

St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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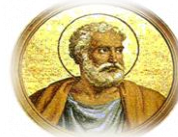
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



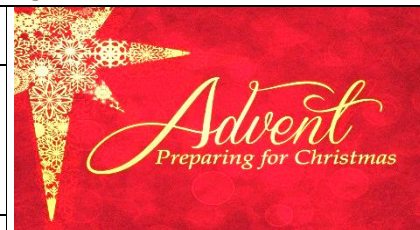
SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

SATURDAY 11:00am – 12noon
 5:15pm – 5:45pm
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THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ADVENT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST

Week commencing 16th December 2018

Saturday 15th 6:00pm	Mass - Intentions of Ann Brian
Sunday 16th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Mass – Brandon Da Silva in Thanksgiving Mass – Anne Lewis in Thanksgiving (90 th Birthday) Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Welfare of Daniella
Monday 17th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Fr Stanley Del OMI RIP Mass – Deceased Members of the Clancy Family
Tuesday 18th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Deceased Members of Birmingham Family Mass – Welfare of Sophia and Alexander Morris
Wednesday 19th 9:30am 11:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Feria Mass – Intentions of Angela Funeral Service – Deborah Loraine RIP Advent Retreat – Meditation Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday 20th 9:30am 11:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Feria Mass – Intentions of Anna Maria Coad and Family Requiem Mass – Paul Gerrard Galea RIP Advent Retreat – Meditation Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant
Friday 21st 9:30am 12:30 pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Feria Mass – Michael Hayes RIP Mass – James McDonald RIP Advent Retreat - Recollection Service Confessions
Saturday 22nd 12:00 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	Feria Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Mass – Savina Chukwuemeka in Thanksgiving (4 th Birthday) Mass – Jean Gosling and Victor Hyland RIP
Sunday 23rd 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Mass – Intentions of Chris Dunbar Mass – Engr Samuel O Osu RIP Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Fr Brian Reeves RIP



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 19th December commences at 6pm with Meditation concluding with Mass at 7:00pm

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Friday 21st December - Recollection Service at 6pm followed by Confessions at 7pm

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE IS NO PARISH SURGERY NEXT THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER.

PARISH SURGERY WILL RESUME BACK ON THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2019.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FR TOMASZ WHO CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY, SATURDAY 15th DECEMBER.



We wish him good health and many blessings!

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 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. – Patrick Twohig, Tom Keane, Frank Ostutu, Johannah Parker, Catherine Gladys Datson, John Sullivan, Ann Simpson, Julia Bryant, Ann Jones, Robert Kinsley, Michael Gallagher, Lilley Fisher, Stanley Abraham, Augustine Feeney, Ethel O'Brien, Ivey Sankey, Elizabeth Adams, Lillian Bulman, Eva Loveday, Paddy Powell, Bridget Daniels, Clifford Fitzpatrick, Charlie Collins, Andrew Murphy, Pattista D'Souza, George Robertson, Katherine Dawson, Frank Maguire, Anne Fitzgerald, Joseph Simpson, David Cooper, Sylvia Ann Holczimmer, Hugh Duddy, Michael Keady, Lena Rozario-Martin and Ellen Wilson.

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 8th January 2019

Session 2 on Tuesday 22nd 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 10th February 2019 and Sunday 24th 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 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

The second Bible Hour (Catholic Bible study) session will take place this Sunday 16th 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.

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.**

Message from Nicholas Khader – The Bethlehem Nativity Group Christians helping Christians

Who remembers the Olive Wood Carvings Sale from the Holy Land in our Parish a couple month ago? Well St Peter's and The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG has teamed up to support each other! Sounds amazing. But this time a bit different and more exciting! The good news is TBNG are coming back to our Church on the **22nd-23rd December** to sell those beautiful handmade olive wood artefacts to support the Christians in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, and the better news is they are **giving our Church (St Peter's) an exclusive 25% of each sale** and total amount raised to **support the Church building fund!** So, lets Support one another as **Christians helping Christians because together we are stronger in Christ.** This is great opportunity if you missed the sale last time or would like to buy a special gift for a loved one this Christmas. " Tell your friends and family to come along on Saturday 22nd Dec from 5 pm till 7:30 pm & Sunday 23rd Dec from 8 am till 8 pm. open all day". Make this weekend special to you and bring someone new to our Church, You all know we're very welcoming. God bless you all abundantly. *Wishing you all a very Blessed Christmas and a happy new year ahead. Love, Joy and Blessings from St Peter's Parish team and TBNG Holy Land.* **Nicholas**

Mass for Deceased (2018) Parishioners, Family and Friends

Please note the 12:30pm **Mass on Monday 31st December** will be offered for the **Deceased of 2018**. Names of those who have died in the parish during this year, will be called out. Many families have also faced bereavement when **close members** of their family have died either in this country or abroad. If you would let us have their names, we will be happy to offer you the chance to have them remembered on the last day of the year 2018. Please hand in your list to the parish office.

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 their personal income. 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.*

Dear Parents

There will be no Little Church on Sunday 23rd and Sunday 30th December during the 10:00am and 11:45am Masses. However, we encourage parents to bring their children to watch the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm. Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

(The Children's Liturgy Team)

**Last Week's Collection was £1,438.38
Gift Aid of £609.37
giving us a parish total of £2,047.75**

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