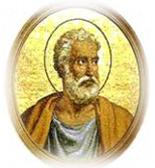




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Parish Priest: Fr Roy Tablizo  
 Assistant Priest: Fr Jonas Opoku-Gyamfi  
 Assistant Priest: Fr Michael Eze  
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**PARISH SCHOOL**

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**THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO THE  
 DEVOTION OF ST JOSEPH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**  
**WEEK COMMENCING 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**



**ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE Every Friday at 6:00pm**

**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



<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 6:00pm	Holy Mass – Welfare of Mr and Mrs Taylor and Family
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am <b>3:00 pm</b> 6:00pm	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b> Holy Mass – Cecilia D'Silva RIP Holy Mass – Fr Jim Hay RIP Holy Mass – People of the Parish - <i>Adult Christian Initiation</i> – 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Scrutiny</i> <b>DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS)</b> Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Yvonne Arua
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>Monday in the Third Week of Lent</b> Holy Mass – Benson C Okagbare RIP Holy Mass – Welfare of David and Emma
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>Tuesday in the Third Week of Lent</b> Holy Mass – Welfare of Trevor William Curtis and Family Holy Mass - Welfare of Aunt Mary, Harriet and children
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm	<b>Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent</b> Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Ian James Curtis Holy Mass – Welfare of Adel Dorcas and Children
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am <b>10:15am–11:15am</b> 12:30pm	<b>Thursday in the Third Week of Lent</b> Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Mercy Akinola <b>Prayer Group - Association of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> Holy Mass – Welfare of Asebi and Jehaan
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 12:30pm <b>6:00pm</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Friday in the Third Week of Lent</b> Holy Mass – Anthony Rodrigues RIP Holy Mass – Salo Andrew Roopnarine RIP <b>Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass</b> <b>LENTEN TALK</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12 noon</b> 12:30pm 6:00pm	<b>Saturday in the Third Week of Lent</b> <i>Adult Christian Initiation</i> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Scrutiny</i> <b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Holy Mass – Shane Brewer RIP Holy Mass – Birthday Thanksgiving for Akudosochim Agokei
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:45 am <b>3:00 pm</b> 6:00pm	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b> <b>Laetare Sunday</b> Holy Mass – John and Punitha Victor 50th Wedding Anniversary Holy Mass – Ghanaian Independence Day Holy Mass – Thanksgiving Mass for all Mothers <b>DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS (NO MASS)</b> Holy Mass – People of the Parish

**RITE OF ELECTION - CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all our candidates and catechumens who were formally welcomed at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. **This Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the 11:45am Mass, we welcome them to our parish.** Please keep them in your prayers. Many thanks to all the catechist and sponsors who are guiding them into the Church at Easter. God bless you all.

**THE RCIA SCRUTINIES**

The RCIA (now often referred to as OCIA) Scrutinies are three powerful liturgical rites held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent for the "Elect" preparing for Baptism. They are not tests, but prayerful examinations meant to heal, strengthen, and purify the candidates from sin, focusing on Christ as the source of life, light and resurrection.

**Key Details about the Scrutinies:**

- **When and Where:** Performed during Sunday Mass, typically after the homily.
- **Purpose:** To "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in the hearts of the Elect and "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good". They prepare the Elect for the final sacraments of initiation.
- **The Three Sundays & Themes:**
- **3rd Sunday (Samaritan Woman):** Focuses on Christ as living water, cleansing the spirit.
- **4th Sunday (Man Born Blind):** Focuses on Christ as the light of the world, illuminating the soul.
- **5th Sunday (Lazarus):** Focuses on Christ as the resurrection and life, bringing new life.
- **The Ritual:** The rites include prayers of intercession for the Elect and exorcisms (prayers against evil), culminating in the laying on of hands by the priest or deacon.
- **Participation:** The Elect, along with their sponsors, are involved. They often leave for the Liturgy of the Eucharist (dismissal) after these rites.
- **Significance:** The term "scrutiny" implies a deep self-searching, not an investigation of the Elect by others. It is a time for the Elect to look within, acknowledge their need for God's grace, and receive spiritual protection as they move toward the Easter Vigil.

