

# 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

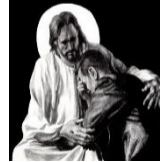
## PARISH SCHOOL

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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018*

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 6:00pm	Mass - Jean Gosling and Victor Hyland RIP	<h3>CHRISTMAS MESSAGE</h3> <p>As we come towards the end of the Advent Season, entering the festivities of the Nativity, we remember that Advent has been a time to prepare for the coming of the Redeemer. This is the time in Salvation History when God became one of us so that we could once again become children of God.</p> <p>At Christmas we celebrate the Joy of the coming of Christ in our homes and indeed in our hearts. This celebration should bring peace to people of good will as the Angels sang on that great night. We are the people, to whom the angels announce this Good News of glad tidings, of peace and of love. May the celebration of this great feast, bring for us God's blessings and grace.</p> <p>As a Christian family with Jesus as our Head, let us be a gift for Him this Christmas by looking after each other and our environment.</p> <p><b>Thank you for all your love, prayers and friendship. God bless.</b></p> <p><b>Fr Michael, Fr Graziano, Fr Tomasz, Fr Anthony OP, Fr Jim and Deacon Piotr</b></p>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b> Mass – Intentions of Chris Dunbar Mass – Engr Samuel O Osu RIP Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Fr Brian Reeves RIP	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm <b>6.00pm</b> <b>11.30pm</b> <b>12.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Mass – Fr Philip Mathias RIP Mass – Welfare of the Omezi Family <b>Christmas Children's Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant</b> <b>Carol Service – Doors open at 11.00pm</b> <b>Christmas Midnight Mass – People of the Parish</b>	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.45am</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>  Mass – Welfare of Fatima Fernandes Mass - Thanksgiving for Stanley Chijioko Ikwuwunna Mass – People of the Parish <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00am	<b>St Stephen, the First Martyr</b> Mass –Welfare of Fr Jim Hay	
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>St John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Mass – Intentions of Isaiah Burke Mass – Fr Jacques Hamel RIP	
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30 pm	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> Mass – Luiza Victoria RIP Mass – Family Tree	
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12:00 noon</b> 12:30pm 6:00pm	<b>St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr</b> <b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Mass – Welfare of Ian Lawrence and Dan Burgess Mass – For the Donor	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (C)</b> Mass – Intentions of Bridget McDonagh Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Philet Nathaneal Possi RIP Mass – Pope Francis and all Religious in the World	
<p align="center"><b>Crib Offering – St Peter's Primary School Fund</b></p> <p>This year the Crib Offerings will be for St Peter's Primary school. This fund will contribute greatly to numerous essential curriculum resources and events, especially in light of the reduced school budget.</p> <p><b>Please note the Parish Office will be closed during the Christmas period and will re-open on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.</b></p>		

**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 Egbujn, 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.

**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 Pendigrast, Elizabeth Dinan and Catherine Izard.

**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 12th January 2019 from 10.00am to 12.00pm in Pugin Place.

**THERE IS NO PARISH SURGERY ON THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. PARISH SURGERY WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019.**

**CHRISTMAS HELPERS**

We would like to offer our grateful thanks to all who helped in getting the church organised for Christmas. It is always a busy time of the year and your help is much appreciated. May our Lord send down his blessings upon you all.

**Mass for Deceased (2018) Parishioners, Family and Friends**

Please note the 12:30pm **Mass on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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**

**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.*

**Last Week's Collection was £977.90 Gift Aid of £574.82**

**giving us a parish total of £1,552.72 MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HOME**

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

*Resumes on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

**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**  
*Resumes on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019*

**FRIENDS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP) EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30pm**  
*Resumes on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

**LEGION OF MARY EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30pm**  
*Resumes on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

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