

## Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> Dec) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Zephaniah 3: 14-18 6pm Christmas Blessings Martin & Denise Smith & Fam  
Psalm – Isaiah 12: 2-6 9am The People of the Parish  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 4: 4-7 11am Christmas Blessings Mavis Westbrook & Family  
Gospel – Luke 3: 10-18

Mon 10am St Lucy Christmas Blessings Jacqui Simpson & Family  
Tue 10am St John of the Cross Christmas Blessings Bridie & Michael Kyne  
Wed 10am Feria Christmas Blessings Breda & Gordon D'Silva

Thu 10am Feria Christmas Blessings Marie Alston & Family  
Fri 8 pm Feria Birthday Blessings Sylvia Berko

Sat 9am Morning prayer in the church

## Intentions

**NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

## 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 (19<sup>th</sup> Dec) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Micah 5: 1-4 6pm Christmas Blessings Les & Kim Boulton & Fam  
Psalm – 79 9am The People of the Parish  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 10: 5-10 11am Pat & Roger Massey RIP  
Gospel – Luke 1: 39-44 4pm Polish Mass Andrzej Bachleda RIP

## Intentions

## 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: P Strong, Vi Fuchter, Molly Nolan, Daniel O'Driscoll, Michaela Hammond, Ada Boswell, Kathleen Wright, Patrick O'Brien, John McCann, Michelle Garrett, Benedict Samuel, Joan Judd, Hans Czechowski, Leonard Davis, Dick James, Teresa Skelton & William Baldwin. 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. Dec winners are £100 = No: 56 Ann Stanton Wharmby £50 = No, 262 Giovanni Paoli £25 = No: 173 Helen Burgess

**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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent Yr C

Gaudete Sunday

Newsletter

## Parish notices:

1. All of you are invited to take part in **Advent session with the Bible: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30 pm – The Nativity of Jesus in the Gospels.**
2. On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7 pm in the church will be meeting for parents whose children are preparing for Sacrament of Confession and FHC.
3. This week the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Dec together with any message.**
4. Unfortunately due to the currently COVID situation St Benedict's have had to cancel their carol services on 16<sup>th</sup> December here at the church. Many apologies.
5. **Wednesday Adoration:** There will be no Adoration next week 15<sup>th</sup>, or 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. Adoration as normal on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. **We would still be grateful to have a couple more people at Adoration for the 5 pm - 6 pm and 6 pm - 7 pm hours.**
6. **Bereavement Support Group:** we offer a hand of friendship to help you come to terms with the loss of your loved ones, either recently or in the past. We try to support you, and each other, in an informal setting, sharing experiences, confidentially and respectfully. You are most welcome to come along as often as you would like, by yourself, or with a friend – the choice is yours. We're here to listen. Our next meeting is on **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7 pm** in the hall. To find out more, please feel free to speak to one of us, our names are on the poster in the foyer.
7. **HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS** available after all weekend Masses. Come along and buy a special card for those special people in your lives.

**Missio Red Boxes:** Thank you to everybody for their generous offerings this year especially as again we only managed to empty the boxes twice. We collected, before taking into account gift aid, £1,186.25 a tremendous effort in the circumstances and an increase of 10% on 2020. We will be collecting the boxes at masses on the following dates in 2022: 29/30 Jan; 23/24 Apr; 16/17 Jul; and 22/23 Oct. If anyone wants a box or would like their box collected please contact Adrian Hockney: (Tel: 01634 862877; or email: [adrianhockney@btinternet.com](mailto:adrianhockney@btinternet.com)).

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**Please note: Parish Office is located in the new church extension**

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A big thankyou to everyone who attended the Glad To Be Grey carol concert at Emmanuel Church last week. It was lovely to see so many of our parish at this ecumenical event.

## SUNDAY READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.**

### First Reading

**Zephaniah 3: 14-18**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

### Psalm:

**Isaiah 12: 2-6**

**Response: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel**

1 Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
He became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
From the wells of salvation.

2 Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his Name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples  
Declare the greatness of his name.

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
For he has done glorious deeds,  
Make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### Second Reading

**Philippians 4: 4-7**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

### Gospel

**Luke 3: 10-18**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

### Communion Antiphon

*Say to the faint of heart; be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us*