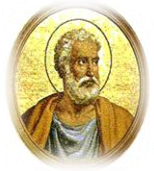




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THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ADVENT AND THE COMING OF CHRIST
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)
WEEK COMMENCING 15th DECEMBER 2024
ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

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 14th 6:00pm	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) 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	Gaudete Sunday
Monday 16th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm–8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Papa Quadjovie Sessime RIP Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Fr Roy Tablizo Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Tuesday 17th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm–8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Deceased Members of the Clancy Family (Foundation) Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Richard Wheelan Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Wednesday 18th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm–8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Cathy and Family in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – 13 th Birthday Thanksgiving for Abraham Ebibbola Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Thursday 19th 9:30am 12:30pm 10:15am – 11:15am 7:00pm–8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Oby Omezi Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Karen Gargallo Prayer Group - Association of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Friday 20th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm–8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Welfare of Jerald Brain Holy Mass – Intentions of the Lynam Family and Tom Lynam's Birthday Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Saturday 21st 12:00 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	Feria Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Frederick and Rose Crow RIP Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Mary Obemeasor Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Sunday 22nd 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00pm– 3:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Holy Mass – Welfare of Denise Christina Curtis and Family Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Chimdiuto Chukwuemeka Holy Mass – Ann Moloney in Thanksgiving DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	

GAUDETE SUNDAY

There is an element of spring-cleaning to Advent. Although not quite as penitential as Lent, it is nevertheless a time for taking stock, for preparing a way, for smoothing out the path of our life to let the Lord enter.

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, publicly marks one of the underlying themes of this season: joy! Coming from the Latin word meaning “rejoice!”, Gaudete is the watermark of today’s liturgy. Joy jumps out at us from today’s prayers, readings, psalms, and no doubt from our songs and hymns.

Why be joyful? The sole reason is that the Christ, whose advent we await, is coming not to condemn or call us to task, but to set us free. The Jews longed for the coming of the Messiah; we are encouraged to yearn with a joyful expectation for the coming of Jesus. Jesus is coming not to judge but to save. This caused the psalmist to sing with joy: “God is my salvation, I trust - I shall not fear.” Paul shares in this exuberant joy at the nearness of God and he writes to the Philippians with a recipe for happiness. Indeed, he says that happiness is exactly what he wishes for the Christian community.



This Monday 16th December
Fr Roy celebrates his
Birthday.
 The Priests and Parishioners wish him a very Happy Birthday.
 Many happy returns of the day!

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we received news of the peaceful passing of Fr Henry Tiku Wenna, Parish Priest at Holy Cross, Carshalton, on Wednesday December 11th at St Helier’s Hospital. Fr Henry was Assistant Priest here at St Peter’s for 6 years. He was well-known to many parishioners and the Ugandan Community. May his soul rest in peace.

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)

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 will resume on Friday 10th January 2025 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join in the fellowship.

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 - £1,609.48
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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OBITUARY

We pray for the soul of Ubaldo Carrasco (also known as Mario) who died recently. Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 30th December 2024 at 11.00 am followed by interment at Hillview Cemetery in Welling. We offer our prayers and spiritual support to his family and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Ann McCarthy Arthur Smith Catherine Izard Catherine White Elizabeth Dinan	Geraldine Meehan James Johnston Joan Higgins John Collins Lorna Pendigraat	Margaret Scott Mary Clancy Mary Lansdowne Michael Parry Norah Earle	Pat Sullivan Patricia McCartney Patrick O'Callaghan Peter McKiernan Reginald Edwards	Robert McKinsley Sean Nolan Sean Wheatley Sheila Spooner Susan Campbell	William Brennan William Gallagher William McCarthy William Meaney
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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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