



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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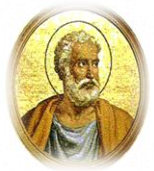
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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Branch
 Assistant Priest: Fr Joseph Ekene Nnalue
 Supply Priest: Monsignor Matthew Addai
 Also Resident: Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi
 Deacons: Rev Piotr Ziezio and Rev Errol Jadoc

PARISH SCHOOL

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 Head Teacher: Miss M Du Bruyn

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

WEEK COMMENCING 29th MAY 2022



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAY 5:00pm – 5:45pm
MONDAY – FRIDAY 10:15am – 12:15pm
SATURDAY 11:00am – 12:15pm



ROSARY

Saturday 11:30am
Monday-Friday 9:00am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

SATURDAY 11:00am – 12noon
 5:15pm – 5:45pm
SUNDAY 5:15pm – 5:45pm



ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

Saturday 28th 6:00pm	Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for Chief Omo Aisagbboni		
Sunday 29th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) Holy Mass – 10th Birthday for Alexis Itabor Holy Mass – Birthday and Wed Anni for Mr and Mrs Chukwuemeka Michael Holy Mass – Fr Michael Branch 25th Silver Jubilee Ordination Holy Mass – People of the Parish		NO LITTLE CHURCH TODAY
Monday 30th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Little Ben Mary and Family in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Luis Francis D'Silva RIP		
Tuesday 31st 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Mass – Jose (Joe) Dias RIP Holy Mass – Fr Michael Branch in Thanksgiving Bible Study via Zoom		
Wednesday 1st 9:30am 12:30pm	St Justin, Martyr, Memorial Holy Mass – Deceased Members of the Mepo Family Holy Mass – Carmelina De Sousa RIP		
Thursday 2nd 10:00am	Feria Holy Mass – Thanksgiving For Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee NO PARISH SURGERY AND NO SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP TODAY		BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 3rd 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyr Holy Mass – Mary Prentice RIP Holy Mass – For the Sick followed by the Anointing of the Sick Pentecost programme: "Rekindle the fire" Dr Kc Onyima (God is able)	FIRST FRIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY
Saturday 4th 12 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Feria Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Comfort Olufunke Alli RIP Holy Mass – Joanna Antao RIP Pentecost programme: "Be filled with the Holy Spirit" Br Simon Maduekwe (ANCCG)		
Sunday 5th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 3:00pm 6:00pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY (C) Holy Mass – Jacob and Agnes Ikpea RIP Holy Mass – Christine and Janvier Ngougni RIP Holy Mass – Sir and Lady Ikechukwu Igwegbe 25th Wed Anniversary Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Mr and Mrs Taylor and Family		2ND COLLECTION – WORLD COMMUNICATIONS 10am & 11:45am in Pugin



**Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to
 Fr Michael on your 25th Anniversary of
 Ordination to the Priesthood**

Dear Fr Michael,

To live in the midst of the world without desiring its pleasures; to be a member of each family yet belonging to none; to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets; to heal all wounds; to go from all to God and offer Him their prayers; to return from God to all to bring pardon, peace, hope and love, to have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chastity, to teach and to pardon, to console and to bless always; this life is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ! Our hearts and prayers are with you!

From the Clergy, Family, Friends and Parishioners of St Peter's

The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen
The Parish Priest, priests and the parishioners sends special prayers and greetings to Her Majesty the Queen on this special occasion.



MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

Dear Brother in Christ,

In Advent, the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis offered the Come Home campaign, which sought to invite Catholics back to church. The omicron COVID-19 variant impacted these plans, but many parishes made use of the prayer cards, Ultimate Relationship booklets, and the invitation to preach on the kerygma, the essential truth of the Gospel, at Christmas. **This Pentecost, I am again Calling People Home and back to Sunday Mass.** Next weekend

I invite the recitation of a simple novena prayer ahead of Pentecost for the express intention of the return of any of our brothers and sisters in faith who, for whatever reason, have yet to return.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

There are many challenges today; the cost of living crisis, a feeling of tension in society and worldwide conflicts that impact our ability to see good and to hope. We, however, remain confident that the Lord Jesus' power, love and mercy can and does speak to these situations and to people's hearts, providing precisely what is needed for each of us through the Gospel. We have so much to gain by such simple acts to heal the wounds of separation exacerbated by the pandemic. Please do all you can to support this initiation of invitation. With my gratitude and warm best wishes in Christ. Yours sincerely in Christ.

