

“Though we are many, we are one body in Christ”



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Week commencing 17th December 2017

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ADVENT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST		PUGIN BUILDING FUNDRAISING
Saturday 16th 6:00pm	Mass – People of the Parish	<p>Our Fundraising year ended successfully with the Christmas Concert held at the Heritage Centre on Saturday 9th December. It was a tremendous success where around 250 people attended. It raised £2,342.45 this included the Raffle and generous Donations. We thank all those who participated in this great event. The Children's Party held on the 2nd December was a memorable event and a sell-out. It raised £1,100.00. In addition, the Filipino Community raised £760.00 from their Bric-a-Brac event in October. Thank you to every one of you who has supported this project to help raise funds for the repair and renewal of the hall next door, which we will soon be re-named Pugin Place. What these events have shown us is that we are capable and committed to fulfil our responsibility as a congregation to maintain and leave our cherished historical church and its buildings in good shape for ourselves and future generations. This is exactly what each generation that has belonged to this church has done since it was opened in 1843. Remember this is only the start. We have a long way to go and we will be advising you what we plan next and what help we will continue to need from you. A big thank you to our Fundraising Committee, and organisers for their commitment, perseverance and hard work. May Our Lord bless you and your family home abundantly.</p>
Sunday 17th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 5:00 pm–5:45pm 5:00pm–6:00pm 6:00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Mass – Dora Turner in Thanksgiving Mass – Thanksgiving in Honour of the Sacred Heart Mass – Rita Joseph RIP SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – Deceased members of the Clancy Family	
WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE THERE WILL BE NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		
Monday 18th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Intentions of Tom Maughan Mass – Deacon Bruce Freeder RIP	
Tuesday 19th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – In Thanksgiving for Fr Anthony Mass – Mari Le Thity RIP	
Wednesday 20th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – The Donor Mass – Peter Bui, Maria Tha and Maria Nu in Thanksgiving	
Thursday 21st 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Thanksgiving to St Anthony Mass – Philomena Isiche RIP	
Friday 22nd 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Theresa Osibamowo's Family in Thanksgiving Mass – Intentions of Una, The Maughan Family, Brian and Annie	
Saturday 23rd 11:00am–12 noon 11:00am–12:30pm 12:00 noon 12:30pm 5:15pm–5:45pm 6:00pm	Feria Sacrament of Confession Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Mass – Francis Akinola in Thanksgiving Sacrament of Confession Mass – All Hospital Staff on Duty during Christmas	
Sunday 24th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 6.00pm 11.30pm 12.00am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) CHRISTMAS EVE Mass – People of the Parish Mass – Jane Alum and Innocent Ceaser RIP Mass – Emmanuel Kambala in Thanksgiving Christmas Children's Mass – Intention of the Celebrant Carol Service – Doors open at 11.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass – People of the Parish	
Monday 25th 8.30am 10.00am 11.45am	CHRISTMAS DAY – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Mass – Intention of the Celebrant Mass - Intention of the Celebrant Mass – Intention of the Celebrant NO EVENING MASS	
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.		NO PARISH SURGERY THIS THURSDAY UNTIL 11th JANUARY 2018



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, Dave Hawkins, John Branch, Danny Dyer, Sheila Edwards, Sheila Lee, Nina Donovan, Joe and Theresa Devoy, Frater Jeneita, Marie-Anne Collins, Kate Dooley, Joseph Tommy Le, Jo O'Connell, Merlie Perera, 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 and Shirley Corcoran, Antoine Libanje, Georgina Ferrier, Joyce James, Veron McNair, Dinky Gennon, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cynthia Boltiador, Cecilia Egbujin, Hugh Rozario, Mary Healey, Eileen Whyte, Collen Surin, Michelle Morris, Caitlin Connors, Lizzy Connors, Christopher Browne, Mary Angela McInerney, Dudley Simmonds, Patricio Fernandes, Sister Annunciata, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.

OBITUARY

Let us pray for the following souls:

Michael Keady RIP who died recently. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 12noon at St Mary's, Blackheath.



Lena Rozario-Martin RIP who died on Friday 8th December 2018. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 28th December at 11:45am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Highgate Hill, Highgate, London N19 5NE.

Please see the noticeboard for further details and directions.

Anne Gilbert who died recently. Her funeral will take place here at St Peter's on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 11am followed by Committal at Shooters Hill Cemetery (Greenwich).

We offer our prayers and spiritual support to their families and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES

We commend to God's mercy the following whose anniversaries occur around this time. – Patrick Twohig, Tom Keane, Frank Ostutu, Johannah Parker, Catherine Gladys Datson, John Sullivan, Ann Simpson, Julia Bryant, Ann Jones, Robert Kinsley, Michael Gallagher, Lilley Fisher, Stanley Abraham, Augustine Feeney, Ethel O'Brien, Ivey Sankey, Elizabeth Adams, Lillian Bulman, Eva Loveday, Paddy Powell, Bridget Daniels, Clifford Fitzpatrick, Charlie Collins, Andrew Murphy, Pattista D'Souza, George Robertson, Katherine Dawson, Frank Maguire, Anne Fitzgerald, Joseph Simpson, David Cooper, Sylvia Ann Holczimmer, Hugh Duddy and Ellen Wilson.

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 2018**

should attend the following Baptism Catechesis Programmes
Session 1 is on Tuesday 9th January 2018
Session 2 is on Tuesday 23rd January 2018

These programmes will start at 7pm and finish at 9pm and will be held in the Parish Centre. 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 11th February 2018 and Sunday 25th February 2018 at 1:15pm 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.

First Holy Communion Programme

Classes commence on Saturday 13th January 2018 at 9:45am. Please make sure your child is on time for these classes.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Confirmation programme commences on Saturday 13th January 2018 at 10:00 am at the Parish Centre.

Bishop Pat Lynch will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 5th May 2018 at 6.00pm.

RAFFLE TICKETS UNCLAIMED PRIZES:

- 1st Prize: One night stay including bed & breakfast for two at the Crowne Plaza – 0019 Blue raffle ticket**
2nd Prize: Afternoon Tea at the Crowne Plaza – 0290 Blue raffle ticket
3rd Prize: Entry to the Spa at the Crowne Plaza – 0316 Blue raffle ticket
4th Prize: Toni & Guy hamper – 0004 Blue raffle ticket

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The RCIA, Bible Study, Friends in the Holy Spirit Group, Legion of Mary and Prayer Group will be on a short break during the Christmas period. Please see below when these sessions resume again.

Bible Study Group session will resume back on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

PRAYER GROUP – ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY will resume on Thursday 4th January 2018

Friends in the Holy Spirit (Charismatic Renewal prayer group) will resume on Friday 5th January 2018.

Legion of Mary will resume on Friday 5th January 2018.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will resume back on Monday 8th January 2018

St Peter's Central Choir is celebrating their one year anniversary and would like to invite parishioners to join them in their celebration at the 11:45am Mass. They would like to take this opportunity to thank the parish for the continuous support as they continue to pray to our Lord through beautiful songs of praise.

Mass for Deceased (2017) Parishioners, Family and Friends

Please note the **6:00pm Mass on Sunday 31st December** will be offered for the **Deceased of 2017**. 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 2017. Please hand in your list to the parish office.

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. Place your donations in the box provided.

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 £883.74
Gift Aid of £462.80**

**giving us a parish total of £1,346.54
2nd Collection – £581.61**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HOME

