



# St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

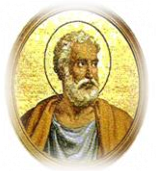
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## PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Branch  
**Assistant Priests:** Fr Matthew Ndibe  
 Fr Joseph Ekene Nnalue  
**Also Resident:** Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi  
**Deacons:** Rev Piotr Ziezio and Rev Errol Jadoc

## PARISH SCHOOL

**St Peter's Catholic Primary School**  
 Crescent Road, Woolwich, London SE18 7BN  
 Tel: 020 8265 0028  
 Email: [sao1@stpeters.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sao1@stpeters.greenwich.sch.uk)  
 Head Teacher: Miss M Du Bruyn

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Synod Process

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
 as we gather together in Your name.  
 With You alone to guide us,  
 make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
 Teach us the way we must go  
 and how we are to pursue it.  
 We are weak and sinful;  
 do not let us promote disorder.  
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
 nor partiality influence our actions.  
 Let us find in You our unity  
 so that we may journey together to eternal life  
 and not stray from the way of truth  
 and what is right.  
 All this we ask of You,  
 who are at work in every place and time,  
 in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
 forever and ever. Amen.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) WEEK COMMENCING 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

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

### 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



### ROSARY

**Saturday** 11:30am  
**Sunday** 8:00am  
**Mon-Friday** 9:00am



<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 6:00pm	Holy Mass – Mr and Mrs Taylor Special Intentions
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30am 10:00am 11:45am 3:00pm 6:00pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b> Holy Mass – Desmond Bell RIP Holy Mass – Welfare of Philip Gomes Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Nkadi Erokwu Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Welfare of Ollie, Nicola and Family
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>St Nicholas, Bishop</b> Holy Mass – Fr Michael Taylor RIP Holy Mass – Agnes Smith RIP
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Holy Mass – Joe D'Souza RIP Holy Mass – Laura Rossi RIP
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Holy Mass – Celia Mon Rico RIP Holy Mass – Mr and Mrs Ngougni RIP
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>Feria</b> Holy Mass – St Bernadette in Thanksgiving Holy Mass - Welfare of Stephen and Sarah Walsh & family
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>Feria</b> Holy Mass – Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Mass – Christina Gentleman RIP
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 12 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	<b>Feria</b> <b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Holy Mass – Ambrose D'Souza RIP Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Yolande Charles-Alfred
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30am 10:00am 11:45am 3:00pm 6:00pm	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Gaudate Sunday</b> Holy Mass – Brandon Da Silva in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Rosa Gasson RIP Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Anita Ebuehi Holy Mass – Leo King

The Second Week of Advent



The Third Week of Advent



### Synod 2021-2023



The parish Synod team would like to say a big thank you to all participants who joined all or any of the three listening sessions held on 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November and to those who have already contributed by writing their reflections and dropping them in the suggestions box at the back of the church.

Remember that the Holy Father is inviting the whole Church, and every person at St Peter's to **prayerfully discern together and offer recommendations on how best our Church can grow in Communion, Participation and Mission.** By growing together in communion, we will deepen our participation in the life of the Church and so become more effective missionary disciples in the world. For more information visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/synod>

Due to consultation period being extended by Pope Francis, the parish Synod team encourage you to **keep participating by leaving your suggestions in the Synod box until the first week of January 2022.** Every voice matters in this synodal process. The synod team is looking forward to receiving as many suggestions as you have so that we can pass them on to our Southwark Archdiocese. Copies of the participant sheet from the listening sessions can be found next to the Synod box to be used as guidance.

Let us continue praying daily the Synod prayer and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us so that our shared reflections and discernment are aligned with God's will, and they truly make a real difference in our journey together in our parish and in the whole Church.

### APPEAL - LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

This weekend we welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor who will be making an appeal during our weekend Masses to raise funds in aid of caring for the Elderly at St Peter's Residence in Vauxhall.

