

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 47 VESTA AVENUE, AL1 2PE

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22nd MAY 2022

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 21 6.00pm

Sun 22 8.30am
10.30am

Mo 23 12noon Easter feria

Tue 24 9.00am Easter feria

We 25 9:00am St. Bede the Venerable,

Thu 9:00am **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

11:00 **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

7:00pm **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Fri 27 9.00am ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

11:00am FUNERAL SERVICE

Sat 28 9:00am Easter feria

Mass times and intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral

Michael Campbell (Anni)

Richard de Castro (R.I.P)

Intentions of Phil Ahern & family.

Reginald Swanger (Rec.dec)

Mike Davis (Rec.dec)

Ken Blackburn

John Notley (R.I.P)

ST. COLUMBAS SCHOOL

Parishioners

Ken Blackburn

Sarah Dale (Funeral)

Richard de Castro (R.I.P)



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Sat 28 6:00pm

Sun 29 10.30am

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generosity!
15/05/22=£229.81 Contactless=£102.00 (includes envelopes but not Standing Orders of £1,400 per week)

DO YOU KNOW A PARISHIONER WHO NEEDS A LIFT TO THE CHURCH?

We give thanks to God as things are now coming back to normality. We would like to help all those who need help to come back to Church to join us to worship. Therefore, if you need a lift or if you know someone who needs a lift to Church could you inform the Parish Office, please? Many thanks.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2022: -

for FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE: We pray for all young people, called to live the fullest: may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage, and the dedication to service that faith generates.

HOLY HOUR for private prayer with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions in the Church from 9.15 to 9.45am each Saturday morning.

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS: EASTER SEASON

YRC: WEEKDAY LECTIONARY YR 2; EASTER SUNDAY 6 ; Psalter: Week 2

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

In all hospitals and care homes, especially in our parish, Vesta Lodge, Foss House, and Font Hill. And please remember in your prayers, Pauline Mort Geri Phipps, Marie Shandley, Monica King, Veronica Willans, Mary Murphy, Leonie Farrell, Brian Sweeney, Paul Williams, Les Mills, and all suffering from the Virus, COVID -19

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Janina Sysiak, Mary Rainforth, Kathy McHugh, Roger Dew, Mary Barry, Anne Davidson, Dawood Khan, Janice Leggatt; John O'Donnell, Paul Liversidge, Susan Judd, Patricia Wilkinson, Mike Davis, **Ken Blackburn, Veronica Glasgow, Frances Proctor, VERONICA GRANT, SARAH DALE** and for those whose **ANNIVERSARIES** occur at this time: **May they rest in perfect peace.**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

On Sat 18 June there will be a mini-retreat for those performing liturgical ministries: welcomers, sacristans, musicians, flower arrangers, readers, and Eucharistic ministers. We encourage you all to come! Starting with Mass at 9am with Adoration and Benediction, then coffee and a short reflection from the parish clergy.

RE-COMMISSIONING READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This will take place at each Mass on Corpus Christi weekend (18/19 June). We encourage all readers and Eucharistic ministers to be present at their usual Mass that weekend.

FROM DEACON JUSTIN

Dear Parishioners - for personal reasons, I will be leaving St Barts' parish in July this year. My family and I are moving to Suffolk to look after my father-in-law, who needs more support. This has been a difficult decision but a necessary one as I know you will understand. I am very sad to be leaving St Barts. I have really enjoyed being part of the community here for over 20 years, both as a parishioner and as a deacon, and it has been a privilege to support and serve you. I know you will continue to give Fr Francis your whole-hearted support and I leave him in your good hands! With all my prayers, Justin

PLEASE NOTE

THURSDAY 26TH MAY is the Solemnity of the ASCENSION and it is the Holyday of Obligation. See Mass times as above.

SATURDAY 28TH MAY

10 am – 12 noon St Bart's 60th Anniversary Exhibition

2:30 pm Ecumenical Family Walk

3 pm – 6 pm St Bart's 60th Anniversary Exhibition

6 pm Mass with the Youth & All

SUNDAY 29TH MAY

9:50 am Procession from St Stephen's to St Bart's

9 30am – 10:30 am St Bart's 60th Anniversary Exhibition

10:30 am Mass

11:30 am – 1 pm St Bart's 60th Anniversary Exhibition

12 noon Party at St Adrian's School



ST BARTHOLOMEW RC CHURCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY: SATURDAY 28TH MAY – SUNDAY 29TH MAY 2022

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate our 60th Anniversary Year, all parishioners are invited to a weekend filled with events and something for the whole family. **The Mass on 28th May is for the Youth and all who can attend.**

ECUMENICAL FAMILY WALK

Suitable for the whole family and open to our four-legged friends, too, the Ecumenical Family Walk starts in St Bart's car park and takes in notable monuments in St Albans and St Bart's history. Approximately 60 minutes at a gentle pace.

PROCESSION FROM ST STEPHEN'S TO ST BART'S

Starting the Sunday celebrations, the procession with the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes begins on the grounds of St Stephen's Church making a steady pace along to St Bart's ahead of Mass. Suitable for all.

PARTY AT ST ADRIAN'S SCHOOL Rounding off the week, all parishioners are invited to a party at St Adrian's school after Mass on Sunday. Expect activities for the children, party food, and celebration.

Important: In order to plan effectively, please sign up for Masses, the procession, and the party at St Adrian's School on the sign-up forms located at the Church entrance.

60TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

A final call for any special memory of St Bart's you would like to share with other parishioners and visitors to the Parish Exhibition. This could be a written account, with or without a printed photograph, to be displayed on a notice board in the Exhibition. If so, please contact Carole Cooper on 01727 866917 to arrange delivery/collection. There are guidelines to be observed around consent for photos with children so, ideally, any photos with children should be family photos or with permission of those in the photo. Please give your name and contact details together with a description of the occasion. We look forward to hearing from you.

VERONICA GRANT: R.I.P

I would like to inform you that the mortal body of our late Veronica Grant will be received into the church on Monday 30th May at 4:00pm. Her Requiem Mass will take place at 2:00 pm Tuesday 31st May and she will be buried at St. Stephen's Cemetery. Let us continue to pray for the repose of her soul and in a special way please remember in your prayers her children, Anna and Minty, and her family & friends. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. The response was very low. If you still wish to make your donation, you will find envelopes at the back of the Church or you can use the QR code on the envelope or poster to make your donation online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations through the Diocesan website. The formation of priests is of top priority, it is our future. May God bless you for your generosity. Many thanks.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS:

There will be a meeting of the Circle of Friends on Wednesday **25th May** from 2 to 4pm in the Parish Hall. ALL are welcome. PLEASE, if anyone can help giving lifts occasionally please call me on 01727868272. Thank you, Peggy Groves.

URGENT NEED FOR PARISH DRIVERS, PLEASE!

Drivers are needed to bring elderly parishioners to the 6 pm Mass on Saturdays so that we can draw up a rota for lifts. Please contact Anne McCarthy if you can help. annemccarthy3@yahoo.com.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: ECUMENISM

Churches Together in St Albans are holding a forum - Refugees Information Exchange on Monday 27 June at Marshalswick Baptist Free Church, Sherwood Avenue, St Albans. Hosts, refugees, and asylum seekers will be sharing experiences and expertise.