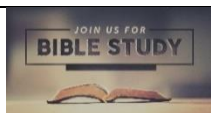
The Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark.

WHAT IS THE 'SUNDAY OBLIGATION'?

Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as 'the Sunday Obligation.' At the Bishops' Conference in Cardiff last week, the Bishops voted unanimously to reinstate the 'obligation' on Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. This will take effect on Pentecost Sunday (5th June). 'This is the bread come down from heaven' (John 6:58). A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – 'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.' It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. So, attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist sacramentally becomes our joy and desire and less of just an 'obligation'.

TESCO CAR PARK

Please be aware that the Tesco Car Park has a limit of 3 hours FREE PARKING ONLY, 7 days of the week. Please note this especially on a Sunday when it is still 3 HOURS ONLY.



ST PETER'S FAMILY BIBLE STUDY (Every Tuesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm)

Please join us in our Bible Study coordinated by the Priests of the Parish by clicking on the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661570378?pwd=cTUxQ3FhOFM1SHd6VWZhZVYtQcE5LQT09> or enter the Zoom Meeting ID: 836 6157 0378 Passcode: 0842

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing their children to be baptised in **JUNE** should attend the following Baptism Programme: **Session 2 – Tuesday 31st May** 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. 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.



Those attending the above Sessions will get their children baptised on the dates below:

Holy Baptism will be on Sunday 12th June 2022 and 26th June 2022 after the 11:45am Mass

Points to note when choosing a Godparent for your child

- A godparent must be someone who has been chosen by the parents;
- has received the three sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and Eucharist;
- is old enough to be a responsible godparent (at least 16 years old);
- is living the life of a believing and practising Catholic.

How many godparents can a child have?

The custom in most places is to have two godparents', but one godparent, male or female, is all that is required.

Can a child have two godfathers or two godmothers?

If there are two godparents, there must be one of each gender.

Can a non-Catholic be a godparent?

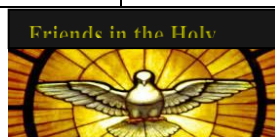
A baptised and believing Christian who is not a Catholic can act as a Christian witness, but not as a godparent.

If my godchild's parents die, do I become the legal guardian?

Many people think this is part of the role of the godparent, but the answer is no, unless you have also agreed to be the child's legal guardian.



The Youth of St Peter's Church aged 11 – 17 years of age are welcome to join the Youth Ministry sessions every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.



Friends in the Holy Spirit (FiHS) Catholic Charismatic Renewal prayer group encourage you to join our fellowship on Fridays at 7pm-8:30pm to support our parish community needs by prayer, thanksgiving and praise to our loving and merciful God.

May we be encouraged to continue in our good spirit of Christian charity, to support the works of evangelisation through our Parish Ministries as we continue to make our donations as follows:

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

Online donations

BANK DETAILS:

NatWest Bank: RCAS Woolwich

Sort Code: 60 24 26 Account Number: 16163400

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

Contactless Giving – these machines are situated in the church lobby.

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

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, Adriene Kelleher, John Branch, Sheila Edwards, Sheila Lee, Joe and Theresa Devoy, Frater Jeneita, Marie-Anne Collins, Kate Dooley, Jo O'Connell, Maureen Brazier, Francis Matajo, Tomisin Iddrisu, Tomosina Gloria Watkins, Jayne Shoboiki, Noone Dunlevy, Sandy Bamotra, Jacqueline Demar Richards, Antoine Libanje, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cecilia Egbujin, Hugh Rozario, Caitlin Connors, Lizzy Connors, Christopher Browne, Mary Angela McInerney, Theodora St Bernard, Dudley Simmonds, Ray Bat, Sadie Byrne, Tumboma Nampuya Kamesa, Jo Earll, Ray Renolds, Christopher Browne, Thi Van Dang, Kathiravelu Nagarajah, Alex Morris, Kathy Stayne, Maggie Dempsey, 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 – Pat Sullivan, Rory Keane, Patrick McNabola, Spiridiona Tong, Ibrahim White, Andrew Higgins, Tim Herlihy, Martin D'Rozario, Daniel Moonesamy, Audrey Rice, Eileen Murian, Johan Whitehead, Bridget Nolan and David Booth. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!