

Sunday (5th Dec) Readings

1st Reading – Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalm – 125

2nd Reading – Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel – Luke 3: 1-6

Mon 10am St Nicholas

Tue 10am St Ambrose

Wed 10am FO The Immaculate Conception

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2pm till 10pm

Thu 9 am FERIA

Fri 8 pm FERIA

Christmas Blessings April & David Redding & Family

Christmas Blessings Mike Griffin & Family

Confessions

During Advent on Monday - Thursday 9.30 – 10.00

Fridays 7.15pm to 7.45pm and Saturdays 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (12th Dec) Readings

1st Reading – Zephaniah 3: 14-18 6pm Christmas Blessings Martin & Denise Smith & Fam

Psalm – Isaiah 12: 2-6

2nd Reading – Philippians 4: 4-7 11am Christmas Blessings Mavis Westbrook & Family

Gospel – Luke 3: 10-18

Intentions

Emily & Albert D'Silva RIP

Rose O'Keeffe RIP

Elizabeth Okafore RIP

Sick and Housebound

We pray for all those who are sick and the housebound. We pray especially for all those in our parish and their families. **St Simon Stock, keep them in your care.**

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Elsie Tomlin, Daphne Brooker, Margaret Child, Leonard Chawner, Anne Brace, Dominic Wood, Brian Giddings, Jackie Bogyle, Ernest Wise, Florence Sinclair, William Cullen, Charles Gould, John Keirans, Charles Temple, Pauline Wellman, Mr Gordan and Fred Blick. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

My Day By Day for December (Advent)

These are available on table on the way out of the church. Please take one and put £1 in the wooden tray. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Please make cheques payable to St Simon Stock Church. See website for details of how to make a bank transfer.

100 Club (Parish Lottery) - Cash Prizes to be won monthly! Annual Subscription £12 per number. Nov winners are £50 = No: 189 Grazyna Gordon £25 = No: 104 Denise Kavanagh

Parish Gift Aid - If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please ring Steve Duxbury on Medway 862125

Going into Hospital - Please inform the parish office on 07305831925

Intentions

6pm Pauline & Melville Burgess RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Wellbeing of Fr Bart



Parish Of St Simon Stock



5th December 2021

2nd Sunday Advent Yr C

Newsletter

Parish notices:

- All of you are invited to take part in **Advent session with the Bible:**
 - **Mon 6th Dec at 7.30 pm – The Messiah in The Old Testament**
 - **Mon 13th Dec at 7.30 pm – The Nativity of Jesus in the Gospels**
- Next week the 2nd collection is for the church Christmas decorations. **If anyone would also like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please leave them in the kitchen on 18th/19th Dec together with any message.**
- UCM Secret Auction** – This was very successful, receiving 23 bids altogether. The highest bid was for £200. Thank you so much for your generosity. A cheque has been sent to parish office for £200 + £10 (in cash) for the Development Fund as we also received donations; The Knitted Nativity Set is now on its way to the winning bidder.
- St Benedict's School are holding **carol concerts** here at church on **Thu 16th Dec and parishioners are invited to the 1.30pm performance.** Please contact the parish office if you wish to come and you have to do a Lateral Flow Test that day and wear a mask.
- HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS** available after all weekend Masses. Come along and buy a special card for those special people in your lives.

Wednesday Adoration:

During Dec there are 2 weeks when there will be no Adoration. There **will be** Adoration as normal on 1st, 8th and 22nd Dec; **No Adoration on 15th and 29th Dec.** In Jan, there should only be one week when there is no Adoration because the new heating system will be fitted. I will let you know when that is as soon as the date is confirmed. **We would be grateful to have a couple more people at Adoration for the 5 pm - 6 pm and 6 pm - 7 pm hours.** You don't have to commit to those hours immediately; come for a few times before you decide. Jesus will be there waiting for you.

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St Thomas More

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Glad To Be Grey: invite you to a carol concert on Thurs 9th Dec at 2.30pm followed by tea and cakes at Emmanuel Church, Silverweed Road.

SUNDAY READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

Baruch 5: 1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Psalm:

Ps 125

R: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *R#*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *R#*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *R#*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. *R#*

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights and behold the joy which comes to you from God.