

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S RC CHURCH 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022



**FINAL ARRANGEMENTS** As you know we will have two celebration Masses for all parishioners: 6 pm on Saturday 28 May and 10.30 am on Sunday 29 May, followed by a party at St Adrian's School on Sunday for all. Afternoon teas will be delivered to some of our housebound parishioners unable to join us. The exhibition in the Church Hall over the weekend welcomes all. This information is to guide you on essential final arrangements. Car parking is an important topic so please pay close attention and follow the rules to avoid any issues over the weekend. **In summary, for most parishioners you must park off-street OR in St Adrian's School rear car park (open on Sunday only) and NOT in St Bart's nor St Stephen's car parks.**

St Adrian's School - car parking **WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY FROM 08.45 am** on the playground site at the rear of the school. To reach this, please see map below. There will be marshals to help you and to control parking.

**Exhibition Saturday (10 am-12 pm & 3-6 pm) and Sunday (09.30-10.30 am & 12.00-1 pm)** – join us for a look at the history of St Bart's including our parish priests, events over the years with photos and documents and artefacts. Add your recollections and hopes for the future of our parish via our "Communitree". Meet others and enjoy a chat over tea and cake.

**Ecumenical Family Walk** "From Leper Hospital to Willy Wonka". On Saturday 28 May all South St Albans churches as well as others are invited to join a walk to celebrate 60 years of St Bart's Church and its place in our wonderful city. We will take in sites of local history, recent TV and movie-making, and the natural landscape too. About 3 miles at a gentle pace, led by Peter Godwin. It will start at 2.30 pm in St Bart's car park and finish around 4 pm at the Church Hall with tea and cake. NB It may be muddy in parts; dog friendly.

If you are on the walk and parking in St Bart's car park or visiting the Exhibition on Saturday, **please ensure your cars are removed from the car park by 5 pm on Saturday 28 May.** If you are coming to the Exhibition on Sunday morning from 9.30-10.30 am please **DO NOT** park in St Bart's car park, unless you fit into the categories **of external, invited guests or parishioners with mobility issues.**

**Saturday 28 May Celebration Mass at 6 pm** We expect this to be a busy Mass so please arrive early. Car parking space is limited in St Bart's car park **and it will be restricted to those with mobility issues or bringing someone elderly to the Mass.** If you can walk to the church, please do so. If not, **please park your car off-street**, without blocking Vesta Avenue, avoiding any illegal parking and respecting our neighbours. There will be stewards controlling parking.

**Sunday 29 May Procession from St Stephen's to St Bart's** We will start off St Bart's Procession as well as St Stephen's Service promptly at 10 am with joint prayers and hymns. **Please assemble at 9.50 am** in the front of St Stephen's church so we can be ready to start at 10. **Please DO NOT** bring your car to St Stephens's car park; there is **no parking** as they will have their

own parishioners' cars for their Service at 10 am. **"Safety First"** - those who are participating must be mobile enough to undertake this distance along the pavement to Bart's. St Bart's cannot accept liability, although we will have a first aider as well as some stewards along the route. Parents must ensure their children remain on the pavement at all times.

**10.30 am Celebration Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan** We expect this will also be a busy mass and all are welcome, so please arrive early, as once the church is full, we may have to turn people away. The only reserved seats will be with signs on them already, for guests and for some of those in the procession. Please do not try and reserve seats for others. On 29 May, St Bart's car park will be **restricted to cars of invited guests, parishioners with mobility issues and those who are bringing guests with mobility issues ONLY**. There will be marshals in the car park. Please park off-street or at the rear car park at St Adrian's School and avoid any illegal parking.

**Photography** We would love to take photographs during the day of groups, the procession, the party – to share with all and keep for future reference and we will do our best to check that you are OK with this. If you do not want to be included personally or have your children in any photo which may be shared on our St Bart's website, in St Bart's Together magazine or Facebook page, please advise our photographer, Nick Clarke, Christine Lambert or another member of the Parish Council. We will then aim to exclude you from any photos shared.

Thank you for all your ongoing support and co-operation. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration weekend together!

**Fr Francis, Parish Priest**

#### POSITION OF CAR PARK AT REAR OF ST ADRIAN'S SCHOOL

