

St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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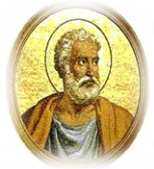
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Parish Priest: Fr Roy Tablizo
 Assistant Priest: Fr Joseph Ekene Nnalue
 Assistant Priest: Fr Gerard Balinnya
 Deacons: Rev Piotr Ziezio and Rev Errol Jadoc

PARISH SCHOOL

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 Head Teacher: Miss M Du Bruyn

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

WEEK COMMENCING 3rd December 2023

ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



ROSARY

Sunday 8:00am
 Monday-Friday 9:00am
 and 11:30am
 Saturday 11:30am



Saturday 2nd 6:00pm	Holy Mass – Welfare of Martin Elliott
Sunday 3rd 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 3:00pm–3:30pm 6:00pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Ijeoma and Ugochi Holy Mass – Mary Olise in Thanksgiving DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – Thanking God for His Blessings
Monday 4th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Welfare of Nancy Montoya Holy Mass – St Francis Xavier Patron Saint of Goa in Thanksgiving Bible Study in the Presbytery
Tuesday 5th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Brian James Stevens RIP Holy Mass – Paul Menezes RIP
Wednesday 6th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Welfare of Ana Gato Holy Mass – Welfare of George Bermajo
Thursday 7th 9:30am 12:30pm	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Holy Mass – Joe D'Souza RIP Holy Mass – Anthony Jenkins - Recovery from Cancer NO PARISH SURGERY – PHONE THE OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
Friday 8th 9:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm–8:30pm	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for the Ngougni Family Funeral Service - Baby Orevaoghene Michael RIP Holy Mass – Hughie Cedric Rozario RIP - 1st Death Anniversary Friends in the Holy Spirit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
Saturday 9th 10:00am– 11:30am 12:00 noon 12:30pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm 3:00pm – 4:30pm 6:00pm	Feria First Holy Communion Programme in Pugin Place Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Victoria Wuraola Aigbirhio Altar Servers Training RCIA Programme in Pugin Place Holy Mass – Florentina Makuba RIP
Sunday 10th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 3:00pm–3:30pm 6:00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Sir Maurice Ahamefula Nwaogwugwu RIP Holy Mass – Frankie Desai RIP and Karl Walk RIP DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – Welfare of Mr and Mrs Taylor

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent is the beginning of the Church Year. The word Advent means coming or arrival. The focus of Advent Season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.

Advent is celebrating the truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate.

The Scripture readings for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgement on sin and hope of eternal life. In this double focus on past and future Advent symbolises the spiritual journey of the individual and all of us as a community as we affirm that Christ has come, and He is present in the world and that He will come again in glory and power.

FLOWERS

During the Advent Season we will not be displaying any flowers in the church in accordance with the church norm. If you would like to make a donation to decorate the church for Christmas, it will be greatly appreciated.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

There will be an Altar Servers Training on Saturday 9th December from 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

The Social Welfare Services of the parish is launched today. We hope to share food for the less fortunate members of our community this Christmas. The Welfare Team is composed by representatives from different ethnic communities. The representatives are tasked to identify those families in need, from their own communities.

ADVENT APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND 9th December/10th December

The Little Sisters of the Poor care for the Elderly in Homes all over the world, supported by donations from generous benefactors. Next weekend the sisters will be visiting the parish to ask to raise some funds to help in caring for the Elderly at St Peter's Residence in Vauxhall. Thank you for your generosity

FILIPINOS NINE DAY MASSES (NOVENA)

Catholics in the Philippines have celebrated their own pre-Christmas novena for 600 years. *Simbang Gabi* (Tagalog for "Night Mass") is a series of nine Masses traditionally celebrated in the pre-dawn hours each day from December 16 to December 24. It is a series of nine dawn masses on the days leading up to Christmas. It begins on December 16 and ends at midnight on the 24th of December, when a midnight mass is held. This tradition was introduced by the Spanish friars to allow the farmers to hear mass before going to the fields early in the morning. The masses can start as early as 4 in the morning. *Simbang Gabi* is also known by its popular Spanish name, *Misa de Gallo*, or "Mass of the Rooster."

