



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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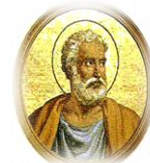
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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Branch
Assistant Priests: Fr Anthony Uche OP
Fr Matthew Ndibe

Deacons: Rev Piotr Ziezio and Rev Errol Jadoc

PARISH SCHOOL

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAY 5:00pm – 5:45pm
MONDAY – FRIDAY 10:15am – 12:15pm
SATURDAY 11:00am – 12:15pm



ROSARY
Mon-Friday
Before
9:30am
& 12:30pm
Masses



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

SATURDAY 11:00am – 12noon
5:15pm – 5:45pm
SUNDAY 5:15pm – 5:45pm

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ADVENT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST

Week commencing 8th December 2019 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: The Future of the Very Young: That every country takes the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Saturday 7th 6:00pm	Mass – Welfare of Nuala McGovern, Michelo Bresham and Henry Cusack	The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have asked our parish to host “The God Who Sings” during the Year of The God Who Speaks this coming Saturday 14th December at 7:00pm. To join us in this celebration we welcome the Most Reverend Archbishop John Wilson, Mayor and Mayoress and other Civil Dignitaries to our multi-cultural concert hosted by St Peter the Apostle Central Choir and Trinity Choir. Tickets are now on sale for £1 for which all proceeds will go to the Little Sisters of the Poor. We welcome all, to join us for inspiring scriptures and beautiful cultural songs. Please note, unfortunately, there will be NO EVENING CONFESSION OR VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2019 due to the preparations in the church for the concert. Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused. Thank you for your co-operation. MATTHEW PENNYCOOK MP This Sunday 8th December, we welcome Matthew Pennycook MP who will join us at the 10:00am Mass. It is a great pleasure to have him in our midst.
Sunday 8th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Mass – Thanksgiving for Belinda Nortley (Birthday) Mass – Thanksgiving for Emmanuella Akande Mass – Welfare of Kevin and Rose Walsh Mass – People of the Parish	
Monday 9th 9:30am 12:30pm	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mass – Thanksgiving for Fr Michael Branch Mass – Thanksgiving for Africa (Birthday)	
Tuesday 10th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Bernie Canly Mass – Christina Gentleman RIP	
Wednesday 11th 9:30am 12:30pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Feria Mass – Ambrose De Souza RIP Mass – Muriel Chow RIP DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Mass – In Honour of Divine Mercy	
Thursday 12th 9:30am 12:30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass – Michael Houghton RIP Mass – Welfare of Laurent Martinien Nkolo and Helene Barker	
Friday 13th 9:30am 12:30pm	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial Mass – Welfare of Geraldine and Graham McClaughan Mass – Welfare of John and Laura Finlay	
Saturday 14th 12:00 noon 12:30pm	St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Mass – Welfare of M Cecilia S Leon McKeown NO EVENING CONFESSION AND VIGIL MASS	
Sunday 15th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Mass – Thanksgiving for Brandon Da Silva Mass – Thanksgiving for Nkadi Erokwu Mass – Bernadette Ezenne Anonyou RIP Mass – People of the Parish	



As we have begun Advent in the **Year of the Word “The God Who Speaks”** we ask the Lord to open our minds and our hearts as we begin to read and reflect on the Gospel of Matthew.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Day 1** – Matthew Chapters 1 & 2 (Genealogy/Birth of Jesus/Visit of the Wise Men)
- Day 2** – Matthew Chapters 3 & 4 (Baptism of Jesus/Temptations of Jesus)
- Day 3** – Matthew Chapters 5 & 6 (Sermon on the mount/the Lord's Prayer)
- Day 4** – Matthew Chapters 7 & 8 (Teachings of Jesus/Healing miracles of Jesus)
- Day 5** – Matthew Chapters 9 & 10 (Jesus healings/Commissioning of the Twelve Disciples)
- Day 6** – Matthew Chapters 11 & 12 (Jesus teachings/Sabbath)
- Day 7** – Matthew Chapters 13 & 14 (Jesus Parables/Death of John the Baptist)

Sick and housebound



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family. We pray especially for the following: Annie D'Sa, Emmanuel Meshe, Margaret Jeffrey, Joe D'Souza, Francis Ayodele, Barry Newton, Catherine Garraway, Patrick Duffy, Adriene Kelleher, John Branch, Sheila Edwards, Sheila Lee, Nina Donovan, Joe and Theresa Devoy, Frater Jeneita, Marie-Anne Collins, Kate Dooley, Joseph Tommy Le, Jo O'Connell, Maureen Brazier, David Orell, Francis Matajo, Tomisin Iddrisu, Tomosina Gloria Watkins, Eli Ladislaus Otto Cox, Jayne Shoboiki, Helen Dickens, Noone Dunlevy, Margaret Dickens, Sandy Bamotra, Jacqueline Demar Richards, Michael Corcoran, Antoine Libanje, Georgina Ferrier, Joyce James, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cecilia Egbujin, Hugh Rozario, Eileen Whyte, Collen Surin, Caitlin Connors, Lizzy Connors, Christopher Browne, Mary Angela McInerney, Theodora St Bernard, Dudley Simmonds, Ray Bat, Myriam Achille, Sadie Byrne, Ann Norton, Jo Earll, Mona Pinto, Janet Turner, Mary Cowie, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.

