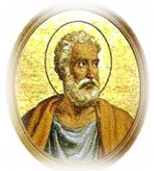




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THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ADVENT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)
WEEK COMMENCING 1st DECEMBER 2024
ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 	ROSARY 
SUNDAY 5:00pm – 5:45pm MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:15am – 12:15pm SATURDAY 11:00am – 12:15pm	SATURDAY 11:00am – 12noon 5:15pm – 5:45pm SUNDAY 5:15pm – 5:45pm	Sunday 8:00am Monday-Friday 9:00am and 11:30am Saturday 11:30am

Saturday 30th 6:00pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Sunday 1st 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00pm– 3:30pm 6:00pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Holy Mass – Rapulu and Chisom Okoye in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Patricia Ajuonu in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Archbishop Peter Smith RIP DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – Welfare of Mr and Mrs Taylor
Monday 2nd 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Lily and Family in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Welfare of Adeola Egbeyemi
Tuesday 3rd 9:30am 12:30pm	St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial Holy Mass – Nkadi Erokwu in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Moses and Catherine Obi RIP
Wednesday 4th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Josephine Lucas RIP Holy Mass – Marcellina Ibiyemi Kajero RIP
Thursday 5th 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Carmelina De Sousa RIP Requiem Mass - Peter McCartney RIP Holy Mass – Chinenye Nina Unaka RIP
Friday 6th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:30pm	St Nicholas, Bishop FIRST FRIDAY Holy Mass – Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Holy Mass – For the Sick followed by Anointing of the Sick Friends in the Holy Spirit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
Saturday 7th 10:00am -11:30am 12:00 noon 12:30pm 12:30pm – 1:30pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial First Holy Communion Programme in Pugin Place Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Joe D'Souza RIP Confirmation Programme in Pugin Place RCIA Programme in Pugin Place Holy Mass – Tueje Family in Thanksgiving
Sunday 8th 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00pm– 3:30pm 6:00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Holy Mass – Anthnoy Da Silva RIP Holy Mass – Ngougni Family in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Welfare of Adeola Egbeyemi DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – People of the Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The tradition of Advent began in the early centuries of Christianity but was not formally established until around the fourth century. Initially observed with varying lengths and practices across different regions, it was standardised by Pope Gregory VII in the 11th century to consist of four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

The Significance of Advent serves as a spiritual journey for Christians. It emphasizes both the historical birth of Jesus and the anticipation of His second coming. Each Sunday during Advent highlights a specific theme, symbolizing **hope, love, joy, and peace**.

On this First Sunday of Advent, it is customary to light the first candle on the Advent wreath. This candle symbolizes hope and represents God's promises delivered through the prophets regarding the coming of Christ. The act of lighting this candle serves as a reminder of Jesus as the "Light of the World" amidst darkness.

The First Sunday of Advent is not only a time for reflection and spiritual readiness but also marks the start of a new liturgical year. It invites believers to focus on hope and prepare their hearts for celebrating Christ's birth while looking forward to His promised return.

FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE

The monthly First Friday programme will take place this Friday 6th December. It will begin with Holy Mass at 9:30am followed by Adoration at 10:00am, Holy Mass at 12:30pm and conclude with Anointing of the Sick. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in prayer with Jesus. If you know anyone who is ill in your family or amongst your friends, please bring them with you.

GREENWICH DEANERY ADVENT SERVICE

The annual Greenwich Deanery Advent Service will be held at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton on Sunday, 1st December at 3:00pm. It will be led by our Dean, Rev. Fr. Richard Plunkett. Many of our priests from our neighbouring parishes which make up the Greenwich Deanery will also be in attendance. As we begin the Pope's Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope let us all come together to prepare for the season of Advent. There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist, Benediction and an opportunity to go to Confession with any of the visiting priests at the end of the service.

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 contribute to decorate the church for Christmas it would be greatly appreciated.

WOOLWICH SERVICES USERS PROJECT (WSUP) 10TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT

Join WSUP, a grassroots charity, for a fundraising event on Thursday, 5th December at 6:30pm here at St Peter's Church, Woolwich as they celebrate 10 years of providing practical and emotional support to those seeking help in our community. Tickets can be purchased after all Mass services this Sunday, 1st December, or you can contact Jas to purchase a ticket – Tel: 07730282637.

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 beginning on Sunday 15th December – Monday 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.

SOUND SYSTEM

This week we will be starting the installation of the new sound system for the parish. Hopefully all will work out well. This is a long-awaited job that will finally be completed. We would like to thank those who have contributed towards the sound system.



NEW CHILDREN'S LITURGY NOTICE BOARD

Please check the new notice board located on the right-hand side wall opposite the Food Bank at the side entrance for important information about Children's Liturgy and First Holy Communion.

LITTLE CHURCH

We are urgently seeking volunteers to help during this time. **If you are interested, please get in touch with Mona Lisa on 07505963714.**
Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their children baptised in **FEBRUARY 2025** should attend the Pre-Baptism Programme on **Tuesday 28th January 2025**. This programme will start at 7pm and end at 9pm and will be held in Pugin Place.



PLEASE NOTE: PARENTS MUST NOW SEE ONE OF THE CLERGY WITH THE BAPTISM FORM AND OTHER RELEVANT PAPERWORK BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE PROGRAMME.

Those attending the above session will have their children baptised on the following dates:

Sunday 9th February and 23rd February 2025 after the 11:45am Mass.

BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

PARISHIONERS WISHING TO SPEAK TO A PRIEST, PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT

SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

The Social Welfare Committee have agreed to make every 1st Sunday of the Month **"A Food Charity Sunday"**.

Please can we ask you, once again, to donate **NON PERISHABLE** food for those who are struggling on a daily basis and who do not have access to food banks. Thank you for your kind generosity.

WE HAVE READY TO COLLECT FOOD BAGS FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.

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.

Last week's Offertory Collection - £1,557.17

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

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

Bridget Jordan Ceclia D'Silva	Emmanuel and Florence Meshe Francis Ayodele	Francis Matajo Juliet Townsend	Maggie Dempsey Mary Odih	Myriam Achille Salo Andrew Roopnarine	Sheila Lee Sick Priests of the Diocese
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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
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MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Nigerian Community meets every 1 st Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place	Filipino Community meets every 2 nd Saturday of the month at 4:00pm for Holy Mass in the church thereafter in Pugin Place	Cameroon Community meets every 2 nd Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place	Igbo Community meets every 2 nd Sunday in every 2 months after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place	Catholic Women Organisation at St Peters (CWO) meets every 3 rd 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
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