

St Peter and the Guardian Angels

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – 25TH DECEMBER 2022

‘Do not be afraid, listen, I bring you news of great joy... Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.’

‘We sing a new song of praise as we rejoice at the birth of Christ our Saviour.

Welcome, Lord, light of the world.

Help us to shine a light on all that is unjust and bring about a brighter future.

Welcome, Lord, light of the world.

Lead us in your ways as together we make a change to reflect your kingdom here on earth. Welcome, Lord, light of the world. (CAFOD).

Crib Offering to support the Catholic Children’s Society’s Southwark Crisis Fund:

The Catholic Children’s Society is helping local disadvantaged families facing severe hardship due to the cost-of-living crisis. There are many more vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS’s Southwark Crisis Fund to support local families in need. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk

Donations for Christmas Flowers & Christmas Tree:

A BIG THANK YOU! To all those who donated anonymously as a Thanksgiving, and those who donated in memory of their beloved ones mentioned below; Maie Ware, Deborah Ware, Pat Rampling & Dick Rampling; Ernie & Charlotte Simmonds and Ernie Simmonds Junior; Sarah; and in memory of Jeannie Phatty, Agatha Alexandy, Gerald Beresford Mason, Rosemary Cole & Laura Colson.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland - 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person

sharing: Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

World Youth Day, Lisbon (31st July to 7th August 2023)

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk.

“Truth is sprung out of the earth, for the Word was made flesh. And justice looked down from heaven, for every best gift, and every perfect gift, is from above. Truth is sprung out of the earth-flesh born

of Mary. And justice looked down from heaven, for a man cannot receive anything; unless it be given him from heaven”. (Extract from a Sermon by St Augustine)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mass Times and News

SUNDAY: 25TH DECEMBER; NATIVITY OF THE LORD 9am: Mass – Minella Alexander birthday thanksgiving 11pm: Mass	THURSDAY: 29th December – St Thomas of Canterbury, 9.15am: Mass – Anto + Dessie Cunningham RIP
MONDAY: 26th December – St Stephen, 1 st Martyr 10am: Mass – for altar Servers	FRIDAY: 30th December – HOLY FAMILY 9.15am: Mass; - Maurice + Lilian Unsworth RIP
TUESDAY: 27th December - St John the Evangelist 10.am: Mass – Andrea Forry RIP	SATURDAY: 31st December 6pm: Mass – For the people
WEDNESDAY: 28th December – The Holy Innocents 9:15am: Mass – Holy souls	SUNDAY: 1ST JANUARY; MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD 9: 00am: Mass; Thomas & Margaret Cunningham RIP. 11:00am: Mass; Elsie & Margaret Brennan, RIP anniversary

Pope's prayer Intentions for December: Let us pray that volunteer, non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Gift Aid Scheme: If you are not a box holder, and are a taxpayer, please do consider signing up for the Gift Aid Scheme. The relevant forms are at the back of the church or on the parish website.

<https://stpeterandtheguardianangels.com>.

Please contact Diane Rampling on drampling@aol.com or 07808 006228, if you would like to discuss further.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS;

Standing order – November - £382;

20th November 1st collection - £607.94; 2nd collection for Youth Service £172.10. 27th November; collection £646.52.

4th December collection - £688.89. 11th December; collection - £704.14. 18th December – collection £657.15.

THANK YOU!

This Weekend collection is your Christmas offering to your Parish priest.

Many of you will know Mick Hannon, who has been running the St Peter's Social Club for many years, following on from his Dad and Mum - John and Betty. Mick will be leaving the role at the end of the year and it will be great if we can present him with a token of our thanks for his service. Please give any donations to Father - marked Mick Hannon's collection. Thank you!

Parish Census: you will find **Parish Census Card** at the entrance of the church, please fill in your details and bring it back to the presbytery or hand it to Fr TesfaMichael. I would like to assure you that your personal details will be stored securely and it will only be used for pastoral matters.

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: Mariana, Margarita, Sara, Nancy Kray, Barry Crawley, Ronnie Bates, Kay Crehan, Mary Ellen Design, Liam and Maggie, Howard Moss, Ruby Louisa Longman, Jeany McDonagh, Anna, Monika, Lusia & Slawek; Esther, Oliver, Stephen, Pepe, Goren, Sharon, Philip, James, Mary, Rosemarie, Paul, Mark, Noel, Dany, Daniel, Saher Sinclair, Marek, Charlie, Fergie, Kohen, Christine Sanders.

Please pray for those who have died recently; Kathleen Shelley, Michael O'Brien, Winifred Rust, Barry Deller, Tina, Darius, David Marks Senior, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer for all Souls: "Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us. As we renew our faith in your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**"

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