



# St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

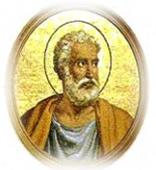
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## PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Branch

Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Ndibe

Deacons: Rev Piotr Ziezio and Rev Errol Jadoc

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The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother

Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE [www.stpeterswoolwich.church](http://www.stpeterswoolwich.church)

**THE CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

*Please note only one priest is able to celebrate Mass, therefore the priest who does not celebrate Mass in the morning will celebrate Mass in the afternoon, either before or after Holy Hour each day.*

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 6:00pm	Holy Mass - Anthony and Mona Pinto RIP
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 8:00am 8:30am 12:00 noon 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> World Day of Prayer for Vocations <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – Paul Le Dinh Sau RIP Holy Mass – Rose Nnabi (JP) RIP and Stella Adra Edibo RIP <b>Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – People of the Parish
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	<b>The English Martyrs</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – Nkechi Udeagha & Chi Olajide RIP <b>Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> Holy Mass - Sheldon Stewart RIP
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	<b>Feria</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving Patrick Meshe <b>Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> Holy Mass - Alice Ayovwi RIP
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	<b>Feria</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – Valentine, Rita, Angelo and Lena D'Souza RIP <b>Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> Holy Mass - Intentions of John, Bridgette & Patrick Lee
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	<b>Feria</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – Intentions of Brian, Cindy, John, Wayne & Michelle <b>Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> Holy Mass - Intentions of Morch, Una and Baby Morch
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	<b>Feria</b> <b>May Bank Holiday (VE Day)</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – Paddy Geraldine McDonagh RIP <b>Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> Holy Mass – Caitlin Maughan
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00am 12 noon 12:30pm 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	<b>Feria</b> <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for Natasha Iwowo <b>Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass - Welfare of Mary Murphy
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 8:00am 8:30am 12:00 noon 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – Fr Donal O'Brien RIP and Christy Murphy RIP Holy Mass – Esther <b>Holy Hour with Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> <b>Holy Rosary</b> Holy Mass – People of the Parish

**Letter of  
His Holiness  
Pope Francis  
to the Faithful for the  
Month of May 2020**



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone. (See overleaf of newsletter). Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

**Pope Francis**

### FIRST PRAYER

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. **We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.**

### SECOND PRAYER

**"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God"**. In the present tragic situation when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mother of God and our Mother pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope, and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

### ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### OFFERTORY DONATIONS

**Now that the church services have been temporarily suspended, this will have a great impact on our parish income. If you still wish to make a weekly donation to the church you can post your donation in a sealed envelope through the presbytery letterbox, make an online donation as a "one-off" payment or to set up a standing order to make regular donations. Our bank details are as follows:**

#### Bank details:

**NatWest Bank: RCAS A REGISTERED CHARITY RE ST PETER'S CHURCH, WOOLWICH**

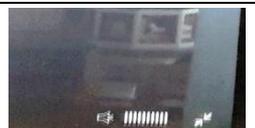
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**Account Number: 16163400**

**Please use your name as a reference (gift aiders can add their envelope number).**

**Thank you. Any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated during this time.**

Parishioners who have access to the internet please click on the link, [www.stpeterswoolwich.church](http://www.stpeterswoolwich.church) scroll down to **see live cam** to watch the Mass on the webcam. In order for you to hear the sound go to the bottom right hand side of the screen (LOUDSPEAKER SYMBOL AND CLICK ON THE X) see picture



**Due to the COVID-19 the Parish Office is closed until further notice.**

**In an emergency please email the office on [woolwich@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:woolwich@rcaos.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as we can.**

**Please note: ALL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES AND MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.**

**Thank you for your 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: Annie D'Sa, Emmanuel Meshe, Margaret Jeffrey, Francis Ayodele, Barry Newton, Catherine Garraway, Patrick Duffy, Adriene Kelleher, John Branch, Sheila Edwards, Sheila Lee, 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, Sandy Bamotra, Jacqueline Demar Richards, Michael Corcoran, Antoine Libanje, Georgina Ferrier, Joyce James, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cecilia Egbujin, Hugh Rozario, Eileen Whyte, Collen Surin, Caitlin Connors, Lizzy Connors, Christopher Browne, Mary Angela McInerney, Theodora St Bernard, Dudley Simmonds, Ray Bat, Myriam Achille, Sadie Byrne, Ann Norton, Tumboma Nampuya Kamesa, Jo Earll, Janet Turner, Ray Renolds, Charmaine Cox, Mary Cowie, Christopher Browne, Mary Spencer, Charity Nwalozie, 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 – Maurice "Mossy" Griffin, John Francis McKenna Winifred Gibbons, Brigid Whyte, Mike Conneally, Glenda Millward, Sean Riordan, Charles Toghil, Kevin Shepherd, Seamus Logan, Billy Lynch, Patrick Smith, Elizabeth Hannigan, Margaret Fisher, Annie McGranaghan, Phillip Smith, Josie Murphy, Sam Potter, Alec James, Molly McNamara, Nora Jordan, Mary Honeybrook, Winifred Bassett, Honorato Rodrigues, Daniel Akuneme, Lillian White, Samuel Coleman and Keith Clark.**