

PARISH NEWSLETTER
St Peter-in-Chains, Stroud Green

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Sunday Masses
6:30pm (Sat)
9:45am Sung Mass
11:15am Family Mass
7pm

Weekday Masses
11am: Monday – Funeral Mass of Graham Summers
9am: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9am: Thursday unless cancelled on Wednesday
Morning Prayer: 8:45am when there is a 9am Mass
Church is closed on Thursday

Confessions
Saturday 6-6:20pm
Eucharistic Adoration
9:30-10:30am
Wednesday & Friday

Rosary: The Rosary is normally prayed in church after 9am Mass on Tuesday and Friday

22nd November 2026

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Sick and Retired Priests Collection – Thank You: Last weekend you gave **over £900** to this essential fund to support our sick and elderly priests. Donation envelopes are still available at the back of the church and you can also donate online at https://rcdow.org.uk/SRP. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill.

COMING UP: Teas and Coffees: Catch-up with friends and fellow-parishioners after the Sunday morning Masses. Your support has enabled us to donate £160 to the Soup Run this week. Thank you!
First Holy Communion: the next meeting is on Saturday 5 December at 11am.
Thursdays Together: Thursday lunchtimes 11:30am–1:30pm in the Groves Room, Holy Trinity Church Granville Road N4 4EL. Meet your neighbours and chat over light refreshments.
Welfare Advice service – 9:30am-12:30pm Mondays and **Active Ageing Club** – 12-3pm Fridays with 'lunch club' – both run by Brent Irish Advisory Service at Hornsey Vale Community Centre.
Couples of St Peters: Young, Married and Catholic? looking for some support and companionship in your marriage; wanting to meet other young couples; Couples of St Peter's is a new parish group which meet once per month, socially, for a drink, food and just companionship. Interested see Fr David for details.

Holy Souls lists and envelopes are still available at the back of the church. Please hand your list, with your donation in the envelope, to Fr David or parish office. The lists will be displayed before the Altar during November with Masses offered for the souls of your deceased family members and friends.

Father's David's 25th Celebration: we are delighted to announce that Fr David will be celebrating 25 years of his ministry as a priest. He was ordained on 8th December 2001. In recognition of this anniversary, there will be a Mass at 7pm on Friday, 11th December, followed by a finger food reception in the church porch. Please put this date in your diary and let us know if you plan to attend by replying to Kit Greveson at kit.greveson@gmail.com or messaging Kit on 07507138582.
If you would like to contribute to a gift for Fr David, there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend, 28/29th November and also on 5/6th December. If you would like to donate online via the contactless facility at the back of church, please tap on '**Collection for Fr David'**. Alternatively, please put your donation into an envelope clearly marked Fr David's 25th and post through the presbytery door. Thank you.

The end of the Church's Year and the start of Advent: This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is the last in the Church's year and next Sunday, 29 November sees the beginning of Advent and the start of a new year. Caritas Westminster would like to share this year's **Caritas Westminster Advent Giving Calendar** which invites individuals and families to put their faith into action by donating an essential item each day during Advent, helping to support local food banks, pantries and other community food projects throughout the winter months. To find out more or to access the calendar, visit: https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/financial-support/

Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas: A little plug for the weekly Scripture notes we publish on the parish website adding context and meaning to the Sunday scripture readings. The notes can be found at

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stroudgreen/newsletters/. Darton, Longman and Todd have recently published a new book by Rev. Dr Adrian Graffy, a priest of the Diocese of Brentwood, and a well-known scripture scholar and lecturer, on the Advent and Christmas readings. Visit https://www.whatgoodnews.org/ for more details.

Young Adults Advent Retreat Day: with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 5th December 2026, 10am – 6pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme includes talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • Mass and social time. £5 registration fee/ subsidised student places available on request. email: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org to register.

Soup Run: As we serve even more guests on a Saturday evening so donations of tuna fish, sweetcorn, mayonnaise, tea bags, instant coffee and sugar are always welcome. Please leave in box in inner porch. Thank you, Kit.

✓✓ **FOR ADVENT:** On the Wednesdays 9th , 16th and 23rd December of Advent at 7:30pm there will be a daily mass each week in which Fr David will look at some of the themes relevant to the time of Advent and Christmas; this will be preceded by Adoration at 7pm during which it is possible to receive the Sacrament of Confession. Come along!

✓✓ **FOR ADVENT: HEALING MASS:** On Friday 18th December at 7pm in the church Fr David Will celebrate a Healing Mass at which we will pray for inner healing and physical healing. Jesus the divine 'doctor' and 'therapist' awaits you.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls: Since 1981, 25 November has been observed as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls. This year, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has partnered with Safe in Faith, the National Board of Catholic Women and CAFOD, to invite Catholics across England and Wales to take part in the 16 Days of Activism. To support this collective effort, CSAN has produced a calendar featuring an action for each of the 16 days. The suggested activities range from prayer and reflection, to engaging with local representatives, encouraging Catholics to consider how they can contribute to preventing violence through their faith and everyday actions. You can find the calendar here: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/16-days-of-action-to-end-violence-against-women/

The Pope's November Prayer Intention: Pope Leo has released his prayer intention for the month of November, and invites Catholics to pray "for the proper use of wealth," so that we may recognize that true wealth lies not in accumulating or possessing, but in giving with love. Join in prayer with Pope Leo at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiBoCMYGe-4&t=1s

Draft Conversion Practices Bill: The Most Reverend John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and chair of the Department for Social Justice for the Bishops' Conference, has issued a statement on the Draft Conversion Practices Bill. The Archbishop expresses serious concerns about provisions in the draft Bill saying "This Bill proposes to extend the legal definition of abusive practices in ways that threaten a person's fundamental rights, including freedom of religion or belief and freedom of expression. The legislation will also create uncertainty around lawful pastoral care by the Church, family life and open conversations that can take place in a range of social settings." He ends "We call on politicians to abandon this Bill and focus instead on enforcement of existing protections and accessible support for anyone facing abuse or coercion." You read the full statement on the Bishops' Conference website: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishops-statement-on-the-draft-conversion-practices-bill/

Missio 2027 Calendars are available on the shelf at the back of church – please take one.
Missio Red Boxes: If you left your Red Box to be emptied, it can now be collected from the Sacristy. Thank you.

Please pray for those who are ill: Christian Overal, Antonio Neto, Zintra Sansom, Brenda Buzec, Amy Gordon, Annette Donivar, Caroline Hilton, Karin Summers, Joan Summers, Helen Kozlowski, Don Brewis, Roman Cholij, Mary Wale, Margaret Whelan, Brendan Whelan, Claire Marchand, Mike Coombes, Gemma Francis, Richard Simon, Noah Purcell–Chandler, Nathalie Renford, Jackie Loivette, Michael Reid, Wendy Fairhurst, Ann Elizabeth Bennett, Joseph Lunn, Michael Hurley, Emilie Alcaraz, Ann Kozlowski-Hunt, Gabriel Brimacombe-Rand, Frank Farrell, Peter Leung, Anthony Mark Selvarajah, Elaine Benjamin, Emma Gordon, Elena Rabhani, Paul Renford, Jim O'Donoghue, Bill Loughlin.

Rest in Peace: Graham Summers. Graham's funeral will take place on Monday 23 November at 11am.

Safeguarding: Our parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Frances Booker:** stroudgreen@rcdow.org.uk
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