Please kindly put your donations in the labelled boxes provided.  
 Thank you for your generosity.



**PARISH SURGERY**  
**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**DECEMBER 2021**  
**5:00pm – 6:00pm**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

To baptise your child please see the priest or phone the Parish Office to arrange a date and time of baptism.

We request **ALL PARENTS**, who wish to get their child baptised, to bring their own baptism certificates as proof that they are Catholics, a copy of their child's birth certificate and proof of address along with the yellow Baptism Form. **GODPARENTS** will need to get a letter from their parish priest to say they are practicing Catholics.



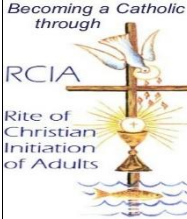
Little Church will take place every Sunday at the 10:00am Mass ONLY in Pugin Place.



**Catholic Gift Shop**



Please pop into our shop as we have many new items available for the Christmas Season.



The RCIA programme will take place every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in Pugin Place from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Next Session is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.



**ST PETER'S FAMILY BIBLE STUDY (Every Tuesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm)**

Please join us in our Bible Study coordinated by the Priests of the Parish by clicking on the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661570378?pwd=cTUxQ3FzOFM1SHd6VWhZVtQcE5LQT09>

or enter the Zoom Meeting ID: 836 6157 0378 Passcode: 084246



The Youth of St Peter's Church aged 11 – 17 years of old are welcome to join the Youth Ministry sessions every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.



**Friends in the Holy Spirit (FitHS) CCR prayer group**

encourage you to join our fellowship by Zoom on Fridays at 7pm (camera off) using link below. Let's support our parish community by thanking and praising our loving and merciful God together.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87330332416> Meeting ID: 873 3033 2416. WE MEET IN PERSON IN CHURCH ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**MISSIO RED BOXES**

A few of weeks ago Fr Paul Mooney from Mill Hill Missionary Society visited our parish and many of you showed an interest in taking a box home, but unfortunately, he came with a limited stock. We have now received a fresh supply of these Red Boxes which will be left at the back of the church to collect, if you wish. Please make sure to write your contact details on the sheet provided before taking your box.



**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.



**Mass for Deceased (2021) Parishioners, Family and Friends**

Please note the 12:30pm Mass on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December will be offered for the Deceased of 2021. Names of those who have died in the parish during this year, will be called out. In view 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 2021. Please email or hand in your list to the parish office as soon as possible.



**Greenwich Deanery Advent Service**

**THEME: BE STRONG AND DO NOT FEAR**  
**Our Lady of Grace Church, Charlton**  
**on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**at 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Councillor Anthony Okereke**, Woolwich Common Ward and Cabinet Member for Housing, The Royal Borough of Greenwich will be launching a new housing Advice Surgery for Greenwich residents who are facing housing difficulties. You can register by visiting [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/AskAnthony](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/AskAnthony) to book an appointment.

**May we be encouraged to continue in our good spirit of Christian charity, to support the works of evangelisation through our Parish Ministries as we continue to make our donations as follows:**

**Online donations**

**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 and always.**

**Contactless Giving – these machines are situated in the church lobby.**

**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, Noone Dunlevy, Sandy Bamotra, Jacqueline Demar Richards, Antoine Libanje, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cecilia Egbujin, 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, Kathiravelu Nagarajah, Alex Morris, Marie Dick, Kathy Stayne, Charity Nwalozie, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.



**OBITUARY**

We pray for the following souls who died recently:

**Kathleen Frances Gillespie RIP – her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 10:00am**  
**Sean King RIP – his Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11:30am.**

We offer our prayers and sympathies to their families and friends.

**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, Joan Hay, Sylvia Ann Holczimmer, Hugh Duddy, Lorna Pendigrast, Michael Doyle, Anne Gilbert, Joe D'Souza, Ifeyinwa Onyemelukwe and Albert Gorman.**

**MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE!**

