



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

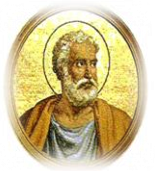
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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Branch
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PARISH SCHOOL

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

Week commencing 27th December 2020 –
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)

ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH
WEBSITE www.stpeterswoolwich.church



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAY 5:00pm – 5:45pm

SATURDAY 11:00am – 12:15pm



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

SATURDAY 11:00am – 12noon
5:15pm – 5:45pm

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New Year's Eve – 31st December – 4:00pm – 5:45pm

Saturday 26th 6:00pm	Holy Mass – Intentions of Aine Canavan
Sunday 27th 8:30am 10:00am 11:45am 3:00pm 6:00pm	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B) Holy Mass – Arunn Marisaleen RIP Holy Mass – Roger Preston RIP Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Ellie Mends Holy Mass – The Family of Caballero-Blaya Alive & Deceased
Monday 28th 10:00am	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Agatha Soloman
Tuesday 29th 10:00am	St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr Holy Mass – Rosaline Opiah RIP
Wednesday 30th 10:00am	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Mr Duna Yo Meshe
Thursday 31st 10:00am 6:00pm	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord NEW YEAR'S EVE Holy Mass – Philet Possi RIP Holy Mass – Deceased (2020) Parishioners, Family and Friends
Friday 1st 8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY Holy Mass – George Nnaemeka Okoye RIP Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for Pax Sakole Holy Mass – People of the Parish NO EVENING MASS
Saturday 2nd 12:00 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church, Memorial Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Franklin Imo Aigbirhio Holy Mass – Taylor Family Thanksgiving
Sunday 3rd 8:30am 10:00am 11:45am 3:00pm 6:00pm	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (B) Holy Mass – Welfare of Anne Donaldson Holy Mass – James King RIP Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Rebecca Esogbozie Ojugbana RIP Holy Mass – Protection for Hubert Oulaye and Thomas Olympio

Mass for Deceased (2020) Parishioners, Family and Friends

Please note the 6:00pm Mass on Thursday 31st December will be offered for the **Deceased of 2020**. Names of those who have died in the parish during **this year**, will be called out. In light of the current crisis of COVID-19 and other illness many families have been faced with bereavement when **close members** of their family and friends 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 2020. Please email or hand in your list to the parish office.

Crib Offerings

This year, the Crib Offerings will be for the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Peter's Residence, Vauxhall, who care for the sick, retired priests and lay people. The Little sisters depend totally upon God's providence to meet all their costs. Thank you for remembering the Little Sisters this Christmas.



Dear Parishioners,

Since we are now in **Tier 4**, and have seen a rising number of people testing **positive for COVID-19**, we have taken a prudential decision to have only **ONE PUBLIC MASS** celebrated in the church from Monday to Friday. **This Mass will be at 10:00am.**

Please note that the **9:30am, 12:30pm Masses and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** has been **SUSPENDED** for now but will resume when we are in safer times. Although the weekday Masses have changed, the weekend Masses will remain the same.

The Government encourages us to stay at home at this time so as to stop the spread of the virus. While the church is still open for public Masses you are most welcome to attend, but if you have any symptoms mild or otherwise do not leave your home. We hope you understand this temporary decision, but it is for the good of all and for a speedier resolution. It will mean that Masses that have been booked for a specific intention, will be reallocated. Apologies for any inconvenience but thank you for your understanding and please be assured of our prayers and good wishes. **Stay safe!**

Can we take this special opportunity to thank our stewards who continue to enable us to keep our church open with their dedicated service.

PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

(Copied from +Archbishop John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark)

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

After a celebration of Christmas Day in restricted circumstances, due to Covid 19, we come to this beautiful Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The home life of the Lord Jesus, of His mother, the Virgin Mary, and of His foster father, St Joseph, teaches us the importance of 'compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.' We want to love as they love, to sit in the classroom of the Gospel and learn from Christ, inspired by the fidelity of Mary and Joseph. These qualities are the sure coordinates to guide us forward.

The images we sometimes see of the Holy Family make everything look so perfect, as if there were never any problems, or moments of anxiety, and not that much joy and laughter either. How can any family flourish without joy? How can any family blossom without laughter? No, the Holy Family was a real family. 'Tears and smiles, like us,' they knew, each in their own way. All our experiences of family, and of our relationships within them, form a school where our understanding of holiness can deepen, where, modelled on Christ, we are trained how to love evermore generously.

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The home of the Holy Family of Nazareth was a loving space where the Lord Jesus grew to maturity, filled with wisdom. May our families, and the family of the Church, enable the message of Christ, in all its richness, to dwell within us so that we always speak and act with love.

+ John Wilson

Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

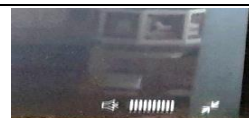
ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION

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.

For parishioners who still wish to view the Mass online via live streaming please click on the link, 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



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 St Peter the Apostle Woolwich

Sort Code: 60 24 26

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.

Youth Group

Anyone between the ages of 11-17 are welcome to join the church youth group. We are currently meeting over zoom every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 3:00pm. **If interested, contact Obi on 07572105643.**

OFFERING MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to book a Mass, please call directly on 020 8854 0359 or email at woolwich@rcaos.org.uk with your mass intentions. **Please include name, date, Mass Intentions, and your telephone number (in case of any queries if required.)** Any donation that you wish to offer for the booked Mass can be paid by bank transfer directly into the parish account: (see below for bank details.) **Thank you.**



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, Adriene Kelleher, John Branch, Sheila Edwards, Sheila Lee, Joe and Theresa Devoy, Frater Jeneita, Marie-Anne Collins, Kate Dooley, Jo O'Connell, Maureen Brazier, Francis Matajo, Tomisin Iddrisu, Tomosina Gloria Watkins, Jayne Shoboiki, Helen Dickens, Noone Dunlevy, Margaret Dickens, Sandy Bamotra, Jacqueline Demar Richards, Antoine Libanje, Georgina Ferrier, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cecilia Egbujn, Hugh Rozario, Caitlin Connors, Lizzy Connors, Christopher Browne, Mary Angela McInerney, Theodora St Bernard, Dudley Simmonds, Ray Bat, Sadie Byrne, Tumboma Nampuya Kamesa, Jo Earll, Ray Renolds, Christopher Browne, Thi Van Dang, Charlie, Charity Nwalozie, Anne Donaldson, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for the following who have departed from this life: Mary Feeney, Mary Ellen White, William Stanley Meeks, Bridget Mullane, Rosemary Hunt, Eileen Shine, Bridget Brown, John Presley, Delia Budd, Margaret Kemp, Des Divine, Rosalind Abdul, Catherine Williams, Sheila Bateman, Reynaldo Correa, William Curry, Richard Masterson, Stephen Patterson, Ann Warner, Honora Jacobs, Alfred Hughes, Ellen Francis, Mary Ralph, Margaret Mulvihill, Mark Turner, Elizabeth Freeder, William McGeoghan, Jacqui Daly, Yacob Hagos, Mary Osioh, Carol Ifeoma Udogaranya, Christina McGonigle, Shirley Murphy, Philet Ngasseu-Possi, Pamela Warrington, Alexander Henderson, Christina Nolan, Arunn Marisaleen and Rogue Mascarchas.