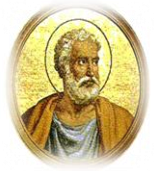




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THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ADVENT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)
WEEK COMMENCING 8th DECEMBER 2024
ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

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
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Saturday 7th 6:00pm	Holy Mass – Tueje Family in Thanksgiving	<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C calls on us to prepare our hearts for the joyful return of Christ by clearing the path for him.</p> <p>The liturgy guides us in our spiritual journey, encouraging us to remove obstacles, grow in faith, and support one another.</p> <p>Returning to Joy and Hope, Christians are invited to take off their garments of sorrow and put on the beauty of God's glory. This symbolizes a transformation from despair to hope.</p> <p>It reminds us that God is always ready to restore us, no matter how far we have strayed. He will lead His people back to himself with mercy and justice.</p> <p>This journey back to him is not just a physical return but a spiritual one. Therefore, As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we are called to examine our hearts and return to God with joy and trust.</p> <p>Hence, Restoration is central to the liturgy of today, emphasizing that Advent is a time for spiritual renewal and hope.</p> <p>God also promises to make the path smooth and fill the valleys, making the journey easier. This imagery shows that God removes the obstacles that hinder our return to Him. As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, we can be encouraged that no matter the mountains or valleys in our lives, God is ready to help us overcome them.</p> <p>May the 2nd Sunday of Advent remind us of God's faithfulness and His desire to bring us back to Him in joy and hope as we lit the Candle of Love.</p>
Sunday 8th 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00pm– 3:30pm 6:00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Holy Mass – Anthony 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	
Monday 9th 9:30am 12:30pm	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Holy Mass – Thanksgiving to Infant Jesus Holy Mass – Gisele Mamooya in Thanksgiving	
Tuesday 10th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Rose Oceru Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Janet Lee	
Wednesday 11th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Ambrose D'Souza RIP Holy Mass – Rosalvina Carmona and Ines Carmona RIP	
Thursday 12th 9:30am 10:15am–11:15am 12:30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Holy Mass – 92nd Birthday Thanksgiving for Donatila Almeida D'Silva Prayer Group - Association of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary Holy Mass – Rapulu and Chisom Okoye in Thanksgiving	
Friday 13th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:30pm	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Goziem Omezi Holy Mass – Rita Oghenero Ebioké RIP Friends in the Holy Spirit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group	
Saturday 14th 10:00am -11:30am 12:00 noon 12:30pm 12:30pm – 1:30pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm 6:00pm	St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial First Holy Communion Programme in Pugin Place Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Intentions of Patrick Nwokoh Confirmation Programme in Pugin Place RCIA Programme in Pugin Place Holy Mass – Alfredo and Marieta Rublico RIP	
Sunday 15th 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00pm– 3:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Gaudete Sunday Holy Mass – Brandon Da Silva in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Karl Walk RIP Holy Mass – Patricia Ajuonu in Thanksgiving DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	

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 (2024) PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Please note the 12:30pm Mass on Tuesday 31st December will be offered for the Deceased of 2024.

Many families have faced bereavement when close members of their family and friends that have died this year 2024 either in this country or abroad.

We ask you to give us their names so they can be remembered on the last day of this year 2024.

Please email or hand in your list to the parish office.



FILIPINOS NINE DAY MASSES (NOVENA)

Catholics in the Philippines have celebrated their own pre-Christmas novebrng na 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.

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

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 FIRST SUBMIT ALL RELEVANT PAPERWORK TO THE PARISH OFFICE AND THEN MEET WITH A PRIEST BEFORE ATTENDING 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

<p>Online donations BANK DETAILS: NatWest Bank: RCAS Woolwich Sort Code: 60 24 26 Account Number: 16163400 <i>Please use your name as a reference (gift aiders please add their envelope number).</i></p>	<p>Contactless giving – these machines are situated in the church lobby.</p>	<p>You can also donate by scanning the QR code.</p> 
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Last week’s Offertory Collection - £1,732.16
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:

Andrew Murphy Ann Jones Ann Simpson Anna Krejcarova Anne Fitzgerald Augustine Feeney Bridget Daniels	Catherine Gladys Datson Charlie Collins Clifford Fitzpatrick David Cooper Deborah Loraine Elizabeth Adams Ellen Wilson	Ethel O’Brien Eva Loveday Frank Maguire Frank Ostutu George Robertson Hugh Duddy Ivey Sankey	Johannah Parker John Sullivan Joseph Simpson Julia Bryant Julio Bacariza Katherine Dawson Lena Rozario-Martin	Lilley Fisher Lillian Bulman Michael Gallagher Michael Keady Paddy Powell Patrick Twohig Pattista D’Souza	Paul Gerrard Galea Robert Kinsley Sean King Stanley Abraham Sylvia Ann Holczimmer Tom Keane
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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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