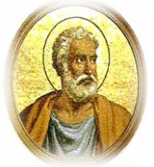




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THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)
WEEK COMMENCING 30th November 2025
ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE



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 29th 6:00pm	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
Sunday 30th 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm 6:00pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Holy Mass – Holy Souls Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Catherine Ekemezie Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for Friends in the Holy Spirit Prayer Group DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 1st 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – 33rd Birthday Thanksgiving for Yeside Anidugbe Holy Mass – Thanksgiving to the Imonioro Family
Tuesday 2nd 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Saka Adewale RIP Holy Mass – Welfare of Aunt Mary, Harriet and children
Wednesday 3rd 9:30am 12:30pm	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial Holy Mass – Uche Onyido RIP Holy Mass – Welfare of David and Emma
Thursday 4th 9:30am 10:30am 12:30pm	Feria Holy Mass – Intentions of Larry Requiem Mass – Julia Moulst RIP Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for Alexandra Onma Oketa
Friday 5th 9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Feria FIRST FRIDAY Holy Mass – Jim Doherty RIP Holy Mass – For the Sick followed by the Anointing of the Sick Friends in the Holy Spirit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group
Saturday 6th 10:00am-11:00am 12 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	Saint Nicholas, Bishop First Saturday Devotion Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Holy Mass – Daniel McDonald in Thanksgiving Holy Mass – Welfare of Mr and Mrs Taylor and Family
Sunday 7th 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm 6:00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Holy Mass – People of the Parish Holy Mass – Joe D'Souza RIP Holy Mass – Thanksgiving for Egwono and Adam Watkins DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS) Holy Mass – Chinenye Nina Unaka RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year. The word Advent means coming or arrival. The focus of Advent Season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.

Advent is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. The Scripture readings for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgement on sin and hope of eternal life. In this double focus on past and future Advent symbolises the spiritual journey of the individual and all of us as a community as we affirm that Christ has come, and He is present in the world and that He will come again in glory and power.

The Advent Wreath
 Today we light the first of our Advent candles. **The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is**



rose. The **purple candles** in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The **rose candle** is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve.

GREENWICH DEANERY ADVENT SERVICE – SUNDAY 30th November at 3:00pm

The Annual Greenwich Deanery Advent Service will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church, Charlton. It will be lead by our Dean, Rev. Fr. Richard Plunkett and many of our priests from our neighbouring parishes which make up the Greenwich Deanery, will be in attendance. 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.

SPAPTAN is inviting you to a forum on the topic: **"AI: Threats and Opportunities, and The Eucharistic Response "** today Sunday, 30th November 2025, at Pugin Place, immediately after the 11:45am Mass. Looking forward to seeing you all.

FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE

The monthly First Friday programme will take place this Friday 5th 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.

BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their children baptised in **FEBRUARY 2026** should attend the Baptism Programme on **TUESDAY 27th JANUARY 2026**.



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

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

Sunday 8th February 2026 and 22nd February 2026 after the 11:45am Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION - FOR ADULTS 2025-2026 SESSION - Want to become a Catholic?

The RCIA is a programme for adults who wish to be in full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. **The Programme will take place every Saturday at 10:00am in the Presbytery.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

Programme will take place every Saturday from 1:30pm – 2:30pm in Pugin Place. Canon Victor Darlington will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 11th July 2026 at 12 noon.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NOTICE BOARD LITTLE CHURCH



Little Church will take place every Sunday at 10:00am and 11:45am Masses.

The First Holy Communion Programme will take place every Saturday from 10:00am to 11:30am. First Holy Communion celebration will take place on Saturday 6th June 2026 at 12:30pm.

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.

Friends in the Holy Spirit



PARISH NEWS



TEA AND COFFEE MORNING

Parishioners are invited to pop into Pugin Place after the 11.45am Mass for **Tea & Coffee every Sunday**. This is courtesy of the Catholic Women Organisation (CWO) of the parish.

St Peter's Youth Club will take place every Sunday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Pugin Place. For ages 10 to 18 years old. Activities include music, board games, as well as a short time for prayers and reflection. It's a wonderful opportunity for our youth to make friends, unwind, and deepen their spiritual journey in a fun and safe environment. We look forward to welcoming your children!



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.**

WOOLWICH SERVICES USERS PROJECT (WSUP) FUNDRAISING EVENT - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join WSUP, a grassroots charity, for a fundraising event on Thursday, 4th December at 6:30pm here at St Peter's Church, Woolwich. There will be music, festive cheer and community spirit in aid of WSUP. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Jas on 07730282637.



The Children Liturgy Teams will be holding a Christmas Party for all the children in the Parish on **20th December from 2.30pm - 6pm**. Ticket is £5 per child Please buy your tickets from any of the Children Liturgy Catechists (after the 10:00am and 11:45am Masses). See poster for further information.

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS (2025)

The **12.30pm Mass on Wednesday, 31st December** will be offered for all who have died during 2025. The names of parishioners, family and friends who have passed away this year will be called out during the Mass. We also remember the many families who have faced bereavement through the loss of loved ones, whether here in this country or abroad. If you would like the name of a relative or friend included, please let us know—we would be honoured to remember them in this final Mass of 2025.

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 make a donation to decorate the church for Christmas, it will be greatly appreciated.

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:

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

LAST WEEK'S TOTAL COLLECTIONS: £2,565.04

BAG COLLECTION: £1,752.36 ONLINE DONATIONS: £363.00 CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: £449.68

2nd COLLECTION – CATHOLIC YOUTH SUNDAY - £565.83

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Bridget Jordan
Cecilia D'Silva

Mrs Elizabeth Akinde
Florence Meshe

Francis Ayodele
Francis Matajo

Mary Odih
Myriam Achille

Sheila Lee
Sick Priests of the Diocese

OBITUARY

We pray for **Richard Fernandes RIP** who died recently - Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 11:00am
We offer our prayers and spiritual support to their families and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE!

Andrew Barcoe
Ann Hand
Anne Gilbert
Anthony Killeen
Catherine Izard

Clement Winchester
Grace Power
Hugh Duddy
Ifeyinwa Onyemelukwe
Joan Hay

John Collins
John Ferguson
John Hodgson
John Wilson
Joseph Blaney

Julie Hicks
Kathleen Frances Gillespie
Lorna Pendigrast
Margaret Keogh
Margaret O'Mahoney

Patrick Connolly
Patrick McQuaid
Robert Cover
Rose Mitchell
Sean Nolan

Sylvia Ann Holczimmer
Tom Farrell
Virginia Kelly

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Nigerian Community	Ugandan Community	Filipino Community	Cameroon Community	Igbo Community	Catholic Women Organisation (CWO)	Ghanaian Community	St Peter the Apostle's Professionals & Trades Network (Spaptan)
1 st Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place	1 st Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place (small hall)	2 nd Saturday of the month at 3:30pm for Holy Mass in the church thereafter in Pugin Place	2 nd Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place	2 nd Sunday in every 2 months after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place	3 rd Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place	last Sunday of the month after 10am Mass in Pugin Place	last Sunday of the month after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place