



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

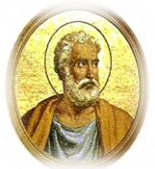
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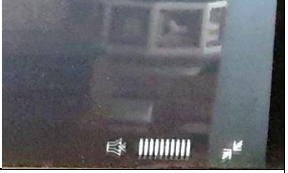
The month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit.

Week commencing 5th April 2020 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE www.stpeterswoolwich.church

THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Saturday 4th 6:00pm	Mass - Alice Ayovwi RIP	HOLY WEEK MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON (The spirituality of Solitude) ... I write to you as we soon begin celebrating the Great Week of our Salvation in Christ. In the saving death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, we are unbound from death and set free from sin. And yet this Holy Week will be unlike any other. This year we celebrate without public liturgies. The Chrism Mass is postponed. The Sacraments of Initiation and Receptions into the Church are deferred. Our liturgies are pared back. It is the very opposite of what we would want and choose, and a cause of sadness to us and our parishioners... Might we allow this year's solitary experience to draw us closer to Christ? The spirituality of solitude is embedded in the Lord's passion. Taken from his friends, Christ is isolated and imprisoned, tortured and mocked, brought before judges, and condemned to death. A faithful few attend him, but our Lord rests in the tomb alone. And from that isolation HE RISES. When it all seemed to have come to nothing, then it was truly accomplished. The communion of life defeats the isolation of death. HE RISES, just as we must rise this Easter, and our people with us. My brothers (sisters), do not be downhearted by the prospect of keeping this Holy Week alone. We are never on our own in the life of faith. In our solitude, we will draw nearer to Christ in His dying. But by His resurrection, we enter communion, that common union, with the Living One. Ask the Lord for the whatever graces you need to enter these days with a heart united with His; a heart carrying the needs and intentions of our world and its people; the heart of St Simon of Cyrene, the heart of St Veronica, the heart of St John, the heart of our Blessed Lady; the heart of a pastor, the heart of a disciple. We know the Lord is with us. We know He never abandons us. Amen, Amen, we say, let it be so. As we ride on in majesty to Jerusalem, as we imitate our servant king and adore our Eucharistic Saviour, as we are there when they crucify our Lord, as we rise to announce that battle is o'er and hell's armies flee, let our faith be strong and our hope be sure, today and always.
Sunday 5th 8:00am 8:30am 3:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A) Holy Rosary Mass – Thomas and Delia Kennedy RIP and Paul Le Dinh Sau RIP Divine Mercy/Stations of the Cross Holy Rosary/Benediction Mass – People of the Parish and David Joseph Curtis RIP	
Monday 6th 9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	Monday of Holy Week, Preface II of the Passion of the Lord Holy Rosary Mass – Antonio Fernandes & Lucrecia Donascimento RIP & Pa Ferdinand Mgbendi RIP Divine Mercy/Stations of the Cross	
Tuesday 7th 9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	Tuesday of Holy Week, Preface II of the Passion of the Lord Holy Rosary Mass – Intentions of Michael and Maria De Souza & Thanksgiving for Yemisi Meshe Divine Mercy/Stations of the Cross	
Wednesday 8th 9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	Wednesday of Holy Week, Preface II of the Passion of the Lord Holy Rosary Mass – Welfare of Juliet Newell and Nike Meshe RIP Divine Mercy/Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 9th 11:00am 12:00 noon 3:00pm 6:00pm	Thursday of Holy Week Holy Hour Adoration Renewal of Priestly Vow Divine Mercy /Stations of the Cross Mass of the Lord's Supper Today, please remember to pray with the whole Church when we commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood. Pray also for all priests, but in particular Frs. Michael and Matthew as they renew their vows in private/isolation without the presence of their Archbishop. Remember to say a prayer as well for Fr. Paul Antwi-Boafiako, our deanery's Hospital Chaplain, and his co priests at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton, all the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, laity and seminarians, remembering also our school communities and all those working in the NHS, emergency services, social care, together with all key workers and those in local and national government, working in harmony to defeat the scourge of the Covid-19 disease. St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham will be the focus of national coverage of Watching on Holy Thursday: www.stchadscathedral.org.uk	  
Friday 10th 11:00am 3:00pm 6:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Holy Rosary/Stations of the Cross/Divine Mercy SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 11th 11:00am 7:00pm	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT Holy Rosary and other Devotions EASTER VIGIL MASS – Intentions of the Celebrant	
Sunday 12th 8:00am 8:30am 12:00 noon 3:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm	EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (A) Holy Rosary Mass – Rene Richardson RIP (3 rd Anniversary) Mass – Thanksgiving for George, Georgina and Okechwu Obilor Divine Mercy Rosary and Benediction Mass – People of the Parish	

Parishioners who have access to the internet please click on the link, www.stpeterswoolwich.church scroll down to **see live cam** to watch the Mass on the webcam. In order for you to hear the sound go to the bottom right hand side of the screen (LOUDSPEAKER SYMBOL AND CLICK ON THE X) see picture 

Due to the COVID-19 the Parish Office is closed until further notice.

In an emergency please email the office on woolwich@rcaos.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please note: ALL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES AND MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

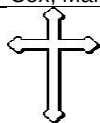
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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, 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, Tumboma Nampuya Kamesa, Jo Earll, Janet Turner, Ray Renolds, Charmaine Cox, Mary Cowie, Christopher Browne, Charity Nwalozie, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.

 Let us pray for the soul of **Augusta Aguboshim** who sadly died in **Queen Elizabeth's Hospital** on **Monday 30th March 2020**. Augusta was one of the Bidding Prayers composers and a dedicated member of our church. She will be truly missed. We offer our prayers and spiritual support to her husband Charles and the rest of her family and friends. May her soul rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

This week once again marks the anniversaries of former parishioners and members of our family. We commend to God's Mercy the following – Catherine Barrett, Susan Ann Haynes, Eugene O'Day, Bernadette Keane, Norah Sheehy, Joseph Hyland, John Lavelle, Andrew Kelly, Annie Hunt, Eileen Sheehan, Edward Tribe, Anita Barrett, Charles Day, Joseph Whelan, Douglas Seston, Mary Judge, Manuel D'Souza, Denis Curran, Muriel Scott, Patricia Pyke, Jack Forde, Edgar Habard, Thomas Franklin, Paul Conlan, Bridget Maher, Ann Fowler, Joseph Quinn, Thomas Shannon, Eamon Berry, John Tyrell, Joseph Twohig, Donald Christian, James Blake, Ivy Dennard, Charles Couzens, Mary Manning, Tom Sheehan, Bridget Molloy, Kay Browne, Louis Calkin, Patrick Coughan, Bridget Rodgers, Peggy Burns, Leonie John-Baptiste, Baby Issac Ashmeade-Mahoi, Rene Richardson and Kate Morgan.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Now that the church services have been temporarily suspended, this will have a great impact on our parish income. If you still wish to make a weekly donation to the church you can post your donation in a sealed envelope through the presbytery letterbox, make an online donation as a "one-off" payment or to set up a standing order to make regular donations. Our bank details are as follows:

Bank details:

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Thank you. Any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated during this time.