

Sunday (19th Dec) Readings

1st Reading – Micah 5: 1-4

Psalm – 79

2nd Reading – Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel – Luke 1: 39-44

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 6pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

9pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in Polish

11.15pm Carol Service

12 am Christmas Midnight Mass

Sat 9am Christmas Day Mass

11am Christmas Day Mass

Intentions

6pm Christmas Blessings Les & Kim Boulton & Fam

9am The People of the Parish

11am Pat & Roger Massey RIP

4pm Polish Mass Andrzej Bachleda RIP

Christmas Blessings Josie Ryder & Family

Christmas Blessings Janet & Malcolm King

Christmas Blessings Lynne & Gordon Pearson

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2pm – 10pm

Christmas Blessings Tanya & Mik Wilkins & Family

Rob & Tina Alston RIP

Christmas Blessings for Maria Maniak

Paul Simpson RIP

The People of the Parish

Happy Christmas & New Year Fr Pawel

Confessions

During Advent on Monday - Thursday 9.30 – 10.00

No confessions Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Next Sunday (26th Dec) Readings

1st Reading – Micah 5: 1-4

Psalm – 79

2nd Reading – Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel – Luke 1: 39-44

Intentions

9am The People of the Parish

11am Christmas Blessing for Fr Bart

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: Denis Gamber, Edgar Wilmot, Charles Barnes, John Blesky, James Robertson, Francis Henry, John Quinn, Albert Braden, Pat Massey, Fr Bert White, Dymphna Crowe, Christine O'Toole, George Kenny, Paul Simpson & Walter Kehoe. 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): 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

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Parish Of St Simon Stock



19th December 2021

4th Sunday Advent Yr C

Newsletter

Parish notices:

1. This week the 2nd collection is for the organist for our Christmas Masses. Next week it is the Christmas Collection and all offerings are personal to the priest. **Please take an offering envelope from the foyer.**
2. Please put your unwrapped gifts for children at the Westminster Children's Society under the Christmas Tree. They will be collected some time in January.
3. **Wednesday Adoration:** Adoration as normal on 22nd Dec, but **there will be no Adoration on 29th 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.**
4. **HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS** available after all weekend Masses. Come along and buy a last minute special card for those special people in your lives.

Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the **Afghanistan Crisis Appeal**. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.



Christmas Carol service in the church on Sunday 2nd January 2022 at 3pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish hall.

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SUNDAY READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading

Micah 5: 1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

Psalm:

79

Response: *God of Hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

1 O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
Shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

2 God of hosts, turn again we implore,
Look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
The vine your right hand has planted.

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
The man you have given your strength;
And we shall never forsake you again:
Give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10: 5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1: 39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel