of the parish and to contribute to this could I ask that any contributions are posted through the presbytery door in an envelope clearly marked *Fr Tim September 2nd c/o Phil Ahern*. If paying by cheque it should be payable to St Bartholomew's Catholic Church  
Many thanks. *Phil Ahern*

### THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

In July we honour the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. St. John XXIII especially wanted us to have a vibrant devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, and asked the Congregation of Rites to compose a litany in honour of the Precious Blood.

It is a beautiful prayer that you can slowly reflect on. Please pray it often this month. You can find it here: <http://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/litany-of-the-most-precious-blood.html>

**Our Lady of Mt Carmel** – “O Beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, splendour of heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a pure virgin, assist us in our necessity. O Star of the Sea, help and protect us. Show us that you are our Mother. Amen.”

### GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER IN HOT WEATHER

#### The Prayer of Comfort

This is for those who have a certain amount of time and freedom at their disposal. Make yourself 'comfortable' and choose the place to pray. A shady spot in the garden is ideal or somewhere you can find a hint of a breeze. Sit or kneel upright, read a sentence or two of scripture to draw your mind away from other concerns (the Mass readings of the day will always provide something) and give yourself up to prayer. If everywhere is hot and sticky, try walking slowly round the same small area. One doesn't want too many distractions or too many novelties, it is the rhythm that is important in quieting the mind and focusing the attention.

#### The Prayer of Gentle Drift

This is very common on hot afternoons. One settles down to pray with the best of intentions and, before one can say 'Amen', a drowsy numbness has stolen over every sense. 'Go with the flow' is the only answer to this, but turn it into prayer proper by quoting scripture back at the Lord, *Ego dormio, sed cor meum vigilat*. 'I am sleeping, but my heart keeps vigil.' It is, after all, the desire to pray that matters: prayer itself always comes as a gift of God. And at least we know that the sleeping mind can put up no resistance to the Holy Spirit as our waking mind can, only too easily.

#### The Prayer of Distraction

This will be familiar to parents and all who are frazzled by a thousand cares for others. The desire to pray is there, but finding a quiet moment seems impossible; and with tempers fraying in the heat, conditions are hardly ideal. There is nothing for it but an interior turning to the Lord and offering up all the stress of the moment — and saying 'thank you' for all the good things that come our way. Do this before the school run, after the school run, as you enter your place of work, as you meet that difficult colleague, as you finally collapse into bed at night. This is the kind of prayer that pleases God most, for the simple reason that one gets absolutely nothing out of it — there is no sense of achievement, no reassuring feeling that at least one has tried to pray, nothing at all, in fact, but refusing to allow God to slip from one's mind and heart all day long.

### The Prayer of Failure

This will be familiar to everyone who has ever had to deal with any kind of personal crisis - the times when one feels one can't pray and doesn't even want to pray. In hot weather, or in hospital, or whenever mind and body are stretched to their limits, there can be a kind of interior rebellion quite at odds with one's normal attitude. Then we must pray the Prayer of Abject Failure — only it is prayed not by us but by the Communion of Saints. We rely on the prayers of our fellow believers, of every age and time. It is being prayed now, at this very moment, by those in deep distress, those fleeing terror or poverty, those who are gravely ill and those who are grieving. It is the prayer of the whole Church and of Christ himself, who ever makes intercession for us. We unite ourselves with him, and there can be no more powerful prayer than that.

**PLEASE pray** for the people of the Holy Land & Syria and 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. The recently departed, those killed as a result of warfare, violence, terrorism and persecution. Peace in the world, most especially at this time in the Holy Land and for those who govern the nations that they may do so wisely and justly. For our Diocese, the Cardinal, Auxiliary Bishops, people, priests and deacons, especially the newly ordained and those clergy taking up new assignments in the weeks ahead.

**Mrs Yvonne Hawkes** is retiring after 19 years as Head-teacher at St. Adrian's Catholic Primary. The school is planning a few celebrations to mark her fantastic contribution to so many young people's lives. One of these is a party on Saturday 21st July from 5pm – 9pm to be held at the school. There will be food and music provided but guests are asked to bring their own drinks.

Please inform us by email if you plan to attend: [retirement@stadrians.herts.sch.uk](mailto:retirement@stadrians.herts.sch.uk) so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

### Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life

Sunday 7th October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Tickets: Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00. For more information: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org). To book tickets contact Maria on 01582 624024/ 07969 171422/[maria@oloughlin.co.uk](mailto:maria@oloughlin.co.uk)

**Please note** that there will be no newsletter in August.

“Jesus of Nazareth is the 'transparency' of God. And while we are constantly seeking other signs, other miracles, we do not realize that he is the True Sign: God made flesh. He is the greatest miracle, the whole of God's love contained in a human heart, in a man's face.”

Pope Benedict XVI

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Application forms for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2019 are available at the back of Church.

Confirmation 2019. If you are in Year 10 and would like to be confirmed in 2019, please keep the weekend of 5-7 October 2018 free as we are taking all candidates for confirmation on a residential retreat that weekend.