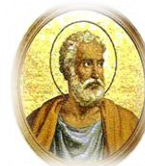




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Assistant Priest: Fr Joseph Ekene Nnalue
Supply Priest: Monsignor Matthew Addai
Also Resident: Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi
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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR C)

Pentecost is regarded as the birth date of the Christian church and was key in expanding the number of early Christian believers. In the UK, Pentecost is also called "Whitsunday" or "Whitsun".

Following Jesus' resurrection after the crucifixion, he remained among his friends and family for forty days. On the fortieth day after the crucifixion, the Book of Acts describes how Jesus ascended into heaven, after promising the watching disciples that they would not have to wait long for the Holy Spirit to come and guide them. Ten days later the disciples were gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. Suddenly they heard a sound like a roaring wind and saw what seemed to be fire coming to rest on each of their heads. This noise and the vision of flames represented the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



WEEK COMMENCING 5th JUNE 2022

ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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



ROSARY

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



Saturday 4th 6:00pm 7:00pm	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) 2ND COLLECTION – WORLD COMMUNICATIONS 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 10am & 11:45am Holy Mass – Mr and Mrs Taylor and Family in Pugin Place
Monday 6th 9:30am 12:30pm	Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial Holy Mass – Tom Yan Pin Chong in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Christiana Roopnarine RIP
Tuesday 7th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Mass - Margaret Mendes RIP Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday 8th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Thanksgiving Mass 40 years Wedding Anniversary Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for protecting the Anidugbe family
Thursday 9th 9:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest Holy Mass – 5th Birthday Thanksgiving for Reevean Menezes Holy Mass – Godfrey Itabor RIP - 8th Death Anniversary PARISH SURGERY IN PUGIN PLACE SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP
Friday 10th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Syndra Leger and her children in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Welfare of Laurent Nkolo Memongo Friends in the Holy Spirit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
Saturday 11th 12 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	St Barnabas, Apostle, Memorial Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Santana D'Costa RIP Holy Mass – Daniel David Lumu RIP
Sunday 12th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 3:00pm 6:00pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) 2nd Collection – (CaTEW) Holy Mass – Intentions of George Madufor Holy Mass – Welfare of Philip Gomes Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – 60th Birthday Thanksgiving for Deirdre Hughes Holy Mass – Libby Mendonsa RIP and Ted Clark RIP



The Parish Priest, priests and the parishioners sends special prayers and greetings to Her Majesty the Queen on this special occasion to mark the 70th anniversary of her Coronation.

Thank you, message from John & Valerie Branch, parents of Fr Michael Branch

Our sincere gratitude and a big 'Thank-you' to all the parishioners of St. Peter's Church, for the wonderful liturgy and celebrations you helped organise on the occasion of Fr Michael's 25th Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. Thank you for the generous gifts too. You will always be in our prayers, and we ask, that you keep our beloved son in your prayers too, as he takes up his new challenge.

Message of Gratitude & Farewell:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

'How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?' Those were the opening words from Fr Victor Darlington's homily marking my Silver Jubilee of Priesthood and farewell Mass last Sunday.

The Lord has truly been good to me through each and every one of you over the last nine and a half years as your Parish Priest. Thank you from the very depths of my heart for the splendid Mass and party, together with all your very kind words and the many generous gifts. It has been a tremendous privilege to be your shepherd in this great and historic parish.

Now the time has come for me to leave to begin a much needed rest before taking on the mantle of a new mission at St George's Cathedral on 1 September. I leave Woolwich confident that you will be well cared for in the interim period by Fr Joseph and Fr Ethelbert and I am most grateful to them until such time as the new Parish Priest arrives during the month of August. I am overjoyed to announce the appointment of Fr Roy Tablizo as your new Parish Priest, who is a well-tested and proven good shepherd and one who you will most certainly love. Once I have a date for my induction as Dean of the Cathedral, I will let you know and very much look forward to welcoming you then. In the meantime, let's keep each other in prayer. I commend you all to the Lord Jesus through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. God bless and until we meet again look after each other.

Fr Michael Branch

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, the Bishops voted unanimously to reinstate the 'obligation' on Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. **This will take effect THIS WEEKEND PENTECOST SUNDAY.** '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'.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our young friends from St Peter's Primary School and the Parish who received Jesus in Holy Communion last Saturday and yesterday for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

Return of restored Statue of Our Lady of Woolwich New Road: We welcome back the statue of Our Lady of Woolwich New Road after extensive cleaning, repair and sympathetic restoration. This was done by Mauro de Palma, an expert artist who has used all his skills to restore the statue so that she now resembles most closely how she would have looked when she was made over 100 years ago. Please take care not to touch, place papers or sacramentals on or around the statue. Any written petitions you wish to make can be placed in the designated petitions box provided nearby. Work will shortly be undertaken on the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and we look forward in confidence to a similarly beautiful restoration. We thank Mauro very much for the many hours of painstaking restoration. Ave Maria.



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=cTUxQ3FhOFM1SHd6VWhZVytQcE5LQT09> or enter the Zoom Meeting ID: 836 6157 0378 Passcode: 0842

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing their children to be baptised in **JULY** should attend the following Baptism Programme

Session 1 – Tuesday 14th June

Session 2 – Tuesday 28th June

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 10th July 2022 and 24th July 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 (FitHS) 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, Adrienne 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 – Rosemary Jones, Hubert Shaw, Dorothy Dempster, Ken Spencer, Mary Robb, Margaret Sullivan, Jack Jordan, Michael Callaghan, Donald Rosario, Patrick Drislane, Michael Houlihan, Daniel Griffin, Tim Herlihy, Patrick Sweeney, Anthony Cowdrey, Collen Coutts, Sarah Fisher, Bridget Maguire, Winnie Nichols, David Persechino, Barry Albin-Dyer, Agnes Smith, Sharon O'Connell, Caroline McNiff, Ronald William Murphy, Nora McBrearty and Joseph Wildes.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE!

