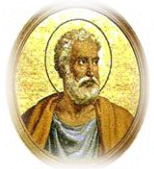




St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
 103 Woolwich New Road, London, SE18 6EF
 Tel: 020 8854 0359



E-Mail: woolwich@rcaos.org.uk Website: www.stpeterswoolwich.church
 Social Media: Facebook/Twitter/Instagram – username: StPetersSE18
 Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Roy Tablizo
 Assistant Priest: Fr Jonas Opoku-Gyamfi
 Assistant Priest: Fr Gerard Balinnya
 Deacons: Rev Piotr Ziezio and Rev Errol Jadoc

PARISH SCHOOL

St Peter's Catholic Primary School
 Crescent Road, Woolwich, London SE18 7BN
 Tel: 020 8265 0028
 Email: sao1@stpeters.greenwich.sch.uk
 Head Teacher: Miss M Du Bruyn



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)
WEEK COMMENCING 22nd 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 & TUESDAY – 10:30am – 12:30pm	Sunday 8:00am
MONDAY, TUESDAY & FRIDAY 10:15am – 12:15pm	SATURDAY 11:00am – 12noon	Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9:00am and 11:30am
SATURDAY 11:00am – 12:15pm	SUNDAY 5:15pm – 5:45pm	Saturday 11:30am

Saturday 21st 6:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	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	
Monday 23rd 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm–8:00pm	Feria Holy Mass – Carmelina De Sousa RIP Holy Mass – Maryaranesaleen (Rani) Marisaleen RIP Holy Mass – Filipino Novena Mass	
Tuesday 24th 9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 11:30pm 12:00 Midnight	Feria Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Chimkasimma Ezewuize Holy Mass – Welfare of Adeola Egbeyemi Christmas Children's Mass – Children of the Parish Carol Service – Doors open at 11.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant	CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday 25th 8:30am 10:00am 11:45am	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Mass – Fr Henry Tiku Wenna RIP Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for the Imonioro Family Holy Mass – People of the Parish NO EVENING MASS	
Thursday 26th 10:00am	St Stephen, Deacon, the First Martyr Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for all the Blessings and Graces Received	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 27th 9:30am 12:30pm	St John, Apostle and Evangelist Holy Mass – Welfare of Kerry Wyatt Holy Mass – Welfare of Catherine Ganda	
Saturday 28th 12:00 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Arunn Marisaleen RIP Holy Mass – Hector Vilubron and Leigh Gordon RIP	
Sunday 29th 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00pm– 3:30pm 6:00pm	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH C) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for the Ososami Family Holy Mass – Andrew Nwanokuru RIP DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – Zsolt Licsauer RIP	

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The angels urge us to sing **Glory to God in the highest** at the birth of our LORD. His presence amongst us proclaims peace to men of good will. The same message resonates to all of us to glorify God for the gift of redemption.

This is the season to be grateful to God, we are free to enter heaven. All the struggles in our earthly life are valued more because the Kingdom of God is amongst us. The time has come to look forward to that Kingdom rather than focus our attention to worldly things.

The heavenly attractions draw us away from sin and clear the path of holiness here on earth. Keep your sight and your footsteps firm towards the Kingdom of God for that is the only sensible thing to do.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Holy New Year!

Thank you for all your love, cards, gifts, prayers, and friendship.

God Bless...

Fr Roy, Fr Gerard and Fr Jonas

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

The Christmas Envelopes are used for the collection at Christmas Masses, which is the traditional "Thank You" collection from parishioners to the priests of their parish for their work and service. Priests here receive no salary 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 priests. Please note that those of you in the parish **Gift Aid Scheme** should use your **Gift Aid envelopes** for the Christmas Collection and hand them in. The priests will receive your offering, and the parish will benefit from the tax refund on your offering. Thank you.

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

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Classes commence on Saturday 11th January 2025 at 10:00am in Pugin Place.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Confirmation programme commences on Saturday 11th January 2025 at 12:30pm in Pugin Place.

Canon Victor Darlington will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 27th June 2025 at 6.00pm.



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

This Sunday 22nd December will be the last day for Little Church during the 10:00am Mass. Little Church will resume on Sunday 12th January 2025.

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 - £1,450.01

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
----------------------------------	--	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------	--	---

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:

Alexander Henderson	Catherine Williams	Elizabeth Freeder	Margaret Mulvihill	Philet Ngasseu-Possi	Shirley Murphy
Alfred Hughes	Christina McGonigle	Ellen Francis	Mark Turner	Reynaldo Correa	Stephen Patterson
Ann Warner	Christina Nolan	Honora Jacobs	Mary Ellen White	Richard Masterson	William Curry
Arunn Marisaleen	Delia Budd	Hugh Rozario	Mary Feeney	Rogue Mascarchas	William McGeoghan
Bridget Brown	Des Divine	Jacqui Daly	Mary Osioh	Rosalind Abdul	William Stanley Meeks
Bridget Mullane	Eileen Shine	John Presley	Mary Ralph	Rosemary Hunt	Yacob Hagos
Carol Ifeoma Udogaranya	Elaine Smith	Margaret Kemp	Maureen Atuisaka	Sheila Bateman	

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
---	---	---	--	---	---	---