**LENTEN REFLECTION**

A Home Parish is where faith becomes personal. Your home parish is:

- Where your children are baptized and formed;
- Where your marriage is supported
- Where you are prayed for when sick
- Where your funeral Mass will be celebrated

This only happens when people know you — and you know them. A roaming Catholic remains a stranger. A rooted Catholic becomes family. We are not called only to go to Church — we are called to BE the Church. St. Paul teaches: "Now you are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it." (1 Cor 12:27)

A body cannot function if parts keep moving from body to body. The parish needs your presence, your gifts, your prayers, your support. And you need the parish's care, guidance, and spiritual family. Christian life is not a solo journey. It is a shared pilgrimage. Commitment brings blessing. When you plant yourself in one parish:

- You grow spiritually through stable guidance
- Your children grow with consistent formation
- You form lasting friendships in faith
- The Church becomes your spiritual home, not a spiritual hotel. Hotels serve guests. Homes form families.

**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 **APRI 2026** should attend the Baptism Programme on **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026.**



This programme will start at 7pm and end at 9pm and will be held in Pugin Place.

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**PLEASE NOTE: PARENTS MUST FIRST SUBMIT ALL RELEVANT PAPERWORK TO THE PARISH OFFICE**

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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 after the 11:45am Mass.**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION - FOR ADULTS**

**2025-2026 SESSION**

*This Programme takes 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 12 noon.**

**LENTEN TALK**

We invite all parishioners to join us this Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026, for a Lenten Talk. The talk will take place shortly after the Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our Lenten journey together in prayer and reflection.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Every Sunday, during Lent,** we will be continuing with our special series of faith-enriching sessions where our Priests and invited speakers will share reflections and teachings on important themes relating to our Catholic faith. **This will take place in Pugin Place after the 11:45am Mass.**

We will also be watching inspiring video documentaries focusing on key doctrinal topics to deepen our understanding.

There will be opportunities to ask questions, seek clarification, and engage in meaningful discussions about matters that strengthen our spiritual journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, learn together, and share insights as a parish community.

We warmly encourage everyone to attend and participate actively.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY NOTICE BOARD**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 12:30pm.



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Inviting children between the ages of 8 -14years to join the first ever St Peter's Children's Choir. Collect a registration form from the Church porch or any of the liturgy catechists. Completed registration forms can be handed over to any of the Catechists.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

There will be a talk on Testimonies of Conversion to the Catholic Faith followed by a social. This will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 7:00pm – 8:15pm in Pugin Place.

**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.



**PARISH YOUTH TRIPS & WEEKLY YOUTH CLUB — JOIN US!**

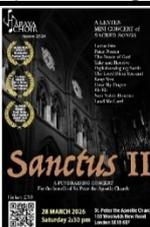
We are excited to announce a series of upcoming free Youth Trips for young people in our parish community (ages 10–18). These trips are designed to help our young people learn, grow, make friends, and deepen their sense of belonging within the church. Parents and guardians can book places using the barcode below. Please note that all bookings must be made at least two weeks in advance of each trip to allow for planning, permissions, and safeguarding arrangements. **Booking Barcode (Scan to Register)**



**SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE**

The Social Welfare Committee have agreed to make every **1<sup>st</sup> 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. **A food chart is displayed at the back of the church of items to be donated.** Thank you for your kind generosity.

**WE HAVE READY TO COLLECT FOOD BAGS FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.**



Haraya Choir will be holding a **Lent Fundraising Matinée Concert** to be held here at **St Peter's Church in Woolwich** on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:30pm.**

There is a QR code on the poster where you can scan to book online or click on the link - <https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/37575#/>

**Tickets are £10.00**

*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: £3,375.43**

**BAG COLLECTION: £1,943.82 ONLINE DONATIONS: £923.80 CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: £507.81**

**CAFOD – 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION - £642.02**

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Bridget Jordan Mrs Elizabeth Akinde	Florence Meshe Francis Ayodele	Francis Matajo Mary Odih	Myriam Achille Pashinder Sandhu Kaur	Sheila Lee Sick Priests of the Diocese
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**ANNIVERSARIES**

Alice Read Anthony Ayodele Oni Archbishop Peter Smith Bartholmew O'Brien Brendan Barry Bridget McNamara	Doris Bragg Eileen Bassam Father Haefeli Fr Patrick Fox Frances McKiernan Gary Beahan	Ikhuocho Frank Adeoye Joan Ferguson Joe Mattell John Devlin John McNamara John Michael Butler	Lucy Mascarenhas Margaret Baker Michael Cashin Michael O'Leary Omolola Akinsonwo Peter Mascarenhas	Phonsie Furey Rosemary Obike Thomas Kennedy Thomas McNamara William Healy William O'Connell
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**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

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