



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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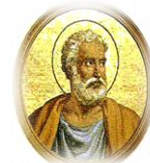
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PARISH TEAM

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 15th December 2019 - THIRD 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 14 th	NO EVENING CONFESSION AND VIGIL MASS	GAUDETE SUNDAY
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	 The disciples of John the Baptist asked Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?” Jesus answered, “Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.” Matt 11:3-6 In our life and culture, what are the greatest temptations that lead us to turn our gaze away from Christ?
Monday 16th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Paul Etuka RIP Mass – Thanksgiving for Chrissy Harrington (Birthday)	
Tuesday 17th 9:30am 12:00 noon	Feria Mass – Miroslav & Anna Krejcarovi RIP and Gertruda Dolezalova RIP Requiem Mass - James King RIP	
Wednesday 18th 9:30am 12:30pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Feria Mass – Christian Okure RIP Mass – Welfare of Kevin and Rose Walsh DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Mass – In Honour of Divine Mercy	
Thursday 19th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Intentions of Maria, Eamon and Family Mass – Reggie Hossamuni RIP	
Friday 20th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Welfare of Tony McKeown Mass – Thanksgiving for Theresa Tueje	
Saturday 21st 12:00 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	Feria Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Mass – Russell Peter Thornton RIP Mass - Thanksgiving for Naozi, Unaka and Children	
Sunday 22nd 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers Mass – Daisy Augustin RIP Mass – Thanksgiving for Chimdiuto Chukwuemeka (Birthday) Mass – Thanksgiving for Mr and Mrs Ighodaro Mass – People of the Parish	

The Year of the Word “The God Who Speaks”

We ask the Lord to open our minds and our hearts as we continue to read and reflect on the *Gospel of Matthew*.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Day 1	Matthew Chapters 15 & 16	Jesus teachings on Cleanliness, Faith/ Predicts his Suffering and Resurrection
Day 2	Matthew Chapters 17 & 18	The Transfiguration of Jesus/Parables about forgiveness
Day 3	Matthew Chapters 19 & 20	Discusses on Divorce, Celibacy/and other Parables of Jesus
Day 4	Matthew Chapters 21 & 22	Jesus enters Jerusalem and cleanses the Temple/Continues His teachings
Day 5	Matthew Chapters 23 & 24	Jesus condemns the hypocrisy of the Pharisees/The end time teachings
Day 6	Matthew Chapters 25 & 26	Parables of ten Bridesmaids, Talents, Last Judgment/The Passion of Jesus
Day 7	Matthew Chapters 27 & 28	The Passion/Resurrection/Ascension of Jesus Christ

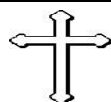


Sick and housebound



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 Egbun, 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:

James King RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place this Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Plumstead Cemetery at 1:30pm.

Joyce Fernandes RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 23rd December at 10:00am followed by committal at Hither Green Crematorium at 11:30am.

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.

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.

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 Twohig, Tom Keane, Frank Ostutu, Johannah Parker, Catherine Gladys Datson, John Sullivan, Ann Simpson, Julia Bryant, Ann Jones, Robert Kinsley, Michael Gallagher, Lilley Fisher, Stanley Abrahart, Augustine Feeney, Ethel O'Brien, Ivey Sankey, Elizabeth Adams, Lillian Bulman, Eva Loveday, Paddy Powell, Bridget Daniels, Clifford Fitzpatrick, Charlie Collins, Andrew Murphy, Pattista D'Souza, George Robertson, Katherine Dawson, Frank Maguire, Anne Fitzgerald, Joseph Simpson, David Cooper, Sylvia Ann Holczimmer, Hugh Duddy, Anna Krejcarova, Michael Keady, Deborah Loraine, Paul Gerrard Galea, Lena Rozario-Martin and Ellen Wilson

**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.

PLEASE NOTE:

**NO PARISH SURGERY UNTIL
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.

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.

LITTLE CHURCH NEWS CORNER

Thanks to all parishioners who sponsored and supported our Children Christmas Party. We hope to see you next year! Please note the following dates for your diary:

- **Nativity Play Rehearsals** will take place on **Saturday 21st Dec at 10:00am and Tuesday 24th December at 4:00pm.**
- Please join us for our Nativity Play Titled **"HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS"** on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm!
- **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.

**Last Week's Collection was £1,335.99
Gift Aid of £755.08
giving us a parish total of £2,091.07**

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)
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**