OBITUARY



Let us pray for the following souls who died recently:

James King RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Plumstead Cemetery.

Alexander Henderson RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Plumstead Cemetery at 2:00pm.

Camillo Rocha RIP who died recently. Funeral arrangements to follow shortly.

We offer our prayers and spiritual support to their families and friends.

ANIVERSARIES

We commend to God's mercy the following whose anniversaries occur around this time. – Patrick McQuaid, Andrew Barcoe, Sean Nolan, John Hodgson, Kathleen Maston, Alfred Hughes, Rose Mitchell, Clement Winchester, Julie Hicks, John Collins, John Wilson, Robert Cover, Patrick Connelly, Anthony Killeen, Ann Hand, Joseph Blaney, Virginia Kelly, Tom Farrell, Catherine Izard, Margaret O'Mahoney, John Ferguson, Grace Power, Margaret Keogh, Joan Hay, Sylvia Ann Holczimmer, Hugh Duddy, Lorna Pendigrast, Michael Doyle, Anne Gilbert, Thomas Taylor and Albert Gorman.

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Parents wishing to have their baby baptised in
FEBRUARY 2020

should attend the following

Baptism Catechesis Programmes

Session 1 on Tuesday 14th January 2020

Session 2 on Tuesday 28th January 2020

These programmes will start at 7pm and finish at 9pm and will be held in Pugin Place. You are reminded that you need to meet with one of the parish clergy before attending these Sessions. You will find them available on Thursday evenings during Parish Surgery.

**Holy Baptism will be on Sunday 9th February 2020 and 23rd
February 2020**

after the 11:45am Mass.

Learning from past experience, we request ALL PARENTS, who wish to get their child baptised in the future, to bring their own baptism certificates along with their request form as proof that they are Catholics when they attend Parish Surgery. GODPARENTS will need to get a letter from their parish priest to say they are practicing Catholics.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

First Holy Communion Programme commences on
Saturday 11th January 2020 at 10.00am in Pugin Place.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Confirmation programme will commence on
Saturday 18th January 2020 at 10.00am in Pugin Place.

READERS ANNUAL RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

Today is Bible Sunday, when our Readers are due to make their annual renewal of their commitment to this ministry,

Readers will be called forward by the celebrant for a short rite of renewal immediately after the homily.

PLEASE NOTE:

**THERE IS NO PARISH SURGERY THIS THURSDAY
12TH DECEMBER DUE TO PUGIN PLACE BEING
ASSIGNED AS A POLLING STATION.**

**PARISH SURGERY WILL RESUME BACK ON
THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2020.**

This Christmas our Advent Appeal is for the
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
please find the box in front of the altar.
Thank you for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

The Christmas Envelopes are used for the collection at Masses for Christmas Day, which is the traditional 'Thank You' collection by parishioners to the priests of their parish for their work and service. Priests here receive no salary whatsoever for their work and depend on the generosity of parishioners for their personal income. The money in the Christmas Envelopes and the collection on Christmas Day will be shared equally by the clergy.

Please note that those of you in the parish **GIFT AID SCHEME** should use your Gift Aid envelopes for the Christmas Collection and hand this in. The priests will get your offering and the Parish will *benefit from the tax refund on your offering*.

Mass for Deceased (2019) Parishioners, Family and Friends

Please note the 12:30pm **Mass on Tuesday 31st December** will be offered for the **Deceased of 2019**. Names of those who have died in the parish during this year, will be called out. Many families have also faced bereavement when **close members** of their family have died either in this country or abroad. If you would let us have their names, we will be happy to offer you the chance to have them remembered on the last day of the year 2019. Please hand in your list to the parish office.

REPOSITORY

Please pay a visit to our shop as we have many new items available and also wonderful gifts for the festive season of Christmas.

Flowers

During the Advent Season we will not be displaying any flowers in the church in accordance with the church norm. If you would like to make a donation to decorate the church for Christmas, it will be greatly appreciated.

Wedding Banns

We offer our congratulations to Basil Okwudilichukwu Ike and Ifeoma Assumpta Obiagwu who intend to marry in Nigeria. If anyone has any cause why this Marriage should not be celebrated, please let the clergy know.

**Last Week's Collection was £1,399.42
Gift Aid of £743.05**

giving us a parish total of £2,142.47

May Our Lord reward you for your kind generosity.

**Fellowship of
Young Adults
(FYA)**

**Every Monday
From 7:00pm
In Pugin Place**

**Bible Study
Group**

**Every
Tuesday
at 7:00pm
in Pugin Place**

**Prayer Group
Association of
The Sacred
Heart of Jesus &
Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Every Thursday
6:30pm**

**FRIENDS IN
THE HOLY
SPIRIT
(CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL
PRAYER GROUP)
Every Friday at
6:45pm**

**LEGION OF
MARY**

**EVERY FRIDAY
6:30pm
in Pugin Place**

**IMMIGRATION AND
OTHER MATTERS
Denis Tufour, Solicitor
on Thursday 30th
January 2020 in
Pugin Place
5:30pm – 6:30pm
Contact him on
☎ 07900 626 000**

**RCIA FOR
ADULTS**

**Every Saturday
3:00pm–4:00pm
in Pugin Place**