



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

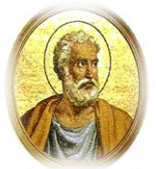
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The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother

Week commencing 17th May 2020 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

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

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please note only one priest is able to celebrate Mass, therefore the priest who does not celebrate Mass in the morning will celebrate Mass in the afternoon, either before or after Holy Hour each day.

Saturday 16th 6:00pm	Holy Mass - Dora Turner RIP	Message from Archbishop John Wilson Be encouraged especially if you are finding the ongoing situation of lockdown a struggle. The best antidote to whatever is weighing on our hearts is to pray. Remember those beautiful words of St Therese of Lisieux quoted in the Catechism: <i>'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.'</i> (CCC 2558)
Sunday 17th 8:00am 8:30am 12:00 noon 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Anthony Da Silva RIP and Fr Jim Kirby RIP Holy Mass – Cletus Ikwuwunna RIP Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Rosary Holy Mass – People of the Parish	
Monday 18th 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	Feria Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Anna Bankole RIP Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass - Thanksgiving for Claire and John Fionaucan	A number of people have commented to me that this time of 'staying at home' has been, in a spiritual sense, like entering the desert. Of course, it was in the desert that the Lord Jesus faced temptation. Thomas Merton comments that the fourth century Christians who left everything to live in the desert did so seeking <i>'most of all...their own true self, in Christ.'</i> It's interesting just to stop and take stock of what this desert experience has taught us about ourselves, about our discipleship, and about our priesthood and diaconate. Where has the light and darkness been in the past weeks? What has drawn us closer to Christ? What has made it difficult to keep focused? For what, and for whom, are we particularly thankful? How will I be different moving forward?
Tuesday 19th 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	Feria Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Intentions of the Cash Family Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass - Welfare of Mary and Joe Ginty	
Wednesday 20th 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	Feria Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Fr Henry Tiku-Wenna Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass - Welfare of the O'Leary Family	A favourite quotation of mine about the desert comes from an anonymous Carthusian monk who writes: <i>'Our abiding presence in the desert is justified only when we are there for JESUS' sake. To enter really into the desert where we are called by God, we have a decisive choice to make: everything must be built on the Son of God, who came to put himself under the Father's guidance in the solitude of the Judean desert. JESUS is the source of life in the desert by the simple fact that he is, by nature, a luminous beacon, a focus of attraction for those whom the Father has placed in his interior school. Walking in the desert is to advance in silence behind the guide. It is to follow JESUS.'</i>
Thursday 21st 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm 6:00pm	The Ascension of the Lord (A) Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Daisy Augustin RIP Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass - Paddy and Geraldine Maughan	
Friday 22nd 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	St Rita of Cascia, Religious Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Eileen Creedon RIP Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass – Deceased Members of the Woolwich Catholic Club (Foundation) Novena to the Holy Spirit begins today please see overleaf for Novena	In whatever way you have experienced, and are continuing to experience, this time of the desert, may it help you to follow the Lord Jesus; to know Him more clearly, to love Him more dearly, and to follow Him more nearly.
Saturday 23rd 11:00am 12 noon 12:30pm 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	Feria Holy Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving Alonzo Lovell Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Rosary Holy Mass - Fr Brian Sanderman RIP	
Sunday 24th 8:00am 8:30am 12:00 noon 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Holy Rosary Holy Mass – 54 th Birthday Thanksgiving for Ola Anidugbe Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Mr Fagbebe Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Rosary Holy Mass – People of the Parish	
PLEASE NOTE: THE WEEK DAY MORNING SERVICES ARE CHANGED – ROSARY WILL START AT 8:30am and HOLY MASS WILL BE AT 9:00am.		
On Thursday 21st May being a Holyday of Obligation Masses will be at 9:00am and 6:00pm.		

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, third Person of the Blessed Trinity, Spirit of truth, love and holiness, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and equal to Them in all things, I adore You and love You with all my heart.

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it should be Your holy Will to grant it: (mention your request in the silence of your heart).

Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope, and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state of life. Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the commandments and to receive the sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praying a novena to the Holy Spirit is an important devotion in preparation for PENTECOST. Indeed, Mary, the Apostles, and the disciples spent nine days between our Lord's Ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in "constant prayer" (Acts 1:12-14). Some see this as the model for the novena to the Holy Spirit. This prayer for the SEVENTH GIFT of the Holy Spirit mentioned above spells them out and helps define them nicely.

The graces, gifts, and virtues mentioned in the novena to the Holy Spirit above are meant to instill in us the wonderful heavenly attributes necessary for our salvation as we seek to imitate Christ and show others His love in our daily lives.

The seven gifts are WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, KNOWLEDGE, COUNSEL, FORTITUDE, PIETY and FEAR OF THE LORD. These tie in well with the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit mentioned above, many of which were well articulated by St. Paul in one of his letters (Gal 5:22-23): **CHARITY, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, GENEROSITY, GENTLENESS, FAITHFULNESS, MODESTY, SELF-CONTROL and CHASTITY.**

This long list of merits can strengthen in us the four **CARDINAL VIRTUES**, necessary for us to grow in holiness on the path to our salvation as we follow Christ: **PRUDENCE, JUSTICE, FORTITUDE And TEMPERANCE.**

Jesus told His disciples before His Passion that He would send the Holy Spirit to "remind you of all that I taught you" as He put it in John's gospel (John 14:26). It is important that we listen to and act on our Lord's inclinations for us through His Spirit as we seek His sanctifying Grace in our lives. Christ said that unless we become like little children we cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven (Matt 18:3). When we adopt that spirit of childlike faith and trust in Him we are better able to listen to His Spirit. Keep in mind that God has given us not only His Spirit and His gifts of sanctifying Grace but also the free will to choose to accept them. Each of us must play an active part in our own salvation by listening to and acting on His divine inspirations for us. Our relationship with our Creator in His three Persons is indeed a partnership!

We must listen to His voice through prayer, the sacraments, and seeking His word in Scripture and spiritual reading. As St. Augustine once said "He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent." This novena to the Holy Spirit can help us not only with our requests, if they are in line with God's will for us, but also in uniting our will with His!

Archbishop John Wilson is going to be leading May devotions via live streaming at the Cathedral on Wednesday 27th May at 7pm. We are very much encouraged to participate.

The Live stream link is <https://youtu.be/b0G9jBYdvXQ>

ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

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.

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:

NatWest Bank: ST PETER'S CHURCH, WOOLWICH

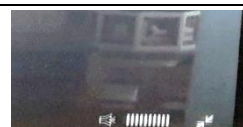
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Please use your name as a reference (gift aiders can add their envelope number).

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

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.

Please note: ALL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES AND MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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, Mary Spencer, Charity Nwalozie, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES

We commend to God's Mercy the following – Charles Amadi, Sylvia Rozario, Rudy Harris, Daniel Gallagher, Bridget Cowe, Edna Orrel, Terence John Nelson, Jane McCann, Grace Elizabeth Murray, Dennis Bowen, Cardinal Thomas Joseph Winning, Helen Harvey, Gilfin Thomas, John Matthews, Norman Murphy, Bridget Sacre, Maria Patshike, James Bland, Peter O'Shea, Patrick Walsh, Margaret Murray, Deborah Christie, Cletus Ikwubunna, Lillian Patrolla, Bridie Houlihan, Patrick Edward Pooley, Edmar Vinluam, Patrick Joseph Delee, Fiona Michelle Fruvall and Canon Ronald Pepper.