

Catholic Church of Saint Peter Dagenham

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

30th November 2025

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| Day | Time | Mass Intentions |
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| Saturday 29 th November | 9.00 am 6.00 pm | Agim, Lirie, Xhuljan, Albana, Andi Vuthaj (Thanksgiving / Special Intention) People of the Parish |
| First Sunday of Advent, A 30 th November | 9.00 am 11.00 am | Agim, Lirie, Xhuljan, Albana, Andi Vuthaj (Thanksgiving / Special Intention) Those whose Names have been put on the November List |
| Monday 1 st December | 9.00 am 9.00 am | Stan Breeze (Special Intention) No intention |
| Tuesday 2 nd December | 9.00 am 9.00 am | Cynthia & Ethna (Special Intention) No intention Devotion to Our Lady of La Salette |
| Wednesday 3 rd December St Francis Xavier | 9.00 am 9.00 am | Special Intention No intention Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thursday 4 th December | 9.00 am 9.00 am | Vanessa Adekoya (Special Intention) No intention |
| Friday 5 th December | 8.30 am 8.30 am | Dan D'Silva (Thanksgiving) No intention |
| Saturday 6 th December | 9.00 am 6.00 pm | Dasha (Birthday / Thanksgiving) People of the Parish |
| Second Sunday of Advent, A 7 th December | 9.00 am 11.00 am | Catherine Olohimai Adu RIP Martha Amoah (RIP / Anniversary) |

Masses: Monday - Saturday 9.00am; Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday – Friday from 8:30am; Wednesday: after the Morning Mass until 10am

Confessions: Saturday 8.30 – 9.00am, 5.30pm – 6.00pm or by appointment **Parish office hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10.00 – 11.00am & 5.30 – 6.30

St Peter's Parish News

THE TIME OF ADVENT:

This Sunday we begin the time of Advent which is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival (Advent) of Jesus Christ's Nativity on Christmas Day as well as Christ's expected return at the end of the times.

Each week of Advent we focus on a different theme:

hope, peace, joy and love.

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We remember in our prayers those who are sick and housebound: Muireann Carbery, Bernadette Asser, Gary Bennett, Steve Sutherland, Sheila Betson, Martha Buckley, Ann Sullivan, Charlie Hannell, Adora Garcia, Dee Duster, Valerie Brown, Frances Duggan, Christopher Bone, Michael Moffat, Henry Moffat, J. Radford, L. Stuchfield, Sean Murphy, Marie Merrett, Myra Jarrett, Terry Hooker, Martina Murray, Deborah Woldron, Ann O'Sullivan, Eliza Brinkus, Phil McManus, Emerald Lawrance, Lee Suzanne Ives, Irene Quirke, Anne O'Sullivan, Bridget Nsofor, Jayne Gilbert, Pamela Campbell.

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Bereavement – Bishop Thomas McMahon: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rt Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood Diocese, who died peacefully at his home in Stock on 24th November. May he rest in peace. Funeral Arrangements:

- The body will be received into the church of Our Lady and St Joseph, Mill Road, Stock, CM4 9LJ on Sunday 14th December at 4 p.m. when Mass will be celebrated.
- The body will be received into the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, 28 Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT on Monday 15th December where Vespers will be sung at 5 p.m.
- The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th
 December in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. The burial will
 take place in the Cathedral cemetery.

We remember those whose anniversary occur around this

time: Martha Amoah.

Please note that the Morning Mass on Friday (5th December) is at 8.30am and there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on this day.

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Children's Liturgy Sunday 10.45am in the meeting room: If your child had not previously registered, you will need to fill in a registry form before they can join the group. This is in line with the Safeguarding Regulations. Please see the Catechists on the day for a form

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Coffee morning after the Mass at 11am in the Liturgy room. Please come and join us.

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Mass Intentions: As you may see from the Parish Newsletter there are not too many Mass Intentions booked for the month of December. If you would like to book a Mass Intention for the living or the dead or any other occasion or reason, please

see the priest or collect the Mass Booking Envelope from the back of the church.

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Ushers needed: We are currently looking for dedicated men and women to join our Ushering Department for both the 9am and 11am Masses. If you're interested in serving in this important ministry, please see our Parish MC for more information.

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Updating Church's Register: If you are new to the parish or did not complete *Parish Census Information Form* in the past you may do it now. Special *Parish Census Information Forms* are available from the porch.

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Gift Aid scheme (explained): The Gift Aid scheme remains an important way of increasing your offertory collection. It is available to **all UK taxpayers**. You are not required to give a specific amount every week but, whatever you give through donations, Sunday offertory collections, Mass intentions, etc. will be increased by the Government by 25% at no extra cost to you. If you are not on the scheme and would like to be part of it all you need to do is to complete and sign the *Gift Aid declaration form*. To do so speak to Sally or contact the Parish Office, please.

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New Mass Book (Year A, Volume 1): We would like to thank to all who sponsored/donated towards new Mass Books (Year A, Volume 1) that we start using from this Sunday. If you still would like to sponsor/donate some of them, speak to Fr Marek or Fr Adam, please. The cost of one copy/book is £5.

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Last Sunday's collection: Thank you very much for your last Sunday's collection of £1204.60 (envelopes £639.37; loose £265.23; contactless £300) & £214.40 towards *BCYS Fund*.

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St Peter's R.C. Primary School Reception September 2026: If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 and you would like them to attend St Peter's RC Primary School Reception, you can now pick up a reception pack from the school office. The application process closes on Thursday, 15th January 2026.

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Walsingham House Team 26/27: Applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Yr13 and above). For more go to: https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org. Applications close on Friday 16th January 2026.

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Advent talk on the Prophets: Fr Adrian Graffy, will be giving a short talk at 7 pm on Wednesday 3rd December at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, in Gidea Park. The topic is the Prophets. You may attend in person free of charge, or watch livestream at www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be available subsequently on the same website.

Payments or Standing Orders to Our Parish account: