

St Peter and the Guardian Angels

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THIRD SUNDAY (C) – 23RD January 2022

Church Unity Octave 18th -25th January:

The Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity. These prayers draw together churches across the globe to reflect on the hope and joy in Matthew 2:2, ***"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him"***.

The reflections explore how Christians are called to be a sign to the world of God bringing about unity, drawn from different cultures, races and languages, Christians share in a common search for Christ and a common desire to worship him.

The Middle East Council of Churches chose the theme: **'We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him'**. More than ever, in these difficult times.

We need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ.

"We want to celebrate together, we want to be together, we want to see you together": these are the words used by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Mons. **Pierbattista Pizzaballa**, to describe the ecumenical dialogue in the Holy Land. These words echo Pope Francis' message for the Synodal Process; highlighting the importance of 'mutual listening' and that this will be at the heart of the synodal process throughout the Church and beyond the boundaries of the Church.

Archbishop's Certificate: This is an online course for all in the Diocese who proclaim their faith to others: as evangelisers, catechists or adult formators. It is a course for all wishing to know their Catholic faith more deeply no matter their stage in life. You will take a systematic journey through the Church's teaching to understand your own faith in a more profound way and be able to share your faith with confidence and joy.

The Archbishops' Certificate is a 2-year course. The cost per year is £365. To process your application a non-refundable registration fee of £50 is required. The cost of the course includes lecture costs, tutor marking fees, administration and student support.

If you would like to be trained as a Catechist to help in the ongoing formation of adults and be involved in Sacramental preparation of children, please let Fr Tesfamichael know if you are interested to do this training online.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website: Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark: rcsouthwark.co.uk

(Human Resources, Bowen House, 59 Westminster Bridge Rd., London SE1 7JE

Missio Red Boxes: Many thanks to everyone who has a Red Box.

If you would like to become a Red Box holder please have a word with Diane Rampling or contact her on drampling@aol.com.

Baptism: if you have a child to be baptised please speak to Fr for information.

Mass Times and News

SUNDAY: 23rd January – THIRD SUNDAY (C) 9am: For the people 11pm: Shirley Ann & Abbey Dumbuya - anniversary	THURSDAY: 27th January; 9:15am: Mass
MONDAY: 24th January – St Francis de Sales No Mass	FRIDAY: 28th January – St Thomas Aquinas 9:15am: Mass;
TUESDAY: 25th January – Conversion of St Paul, feast 7:30pm: Mass – Kathy Martin RIP Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	SATURDAY: 29th January 6pm: Mass – John Downes RIP
WEDNESDAY: 26th January – Sts. Timothy & Titus 9:15am: Mass – John Forry RIP	SUNDAY: 30th January – FOURTH SUNDAY (C) 9: 00am: For the people 11:00am: Martin Green

Please sign up for the Gift Aid Scheme:

If you pay UK Income Tax, then please consider signing up for the Gift Aid Scheme. The scheme is designed to encourage donors - **who must be taxpayers** - to sign a declaration form so that all their donations to the charity (R.C. Diocese of Southwark) can be treated as Gift Aid donations. The donations can be of any amount, there is no lower or upper limit and they do not have to be of a fixed amount or frequency.

St Peter's can reclaim a further 25p on every £1 that you donate within a tax year (6th April to 5th April), if you have paid an amount of income tax at least equal to the amount of any refund claimed by the parish on your donations in that relevant tax year. For example, if you donated £100 in a tax year then we could claim back £25 from the Inland Revenue (provided in that year you had paid them at least £25 in tax).

It costs you nothing extra. You are not being asked to give more money, simply to sign a declaration so that the parish can reclaim the tax refund on your giving from the Inland Revenue. The parish needs to be able to prove to the Inland Revenue that we have kept proper

records of your gifts. If you prefer to give by cash, then you must use the numbered envelope system (supplied by the Parish) or you can give by cheque or Bankers Order. Please contact Diane Rampling on dmrampling@aol.com or 07808 006228 if you would like to discuss further. Gift Aid forms can be found at the back of the Church or on the Parish Website <https://stpeterandtheguardianangels.com>. Please return completed forms to Diane or to Father Tesfamichael.

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Pope's prayer Intentions for January: For those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers & sisters in the human family.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS; 2nd January - £719.06.
9th January - £731.68. 16th January - £742.17.
THANK YOU!

Do you know any elderly, Housebound or Sick Parishioners that would benefit from a home visit from Fr Tesfamichael if so, please visit the Presbytery or call 020 237 2969 or can speak directly to Fr after each Mass.

Prayer for the sick & housebound; we remember those who have asked for our prayers;

"Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones.

And for all your love's sake. Amen."

(St Augustine)

Your prayers are also requested for: Anna, Monika, Luska & Slawek.

Prayer for the Synod: 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.' Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

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