Here at St Peter's Church, we will introduce the nine day masses but it will begin on Friday 15th December – Saturday 23rd December from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Please let your family and friends come to this special mass before Christmas. Simbang Gabi is not just a tradition that is celebrated because it is necessary; it is the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. The celebration is also seen as a way of requesting blessings from the Lord.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their children baptised in **FEBRUARY 2024** should attend the Pre-Baptism Programme on **Tuesday 30th January 2024**. This programme will **start at 7pm and end at 9pm** and will be held in Pugin Place.

Please note: Parents should submit the Baptism Form and other relevant paperwork to the Parish Office before attending the programme.

Those attending the above Session will have their children baptised on the following dates:
Sunday 11th February 2024 and Sunday 25th February 2024 after the 11:45am Mass.



Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East warmly invites you to the Christmas Carol Service of the South-East Pastoral Area, Archdiocese of Southwark Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley; Bromley; Camberwell; Greenwich; Lambeth and Lewisham

Sunday 17th December 2023 Gaudete Sunday at 7.30pm

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill 11 Trent Road, London, SW2 5BJ

Theme: Peace on Earth

Principal Celebrant: The Right Reverend Philip Moger, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark



Catholic Gift Shop

Please pay a visit to our shop as we have many new items available and also wonderful gifts for the festive season of Christmas.

ST PETER'S FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

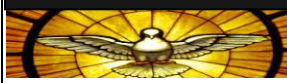
Please join us in our Bible Study every Monday evening at 7:30pm in the Presbytery.



The Youth of St Peter's Church aged 11 – 17 years are welcome to join the Youth Ministry.

The Youth Ministry is looking for new Youth Leaders to join. If you are interested, please contact Cyril on 07843 814274 (Youth Ministry Coordinator)

Friends in the Holy Spirit



Friends in the Holy Spirit (FitHS) Catholic Charismatic Renewal prayer group invite you to join our fellowship on Fridays at 7pm-8:30pm to support our parish community needs by prayer, thanksgiving and praise to our loving and merciful God

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:

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

Online donations

BANK DETAILS:

NatWest Bank: RCAS Woolwich
Sort Code: 60 24 26 Account Number: 16163400
Please use your name as a reference (gift aiders please add their envelope number).

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



You can also donate by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for last week's Offertory Collection of £1,310.53

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family.

Annie D'Sa
Emmanuel and Florence Meshe

Francis Ayodele
Francis Matajo

John Branch
Juliet Townsend

Maggie Dempsey
Mary Odih
Myriam Achille

Sheila Lee
Sick Priests of the Diocese



ANNIVERSARIES

Let us remember our departed brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again:

Albert Gorman
Alfred Hughes
Andrew Barcoe
Ann Hand
Anne Gilbert
Anthony Killeen
Catherine Izard

Clement Winchester
Grace Power
Hugh Duddy
Ifeyinwa Onyemelukwe
Joan Hay
Joe D'Souza
John Collins

John Ferguson
John Hodgson
John Wilson
Joseph Blaney
Julie Hicks
Kathleen Frances Gillespie
Kathleen Maston

Lorna Pendigrast
Margaret Keogh
Margaret O'Mahoney
Michael Doyle
Patrick Connelly
Patrick McQuaid
Robert Cover

Rose Mitchell
Sean Nolan
Sylvia Ann Holczimmer
Tom Farrell
Virginia Kelly

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Nigerian Community meets every 1st Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place

Filipino Community meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00pm for Holy Mass in the church thereafter in Pugin Place

Cameroon Community meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place

Catholic Women Organisation at St Peters (CWO) meets every 3rd Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place

Ghanaian Community meets every last Sunday of the month after 10am Mass in Pugin Place

St Peter the Apostle's Professionals & Trades Network (Spaptan) meets every last Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place