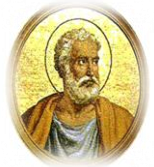




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The Fourth Week of Advent



THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ADVENT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)
WEEK COMMENCING 18th December 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 RECONCILIATION

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



ROSARY

Monday-Friday
 9:00am and 11:30am
Saturday 11:30am
Sunday 8:00am



Saturday 17th 6:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Holy Mass – Deceased Members of the Clancey Family (Foundation) Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	 Confirmation We welcome Reverend Canon Victor Darlington Episcopal Vicar for the South East who will be conferring the Sacrament to 40 candidates this Sunday 18th December 2022 at 6:00pm. We offer our young friends our good wishes and assure them of our prayerful support and pray that the Holy Spirit will ignite them in the service of the Church. Grateful thanks to our Catechists for preparing them.
Sunday 18th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Celia Mon Rico RIP Holy Mass – Esther Aquende RIP Holy Mass – CONFIRMATION Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Monday 19th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving of Karen Gargallo Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving of Oby Omezi Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Tuesday 20th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Intentions of Kayla Valcin Holy Mass – Mary Nuamah RIP Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass Bible Study via Zoom	
Wednesday 21st 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving of Kiranjeet Augustine Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Veronica Jinadu Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Thursday 22nd 9:30am 10:30am – 11:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Carmelina De Sousa RIP Sacred Heart Devotions Holy Mass – Kieran Bunyan RIP No Parish Surgery (Resumes on 12th January 2023 - 5:00pm – 6:00pm) Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Friday 23rd 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Francis Akinola Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Fr Patrick Murgagh RIP Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Saturday 24th 9:30am – 10:30am 12 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm 11:30pm 12:00 Midnight	CHRISTMAS EVE First Holy Communion Programme in the Church Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Mariyaranisaleen (Rani) Marisaleen RIP Christmas Children's Mass – Children of the Parish Carol Service – Doors open at 11.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant	
Sunday 25th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - CHRISTMAS DAY Mass – Intentions of Jane and family Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Chimdiuto Chukwuemeka Mass – People of the Parish	

NO EVENING MASS

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

The Christmas Envelopes are used for the collection at Masses for Christmas Day, which is the traditional 'Thank You' collection by parishioners to the priests of their parish for their work and service. Priests here receive no salary whatsoever for their work and depend on the generosity of parishioners for sustenance. The money in the Christmas Envelopes and the collection on Christmas Day will be shared equally by the clergy. Please note that those of you in the parish **GIFT AID SCHEME** should use your Gift Aid envelopes for the Christmas Collection and hand this in. The priests will get your offering and the Parish will benefit from the tax refund on your offering.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Last Sunday, the Christmas Carol Service was a great success with many people turning up for the event. A special thanks to Canon Victor Darlington and all the Clergy from Parishes in various Deaneries. We also would like to thank St Peter's Choir, Voice of Africa Choir and St Paul's Thamesmead Choir for their beautiful and uplifting singing. Thank you all for your support.

FILIPINOS NINE DAY MASSES (NOVENA)

Catholics in the Philippines have celebrated their own pre-Christmas novena for 600 years. *Simbang Gabi* (Tagalog for "Night Mass") is a series of nine Masses traditionally celebrated in the pre-dawn hours each day from December 16 to December 24. It is a series of nine dawn masses on the days leading up to Christmas. It begins on December 16 and ends at midnight on the 24th of December, when a midnight mass is held. This tradition was introduced by the Spanish friars to allow the farmers to hear mass before going to the fields early in the morning. The masses can start as early as 4 in the morning. *Simbang Gabi* is also known by its popular Spanish name, *Misa de Gallo*, or "Mass of the Rooster."

Here at St Peter's Church, we will introduce the nine day masses but it will begin on Thursday 15th December – Friday 23rd December from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Please let your family and friends come to this special mass before Christmas. Simbang Gabi is not just a tradition that is celebrated because it is necessary; it is the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. The celebration is also seen as a way of requesting blessings from the Lord.

Mass for Deceased (2022) Parishioners, Family and Friends

Please note the **12:30pm Mass on Saturday 31st December** will be offered for the **Deceased of 2022**. Many families have faced bereavement when **close members** of their family have died either in this country or abroad. We ask you to give us their names so they can be remembered on the last day of this year 2022. Please email or hand in your list to the parish office.



A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent.

Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to God's invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

LITTLE CHURCH

There will be no **Little Church on Sunday 25th and Sunday 1st January 2023 during the 10:00am and 11:45am Masses**. However, we encourage parents to bring their children to the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm. Little Church will resume on Sunday 8th January 2023.

MASS OFFERINGS

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is very special and sacred; it may be offered for either thanksgiving, welfare or the repose of a soul. It is always important to remember that these special intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, in and through Christ's perfect sacrifice made present to us in the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. We, as a community pray for the deceased, for those who are ill, for those who face various difficulties or challenges. We also offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the experience of God's loving grace helping us through a particular challenging event or circumstance of life. We are happy to inform you that we no longer have a backlog of Masses and hopefully can accommodate those who wish to request for Mass providing it is not already booked. If you would like to offer a Mass for your family and friends, **KINDLY FILL OUT** an envelope available at the lobby of the church and hand it to the staff in the shop or put it in the collection.



Catholic Gift Shop



Please pay a visit to our shop as we have many new items available and also wonderful gifts for the festive season of Christmas.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their children baptised in **FEBRUARY 2023** should attend the Pre-Baptism Programme on **Tuesday 31st January 2023**. This programme will start at 7pm and end 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 this Session. You will find them available on Thursday evenings during Parish Surgery. We request **ALL PARENTS**, who wish to get their children 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 Session will have their children baptised on the following dates: Holy Baptism will be on Sunday 12th February and 26th February 2023 after the 11:45am Mass.

ST PETER'S FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



Please join us in our Bible Study coordinated by the Priests of the Parish by clicking on the link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9129211913?pwd=aFNJMDJlMjMwMTZlHSE5cTVkaDNPZz09> open your Zoom App and enter the Zoom Meeting ID: 836 6157 0378 Passcode: 0842



The Youth of St Peter's Church aged 11 – 17 years are welcome to join the Youth Ministry.

The Youth Ministry is looking for new Youth Leaders to join. If you are interested, please contact Cyril on 07843 814274 (Youth Ministry Coordinator)

Friends in the Holy Spirit



Friends in the Holy Spirit (FitHS) Catholic Charismatic Renewal prayer group will resume on Friday 13th January 2023 at 7:00pm and all are welcome to join in the fellowship.

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

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).

OPTION 2

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

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, Christopher Browne, Myriam Achille, Teresa Leahy, 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 whose anniversaries occur around this time. – Norah Earle, Margaret Scott, Sheila Spooner, Catherine White Sean Nolan, Pat Sullivan, William Brennan, Robert McKinsley, Ann Jones, Ann McCarthy, John Collins, Reginald Edwards, Peter McKiernan, William McCarthy, Michael Parry, Joan Higgins, William Meaney, Patrick O'Callaghan, Mary Lansdowne, Geraldine Meehan, Arthur Smith, James Johnston, Sean Wheatley, Mary Clancy, William Gallagher, Patricia McCartney, Susan Campbell, Lorna Pendigraist, Elizabeth Dinan, and Catherine Izard.

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE!