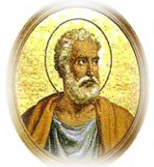




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Blessings to you and your family this Christmas

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (YEAR A)
WEEK COMMENCING 25th 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 24th 12 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm 11:30pm 12:00 Midnight	CHRISTMAS EVE 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		CHRISTMAS MESSAGE I wish to greet each and every member of St. Peter The Apostle community and wish you a joyful Christmas and a healthy New Year. I know that times are tough now, however, we are still driven by the love for Jesus Christ that we have to celebrate his birthday. Our poverty should not stop us from welcoming Jesus Christ because it was for this reason that Jesus was born to accompany us in our struggles and to remind us that God is with us. Our final destiny is with the Father in heaven and whatever we have here on earth is just temporary. We may have all the joy here, but this is nothing compared to the real joy that awaits us in heaven. Likewise, our pain is temporary because God assures us that it will be rewarded in God’s eternal home. Thus, we are reminded that we are all in the same boat together journeying towards the same goal in life. We ought to help each other as a community because we are meant to arrive at God’s kingdom not as an individual but as a family of God, community of St. Peter the Apostle. Fr Roy Tablizo
Sunday 25th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Mass – Intentions of Jane and family Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Chimdiuto Chukwuemeka Mass – People of the Parish NO EVENING MASS	CHRISTMAS DAY	
Monday 26th 10:00am	St Stephen, Deacon, the First Martyr Holy Mass – Mr and Mrs Emmanuel and Rose Ukpabi RIP	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 27th 10:00am	St John, Apostle and Evangelist Holy Mass – Lolita Gandeza Quinzon RIP	BANK HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 28th 9:30am 12:30pm	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Holy Mass – Welfare of Tim Ebuehi Holy Mass – Arunn Marisaleen RIP		
Thursday 29th 9:30am 10:30am – 11:30am 12:30pm	St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr Holy Mass – Jose (Joe) Dias RIP Sacred Heart Devotions Holy Mass – Tony Haulhan RIP No Parish Surgery (Resumes on 12th January 2023 - 5:00pm – 6:00pm)		
Friday 30th 9:30am 12:30pm	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Holy Mass – Welfare of Kerry Wyatt Holy Mass – Lolit Espiritu RIP		
Saturday 31st 12 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm 10:00pm-11:45pm 12:00 Midnight	Seventh day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Deceased (2022) Parishioners, Family and Friends Holy Mass - Thomas, Olga and Family in Thanksgiving Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Midnight Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant		
Sunday 1st 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass – God's Blessings on Emily Mass – Welfare of Richard Gregory Curtis Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Obike Family and Friends in Thanksgiving	NEW YEAR’S DAY	

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.

CONFIRMATION

We would like to congratulate, all those who were **Confirmed last Sunday evening by Canon Victor Darlington**. The evening was a great success with a very packed church. The Parish is very grateful for the hard work put in by the Catechists Team. Thank you also to all who helped make it a great success.

Message sent to Fr Roy from Sister Monica – St Peter's Residence, Vauxhall

Dear Father, you sent a cheque for £854.32 + the cheque of £100 gift aided and I got £215 on my sum-up machine making a total of £1189.32. There will also be all the people who went on-line to pay us directly. You are all so very generous even in hard times and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for wanting to help us and our dear Residents. We will keep you all in our grateful prayers and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year 2023. God bless you all.

HEATING AND LIGHTING IN THE CHURCH – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

It is a well-known fact that every household and churches are faced with increased heating and electrical bills. Heating and lighting costs money to run and maintain. We want to make our church comfortable for everyone who comes to worship here at St Peter's. The heating is now turned on and hopefully everyone is enjoying the warmth. Please be aware that the main door of the church is closed and for everyone to use the side door instead in order to maintain the heat, since we have noticed the main door is forever left open and the gust of cold air makes the place cold despite the heating being turned on. We ask you to kindly contribute towards our heating and lighting costs. Any help would be much appreciated. A box is situated at the front of the sanctuary for your kind donations. May God bless you for your kind generosity.

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.



LITTLE CHURCH

There will be no Little Church this Sunday 25th December and Sunday 1st January 2023 during the 10:00am and 11:45am Masses. 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.

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=aFNJMDJlMjVtTzZlHSEx1cTVkaDNPZz09> 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, 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.

OBITUARY

We pray for the souls of Hugh Rozario and Maureen Atuisaka RIP who died recently.
Hugh Rozario's Mortal Remains will be received into the church on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 3:00pm.
Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 24th January at 11:00am.
Requiem Mass of Maureen Atuisaka will take place on Friday 17th February 2023 at 10:30am.

ANNIVERSARIES

We commend to God's mercy the following whose anniversaries occur around this time. – Mary Feeney, Mary Ellen White, William Stanley Meeks, Bridget Mullane, Rosemary Hunt, Eileen Shine, Bridget Brown, John Presley, Delia Budd, Margaret Kemp, Des Divine, Rosalind Abdul, Catherine Williams, Sheila Bateman, Reynaldo Correa, William Curry, Richard Masterson, Stephen Patterson, Ann Warner, Honora Jacobs, Alfred Hughes, Ellen Francis, Mary Ralph, Margaret Mulvihill, Mark Turner, Elizabeth Freeder, William McGeoghan, Jacqui Daly, Yacob Hagos, Mary Osioh, Carol Ifeoma Udogaranya, Christina McGonigle, Shirley Murphy, Philet Ngasseu-Possi, Alexander Henderson, Christina Nolan, Elaine Smith, Arunn Marisaleen and Rogue Mascarchas.

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE!