

St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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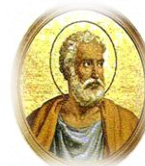
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THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

WEEK COMMENCING 5th JANUARY 2025

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



Saturday 4th 6:00pm	Holy Mass – Marcellina Ibiyemi Kajero RIP	<p>FAITH IN FOCUS : GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH</p> <p>Scripture doesn't say how many wise men there were, but traditionally we speak of three, since there were three gifts given to Jesus. These gifts of the wise men are known to every child who has taken part in a school nativity play: gold, frankincense and myrrh. As we celebrate the Epiphany, we can either just look back on the past events, or we can make it real for ourselves. If we do the latter, which is what true worship demands, then we have to present our gifts before God. Each of us has gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that we can offer in the service of God and others:</p> <p>GOLD is one of the most valuable metals we can buy. If we give someone an article made from gold we are saying that we consider them very special, and precious to us. Engagement rings, weddings rings, retirement watches all pay tribute to this. What are the precious things in our life that God has given to us? Husband or wife, children and grand-children, health, friends, family? Whatever this gold may be, Epiphany is the feast for acknowledging it before the Christ child, and for thanking God for such a blessing in our lives. Our gifts of gold remind us that life is precious.</p> <p>FRANKINCENSE produces a fragrance that sweetens and freshens the atmosphere. It falls somewhere between a modern day air freshener and a very strong perfume. What talents and skills do I have which can make life more pleasant for those around me? Maybe things as diverse as being able to sing, to bake a cake, to arrange flowers, to sew, knit or embroider, to paint, to play a musical instrument, to cook or to tell a good story. Whatever our gifts are in this direction, Epiphany gives us the chance to thank God for them and an opportunity to promise to use them more in the coming year. Our gift of frankincense can make life sweeter for others.</p> <p>MYRRH is an ointment used to soothe, to heal and to act as a salve. Its modern day equivalent is some sort of medicine, a jelly or cream. What are the situations in our lives which are in need of healing? Are we called to patch up a long-standing argument with a member of our family? Are we being asked to visit someone on our street who needs a listening ear? Do we know of people just recently bereaved? Can we mediate in a dispute, pour oil on troubled waters or visit someone who is in prison, hospital or sick at home? We all have the gift of myrrh; only some of us use it. Epiphany is about bearing gifts before the infant Jesus. We too have our own gold, frankincense and myrrh. To celebrate this feast is to promise to bring our gifts</p>
Sunday 5th 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00pm– 3:30pm 6:00pm	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for the Duncan Family Holy Mass – Tina Okachukwu RIP DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – Chinenye Nina Unaka RIP	
Monday 6th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria of Christmas Time, Preface of the Epiphany Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for the Da Silva Family Holy Mass – Jenny Brewer RIP	
Tuesday 7th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria of Christmas Time, Preface of the Epiphany Holy Mass – Elmer Bueno RIP Holy Mass – Madam Chinyere Abosi RIP	
Wednesday 8th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria of Christmas Time, Preface of the Epiphany Holy Mass – Anne Donaldson RIP (Foundation) Holy Mass – Welfare of David and Emma	
Thursday 9th 9:30am 10:15am–11:15am 12:30pm	Feria of Christmas Time, Preface of the Epiphany Holy Mass – Welfare of Stanislaw Olechno Prayer Group - Association of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary Holy Mass – Robert Turner RIP (Foundation)	
Friday 10th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm – 8:30pm	Feria of Christmas Time, Preface of the Epiphany Holy Mass – Bryan James Curtis RIP Holy Mass – Joshua Abraham in Thanksgiving Friends in the Holy Spirit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group	
Saturday 11th 10:00am–11:30am 12:00 noon 12:30pm 12:30pm – 1:30pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm 6:00pm	Feria of Christmas Time, Preface of the Epiphany First Holy Communion Programme in Pugin Place Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for all prayers answered on behalf of Henry Confirmation Programme in Pugin Place RCIA Programme in Pugin Place Holy Mass – Bishop John Hine RIP	
Sunday 12th 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00pm– 3:30pm 6:00pm	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Fr Henry Tiku Wenna RIP Holy Mass – Afam Aloysius Nwosisi RIP DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – Rita Oghenero Ebioko RIP	

THANK YOU

*A big THANK YOU to all who helped prepare the Church for our Christmas and New Year celebrations.
 May the Lord bless the time you gave.*

CRIB OFFERINGS

This year the parish will be sending the Crib Offerings to support the Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund. Thank you for your support.

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

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.

MASS OFFERINGS

The **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** is a sacred and special event, **offered for thanksgiving, welfare, or the repose of a soul.** Remember, these intentions are prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, offered to God through Christ's perfect sacrifice made present in the Mass. As a community, we pray for the deceased, the sick, and those facing challenges. We also offer our thanks to God for His loving grace that guides us through difficult times. **We're pleased to announce that we no longer have a backlog of Mass requests. If you'd like to offer a Mass for your family or friends, please fill out an envelope available in the church lobby and give it to the shop staff or place it in the collection. Thank you for your participation.**

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 - £1,624.92
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 **William Terrence McGrandles 'Bill'** who died recently. Requiem Mass will take place on **Monday 20th January 2025 at 11:00am** followed by committal at **1:00pm at Woolwich New Cemetery.** 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:

Anne Donaldson David McNamara Denis McKiernan Eileen Murphy	Father William McBride Former Councillor Harry Singh Hilda Rocha Joseph Araneta	Joseph Freeder Kathleen Nye Kitty Murphy Mary Mead	Mary Reilly May Steel Mrs Sixta Guiang Akanbi Nuala Ennis	Pamela Warrington Patrick Cliff (Brian) Patrick Kevin Pooley Rita Winchester Robert Turner
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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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