



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

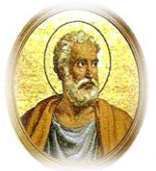
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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Branch

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The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother

Week commencing 24th May 2020 SEVENTH 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 23rd 6:00pm	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
Monday 25th 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Oby & Uche Ibegbulam Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass – Welfare of John Kenny
Tuesday 26th 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	St Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for Carmen D'Souza Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass - Joseph Thomas Gentleman RIP
Wednesday 27th 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Patrick, Peggie and Sheila Twomey RIP Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass - Welfare and Protection for Hubert
Thursday 28th 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	Feria Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Welfare for Loretta Leely and Family Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass - The Donor RIP
Friday 29th 8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	Feria Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Celina Santos RIP and Marian Hayes 60 th Birthday Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass – Family Tree
Saturday 30th 11:00am 12 noon 12:30pm 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Feria Holy Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Gouind Vekaria Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Rosary Holy Mass - Thanksgiving to Mother Mary from Florence and family Parish Pentecost: "Waiting for the gentle Dove" (Acts 2:1-4; Joel 2:28) with Fr Mathew Ndibe
Sunday 31st 8:00am 8:30am 12:00 noon 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY (A) Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Intentions of Fr Michael Branch Holy Mass – Janvier Ngongni RIP Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Rosary Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for Matilda-Grace 18 th Birthday and People of the Parish

Archbishop John Wilson is going to be leading May devotions via live streaming at the Cathedral this Wednesday 27th May at 7:00pm.

We are very much encouraged to participate.

The Live stream link is <https://youtu.be/b0G9iBYdvXQ>

Parish Pentecost: "Waiting for the gentle Dove"
(Acts 2:1-4; Joel 2:28)

Next Saturday 30th May at 7:00pm (via live streaming) with Fr Mathew Ndibe

Friends in the Holy Spirit Catholic Charismatic Renewal prayer group invite you to join us to pray with one voice to our loving Father in Jesus name to receive the grace and power of His Holy Spirit to become fruitful in witnessing our faith.

Everybody welcome!!!

Dear Friends

Scam emails/messages

Please be on your guard against scammers. Some parishioners have received scanned emails in the name of **Fr Michael Branch** requesting them to open a link in order to help them. **THIS IS A SCAM. DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK** and beware in general of criminals using the lockdown as a means of procuring funds.

Fr Michael

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 instil 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.**

PENTECOST NATIONAL ROSARY RELAY RALLY - SUNDAY MAY 31st 9:00am TO 9:00pm

"The Holy Rosary is not only a weapon to put to flight the enemies of God and of Religion but, above all, it fosters and nourishes Gospel virtues. And in the first place, it reanimates the Catholic faith by contemplation of the divine mysteries and improves understanding of the truths revealed by God." Pope Pius XI, 1937 "Ingravescentibus malis"

Each Diocese/Eparchy/Ordinate from Scotland, Wales, and England has been allocated a 'Rosary Hour'. Raise awareness and let them rise across the UK and beyond a great ROAR in prayer before the Throne of God for conversion, help, protection and deliverance from this global pandemic and much more. What Our Lady of the Rosary did in Lepanto in 1571 she will do for us if we have the faith to believe! Do we? Our Rosary on the Coast Team are certain that Our Lady of the Rosary will obtain a great grace from God for these Isles in God's time.

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19.

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

Sort Code: 60 24 26

Account Number: 16163400

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, Adrienne 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 – Eileen Day, Terence John Nelson, Michael Nolan, Peter Fry, Nicholas Wilson, John O'Grady, Jack Jordan, Michael Callaghan, Donald Rosario, Patrick Drislane, Michael Houlihan, Daniel Griffin, Tim Herlihy, Patrick Sweeney, Gertrude Burdess, Anthony Cowdrey and Uchenna Sonni Victor Amazu.