

# St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church



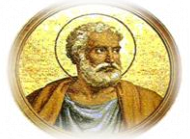
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## PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Branch  
**Assistant Priests:** Fr Tomasz Wargacki  
 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

**St Peter's Catholic Primary School**  
 Crescent Road, Woolwich, London SE18 7BN  
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 Headteacher: Mrs Mary O'Regan



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



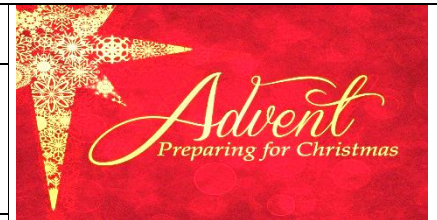
## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass - Salma and William James Redgrave RIP
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 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
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>Feria</b> Mass – Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary Mass – Christina Gentleman RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>Feria</b> Mass – Ambrose D'Souza RIP Mass – Deceased Clergy of the Deanery
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe, Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mass – Rosa Kodsie RIP Mass – Welfare of Junior Nkengfack Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm	<b>St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial</b> Mass – Welfare of David Frodsham Mass – Robert Turner RIP <b>Parish Surgery – Pugin Place</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30 pm 6:30pm	<b>St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial</b> Mass – Thanksgiving for Journey Mercy and Family Mass – Rose Abyede in Thanksgiving <b>Francis Chappell &amp; Sons Memorial Carol Service</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 12:00 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	<b>Our Lady</b> <b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Mass – Sheila Miranda in Thanksgiving Mass – Intentions of Ann Brian
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b> Mass – Brandon Da Silva in Thanksgiving Mass – Anne Lewis in Thanksgiving (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Welfare of Daniella



*Advent can be one of the busiest times of the year. Even as Catholics, the temptation is to run, run, run, and in the midst of this chase, we often seem to get lost. Take a moment to pursue and remember the true gift given to us during this season. This retreat will provide space to go deeper into what it means to celebrate Advent through teaching, prayer and worship.*

**Theme: “O Come let us adore Him – Come home for Christmas”**

*Join us in our 3 Day Advent Programme.*

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December commences at 6pm with Meditation concluding with Mass at 7:00pm**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December commences at 6pm with Meditation concluding with Mass at 7:00pm**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Recollection Service at 6pm followed by Confessions at 7pm**

### READERS ANNUAL RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

Today 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.

**This Tuesday, we welcome the Priests and Deacons of Greenwich Deanery to the 12.30pm Mass, where we will be remembering the Deceased Clergy of the Deanery. It would be good to have your support at this Mass.**

### 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.

**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:

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

**Paul Gerrard Galea** whose Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. – **Patrick McQuaid, Andrew Barcoe, Sean Nolan, John Hodgson, Kathleen Maston, Alfred Hughes, Rose Mitchell, Clement Winchester, Julie Hicks, John Collins, John Wilson, Robert Cover, Patrick Connelly, Anthony Killeen, Ann Hand, Joseph Blaney, Virginia Kelly, Tom Farrell, Catherine Izard, Margaret O'Mahoney, John Ferguson, Grace Power, Margaret Keogh, Anna Krejcarova, Joan Hay, Sylvia Ann Holczimmer, Hugh Duddy, Lorna Pendigrast, Anne Gilbert, Thomas Taylor and Albert Gorman.**

**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

**FEBRUARY 2019**

should attend the following

Baptism Catechesis Programmes

**Session 1 on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Session 2 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**



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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10.30am in Pugin Place.

**CONFIRMATION 2019**

Confirmation programme will commence on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 this 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.**

**Progress Summary on our fund-raising events**

We can now advise you of the final sum raised and pledged from our December fund raising events and raffle. The Children's Party was a sell out and the Concert almost a sell-out.

The number of raffle tickets sold was 2567 on which we are now negotiating with Barclays a funding match of a maximum of £2,000. This would mean the raffle could have raised £4,567. It was so successful we had to go for an additional run of tickets to meet demand.

The whole purpose of these events was to raise money and a lot of parishioners put a lot of time and effort into making them happen, not least our guest composer and musical director, Ronnie Kong who has now returned to Australia with our gratitude and love.

The total amount banked or waiting to be banked is £8,394.67. There will be some associated costs incurred by these events that will need to be paid for, and a more complete financial position will be supplied soon.

In addition to what has been raised we have been given a generous pledge for £1,000 and with a successful outcome with Barclays for the funding match then our gross fund-raising total is likely to be in excess of £11,394.67. This figure should increase further as there are still sums of money being received. Please continue supporting us through the gift aid envelopes now available.

Well done to those who made this happen and thank you to all who supported us in our quest to raise funds to restore Pugin Place – the focus of all our energies and hopes.

**Christians helping Christians**

**Do you remember Nicholas from Bethlehem who had the Olive Wood Carvings Sale from the Holy Land visiting our Parish a couple of months ago?** The good news is Nicholas is coming back to our Church on the **22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018** to sell their beautiful handmade olive wood artefacts to support the Christians in Bethlehem, in the Holy Land. St Peter's and The Bethlehem Nativity Group (TBNG) have teamed up to support one another by **giving our Church (St Peter's) an exclusive 25% of each sale and total amount raised to support the Church building fund!** So, let us Support one another as **Christians helping Christians because together, we are stronger in Christ.** This is a great opportunity to buy a special gift for a loved one this Christmas. **Tell your friends and family to come along on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 5pm till 7:30pm and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 8am till 8pm.** Make this weekend special by bringing someone new to our Church. God bless you all abundantly.

**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.

**LITTLE CHURCH**

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

**Last Week's Collection was £1,446.52  
Gift Aid of £778.53  
giving us a parish total of £2,225.05**

**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  
8<sup>th</sup> 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