

# St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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## PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Branch  
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 Fr Anthony Uche OP  
 Fr Graziano de Palma – Supplying at  
 St Lawrence Church, Sidcup  
**Retired Priest:** Fr James Hay  
**Deacon:** Rev Piotr Ziezio

## PARISH SCHOOL

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 Crescent Road, Woolwich, London SE18 7BN  
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## 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

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

*Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018*

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NO 6:00pm MASS THIS EVENING</b>	<p><b>Progress summary on our fund-raising events</b></p> <p>Soon we will provide you with an end of year report on how our fund-raising for Pugin Place has progressed. Before then we are delighted to give you an interim summary of the Children's Party, Christmas Concert and our Pugin Place Raffle. All indications are that we will raise in the region of £7468 from all three activities which was held this weekend. This figure may be inflated with late donations and additional raffle ticket sales because we had to order more raffle tickets to meet demand. Finally, Barclays have pledged to match our raffle activity up to a maximum of £2000 and we believe we will have exceeded that sum. On this basis our expectation from this year's fantastic effort is likely to exceed £9,500. Thank you to all who have supported these activities and a special thank you to the fund-raising team and choir for making this possible. Working together we can bring back Pugin Place available to all.</p>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b> Mass – Darren Grainger RIP Mass – Ange Achille RIP Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Christina Tuaeje in Thanksgiving (Birthday)	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial</b> Mass – Welfare of Elizabeth Duncan Mass – Emmanuel Meshe in Thanksgiving (Birthday)	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>Feria</b> Mass – George Appadoo RIP Mass – John Heed and Adriana G Sabadun in Thanksgiving (Wed Anni)	
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	<b>Feria</b> Mass – Vivienne in Thanksgiving (Anniversary) Mass – Welfare of Anna Sinnott Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am 12:30pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm	<b>St Nicholas, Bishop</b> <b>Requiem Mass - Cecilia Veronica Graham RIP</b> Mass – Welfare of Josephine <b>Parish Surgery – Pugin Place</b>	
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30 pm	<b>St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> Mass – Fr Graziano in Thanksgiving Mass – For the Sick followed by the Anointing of the Sick	
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00 noon 12:30pm 1:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm – 9:00pm	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Mass – Victoria Wura Aigbirhio in Thanksgiving (Birthday) <b>Requiem Mass - John Aluma RIP</b> Mass – Salma and William James Redgrave RIP <b>Friends in the Holy Spirit (FitHS) Parish Vigil</b>	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b> <b>BIBLE SUNDAY</b> Mass – Sebastian Brack in Thanksgiving Mass – Sam and Catherine Okpe in Thanksgiving (10 <sup>th</sup> Wed Anni) Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Intentions of Enrica	

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE PARISH AND CLERGY

Following on from the recent Data Protection Legislation, our Archdiocese of Southwark has provided each parish, priest and deacon a new email address which gives extra data protection. Please note that this new email address is listed at the top of this newsletter. From now on only this new email address should be used to contact the parish by email. For your information the @rcaos refers to @roman catholic archdiocese of southwark.

The clergy have their own email addresses which are not noted in this newsletter.

**WILL YOU PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS AND DELETE THE OLD ADDRESS. PLEASE DO NOT SEND EMAILS TO THE OLD EMAIL ADDRESS WHICH ARE NO LONGER TO BE USED FOR PARISH OR CHURCH MESSAGES. Many thanks for your assistance and co-operation.**

### WELCOME MINISTERS

The Welcome Ministers will be making their annual renewal of their commitment to this service for the parish. This will take place after the homily at each of the Sunday Masses, today the first Sunday of the Church's year.

### Greenwich Deanery

**There will be an Advent Service at Our Lady of Grace Church today, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 3pm. Please try to attend if you can.**

### Sick and housebound



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family. We pray especially for the following: Lily Beavis, Annie D'Sa, Emmanuel Meshe, Margaret Jeffrey, Joe D'Souza, Francis Ayodele, Barry Newton, Catherine Garraway, Patrick Duffy, Adriene Kelleher, John Branch, Sheila Edwards, Sheila Lee, Nina Donovan, 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, Miroslav Krejcar, Sandy Bamotra, Jacqueline Demar Richards, Michael Corcoran, Antoine Libanje, Georgina Ferrier, Joyce James, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cecilia Egbujin, Hugh Rozario, Mary Healey, Eileen Whyte, Collen Surin, Caitlin Connors, Lizzy Connors, Christopher Browne, Mary Angela McInerney, Theodora St Bernard, Dudley Simmonds, Ray Bat, Myriam Achille, Genny Cleary, Sadie Byrne, Tita Healey, Ann Norton, Jo Earll, Frances McKiernan, Peggy Hanley, Sister Annunciata, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.

### OBITUARY

Let us pray for the following who have died recently:

**Cecilia Veronica Graham** who died on 12th November 2018. Her Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 6th December at 9:00am followed by committal at Plumstead Cemetery at 10:30am.**

**Deborah Loraine** whose Funeral Service will take place on **Wednesday 19th December at 11:30am.**

**Paul Gerrard Galea** whose Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 20th December at 11:30am followed by committal at Hill View Cemetery at 1pm.**

We offer their families and friends our prayers and spiritual support

### ANNIVERSARIES

We commend to God's mercy the following whose anniversaries occur around this time. – **Passy Nalubega, Patrick McCabe, Bonifacio Pacheco, Pauline Booten, Teresa Galvin, Maurice David Hassall, Tommy Cunney, Julia Bryant, Anne Clarke, Annie Mascall, Frank Ciatea, William Penfold, Henry Payne, Fenton Keyes, Jack Nugent, Elsie Condon, John Cennelly, Philomena, Wilson Fernandes, Issabella Pinto, Mrs Feekey, Veronica Bard, Jimmy Brennon, William McDonald, Sadie Turner and Margaret Egan.**

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

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their baby baptised in

**JANUARY 2019**

should attend the following

Baptism Catechesis Programmes

**Sessions 1 & 2 are on Tuesday 4th December 2018**

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.

**Holy Baptism will be on Sunday 13th January 2019 and Sunday 27th January 2019 after the 11:45am Mass.**

Learning from past experience, 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.

### PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

First Holy Communion Programme commences on Saturday 5th January 2019 at 10.30am in Pugin Place.

### CONFIRMATION 2019

Confirmation programme will commence on Saturday 12th January 2019 from 10.00am to 12.00pm in Pugin Place.

### THE BIBLE HOUR AT CHRISTMAS

We will be hosting Bible Hour (Catholic Bible study) at two special 'taster' sessions this Christmas.

**The first is on Sunday 9 December at 3 p.m. in the Church** - the theme will be "The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary in Scripture".

**The second is at 3 p.m. on 16 December in Pugin Place** - the theme will be "A root will spring from the stump of Jesse".

All are welcome – it is a great opportunity for you to sample our Scripture study group this Advent (and one or two mince pies!)

**Please note the usual weekly sessions will resume on Tuesday 8 January 2019.**

### READERS ANNUAL RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

Next Sunday is Bible Sunday, when our Readers are due to make their annual renewal of their commitment to this ministry,

Readers will be called forward by the celebrant for a short rite of renewal immediately after the homily. Copies of the rite will be available for Readers immediately before Mass next week.

### THE LIVING ROSARY

Today is the First Sunday of the month. We will change the Mysteries of the Living Rosary in the Church at 5:00pm. All members of "The Rose of Our Lady of Fatima" as well as parishioners are very welcome.

**Pope's Monthly Intentions for December 2018:**

***Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith***

*That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.*  
Deacon Peter

### FRIENDS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT CHARISMATIC RENEWAL (FITHS)

Theme: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (Jn 14:27)

Parish Vigil on Saturday 8th December from 7pm to 9pm.

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP and INTENSE PRAYER TO TAKE OUR VICTORY!**

**Take some time to reflect this Advent** Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

**Helping Local Homeless and Rough Sleepers** St Peter's Youth and Young Adults Ministries are having a **Community Outreach on 21st December 2018** taking essential supplies to those sleeping rough in Woolwich. We are calling on parishioners to help us support the local less fortunate during this festive but cold season. Much needed items include tinned and non-perishable foods, socks, blankets, jackets, sanitary products etc. Please drop any items in the designated box at the back of the church or with any of the members or ushers. **For questions on volunteering or on the youth ministries please call 07939690589.**

### Flowers

During the Advent Season we will not be displaying any flowers in the church in accordance with the church norm. If you would like to make a donation to decorate the church for Christmas, it will be greatly appreciated.

### The Nigerian Community

A meeting will be held after the 11:45am Mass this Sunday 2nd December in Pugin Place.

### REPOSITORY

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

### LITTLE CHURCH

*This takes place every Sunday during the 10:00am Mass and 11:45am Mass.*

**Last Week's Collection was £1,692.05  
Gift Aid of £582.73  
giving us a parish total of £2,274.78**

**2nd Collection: £263.81**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HOME**

**YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**  
Every Monday  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
In Pugin Place

**Bible Study Group**  
resumes on  
8th January  
2019

**Prayer Group – Association of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary** - Every Thursday at 6:30pm

**FRIENDS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP)**  
EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30pm

**LEGION OF MARY**  
EVERY FRIDAY  
AT 6:30pm

**RCIA FOR ADULTS**  
Every Saturday  
3:00pm–4:00pm in Pugin Place