

## Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> Dec) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Psalm – 83

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 John 3:1-2,21-24

Gospel – Luke 2:41-52

Mon 10am St John the Apostle

Tue 10am The Holy Innocents

Wed 10am St Thomas of Canterbury

Thu 10am 6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Octave Christmas Blessings Karen Hutchinson & Family

Fri 6pm 7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Octave William O'Farrell RIP

Sat 11am Mary the Mother of God

## Intentions

9am The People of the Parish

11am Christmas Blessings Fr Bart

Geraldine Killoran RIP

Allan Westbrook RIP

Christmas Blessings Mary & Ted Chambers

**NO ADORATION TODAY**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT UNTIL 7.30PM**

The People of the Parish

## Confessions

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

also by appointment 07305831925.

## Next Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Jan) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12

Psalm – 147

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18

Gospel – John 1: 1-18

**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: William O'Farrell, Jean Estibeiro, Mary Judge, Flo Brunetti, Joe Peg, Josephine Newman, Octavia Jedrzejewska, Allan Westbrook, Dorothy Burfield, Geraldine Killoran, Alfred Connell, Michael Allen, Maureen Abbott and Edward McPhillip. 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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26<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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## Newsletter

*“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Saviour has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” (Lk2:10-11)*

*My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honour of serving as your Parochial Administrator. Thank you for all your support and prayers. May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy.*

*Fr Pawel Sobol*

## Parish notices:

1. This 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 Catholic Children's Society under the Christmas Tree. They will be collected some time in January. **All Crib Offerings will also go into the Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Diocese.** There is a box for offerings by the Crib, Gift Aid envelopes if you want to take one, and also an online donation app on the window in the foyer.
3. **Wednesday Adoration:** 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.



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

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*The Shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*

### **First Reading**

**1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28**

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

### **Psalm:**

**83:2-3,5-6,9-10. R.v.5**

**Response: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

Lord, God of Hosts

My souls is longing and yearning,

is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my souls ring out their joy

to God, the living God. **R#**

They are happy who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;  
they walk with ever growing strength. **R#**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,

look on the face of your anointed. **R#**

### **Second Reading**

**1John 3:1-2,21-24**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.**

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

**Luke 2: 41-52**

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.'

### **Communion Antiphon**

*Our God has appeared on earth and lived among us.*