



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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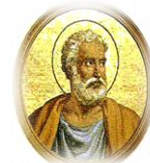
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PARISH TEAM

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

Deacons: Rev Piotr Ziezio and Rev Errol Jadoc

PARISH SCHOOL

St Peter's Catholic Primary School
Crescent Road, Woolwich, London SE18 7BN
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Email: sao1@stpeters.greenwich.sch.uk
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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 29th December 2019 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A)

Saturday 28th 6:00pm	Mass - All Members of the Redgrave Family	Pastoral Letter for the Solemnity of the Holy Family My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ This is my first Pastoral Letter to you since becoming your new Archbishop last July. I want to begin by offering you, your families, and your loved ones, my very best wishes for this Holy Season of Christmas. In what are changing and sometimes challenging times, we, nonetheless, renew our faith that a Saviour has been born for us who is Christ the Lord. May He bless you this Christmas and give you His peace. On this Feast of the Holy Family we naturally reflect on what it must have been like for Our Blessed Lady and St Joseph to nurture the infant Lord Jesus. Like so many in our world today, they were a poor refugee family forced to flee their homeland out of fear for their lives. St Matthew records how Joseph took Mary and the Christ child to Egypt until it was safe for them to return to Nazareth. The early years of the Holy Family were far from the idealised pictures on our Christmas cards. This father and mother knew the tears and sorrows experienced by so many families, including those in our communities. But despite all their hardships, they rejoiced at their child's birth, as we too should rejoice at the gift of each new life... As we look forward to a New Year, please join me in praying for a renewed appreciation of the beauty and dignity of marriage and family life in our society. We ask that the love of Christ might change the face of our own hearts so that we might change the face of the earth. + John Wilson Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark
Sunday 29th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A) Mass – Patricia Doherty RIP Mass – Atimizia George RIP Mass – Thanksgiving for Elizabeth Odirichukua Mass – People of the Parish	
Monday 30th 9:30am 12:30pm	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Mass – Thanksgiving for Dunayo Meshe (Birthday) Mass – Phielt Possi RIP	
Tuesday 31st 9:30am 12:30pm 10:00pm-11:45pm 12:00am	Seventh Day with the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Mass – Deceased Members of the Meier Family Mass – Deceased (2019) Parishioners, Family and Friends Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Midnight Mass - People of the Parish	
Wednesday 1st 10.00am	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass – Adaugo Onyekwere RIP	
Thursday 2nd 9:30am 12:30pm	Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church, Memorial Mass – Rosemary Obike RIP Mass – Thanksgiving for the Omezi Family	
Friday 3rd 9:30am 12:30pm	The Most Holy Name of Jesus FIRST FRIDAY Mass – Anna Owusu RIP Mass – For the Sick followed by the Anointing of the Sick	
Saturday 4th 12:00 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	Feria of Christmas Time, Preface of the Nativity of the Lord Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Mass – Thanksgiving for Leighton Daniel Morris Mass – Intentions of Fr Vincent Flynn	
Sunday 5th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	The Epiphany of The Lord (A) Mass – Paul Le Dinh RIP Mass – Thanksgiving for Gary Gentleman (Birthday) Mass – Fidelis Obiola RIP Mass – People of the Parish	

THE CLERGY WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR



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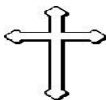
+ John Wilson
Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

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, 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



It is with great sadness we announce the following who have died recently:

Alexander Henderson RIP – His Mortal Remains will be received into the Church on **Monday 6th January at 4:00pm**. His Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Plumstead Cemetery at 2:00pm**.

Miroslav (MIREK) Krejcar RIP - His Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 3.00pm**. His Mortal Remains will be taken to the Czech Republic for burial.

Joe D'Souza RIP who died on Saturday 7th December. His Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 13th January 2020 at 10:00am followed by committal at Woolwich New Cemetery at 11:30am**.

Camillo Rocha RIP - His Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 17th January 2020 at 12 noon followed by committal at Plumstead Cemetery at 1:30pm**.

Christina Nolan RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 20th January at 12 noon followed by committal at Woolwich Cemetery at 1:30pm**.

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

ANIVERSARIES

We pray for the following who have departed from this life:

Mary Feeney, Mary Ellen White, William Stanley Meeks, Bridget Mullane, Rosemary Hunt, Eileen Shine, Bridget Brown, John Presley, Delia Budd, Margaret Kemp, Des Divine, Rosalind Abdul, Catherine Williams, Sheila Bateman, Reynaldo Correa, William Curry, Richard Masterson, Stephen Patterson, Ann Warner, Honora Jacobs, Alfred Hughes, Ellen Francis, Mary Ralph, Margaret Mulvihill, Mark Turner, Robert Turner, Elizabeth Freeder, William McGeoghan, Jacqui Daly, Yacob Hagos, Mary Osioh, Carol Ifeoma Udogaranya, Christina McGonigle, Shirley Murphy Pamela Warrington and Rogue Mascarchas

**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.

This year, the Crib Offerings will be for the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Peter's Residence, Vauxhall, who care for the sick, retired priests and lay people. The Little sisters depend totally upon God's providence to meet all their costs. Thank you for remembering the Little Sisters this Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE:

**NO PARISH SURGERY UNTIL
THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2020.**

**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.

Fr Anthony

Last weekend Fr Anthony announced he is leaving the parish to take up his new appointment as Parochial Administrator at St Margaret's, Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton Beeches SM5 4NG. His last day will be next Sunday 5th January 2020. We are truly blessed to have him with us at St Peter's however, due to the demand for priests to assist other parishes throughout the Diocese we have to wish him well and pray that he continues his ministry in God's vineyard.

**8 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO
THE HOLY LAND NOVEMBER 2020**

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in the Holy Land see the Gospel come Alive, as we celebrate the year of **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**.

This tried and tested itinerary 'Walk in the footsteps of Christ', promises to bring the faithful Pilgrim an unforgettable experience.

**2nd - 9th November 2020. 8 days 7 nights.
£1,495, per person, Half board
Single Supplement £500.**

Deposit £250 by the deadline of 1st March, 2020.

Final balance due 24th August 2020

Led by Fr. Matthew Ndibe

Enquires: Abi Kehinde - 07796444759

LITTLE CHURCH NEWS CORNER

There will be **NO LITTLE CHURCH** on Sunday 29th December and Sunday 5th January 2020

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.

The parish clergy thank you for your generous Christmas offerings and also for the many cards and gifts received.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE AND SUPPORT

**Fellowship of
Young Adults
(FYA)**

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

**Bible Study
Group**

**Every Tuesday
at 7:00pm
in Pugin Place
Resumes on
Tuesday 7th
January 2020**

**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
6:30pm
Resumes on Friday
10th January 2020.**

**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**