

## Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> Jan) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

Psalm – 18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel – Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Mon 10am St Francis de Sales

Tue 10am Conversion of St Paul

Wed 10am SS Timothy & Titus

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm St Thomas Aquinas

## Intentions

6pm Ann Lichfield RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Happy Birthday Claire Jerstice

William Searle RIP

Private intention

Kim & Les Boulton's Intentions

Marion Burfield RIP

Geraldine O'Flaherty RIP

**ADORATION 2pm to 10pm**

## Confessions

Friday 7.15pm – 7.50pm & Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

and also by appointment 07305831925.

## Next Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> Jan) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

Psalm – 70

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 12: 31 -13: 13

Gospel – Luke 4: 21-30

## Intentions

6pm Margaret Fowler RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Mary Melling 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 Mary Barry, Leslie Stephens & Ryan Mills. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Rose Mason, Josie Morris, Kerry Burton, Philadelphia Turner, Doris Evans, Stanley Moran, Milu Ham, Laura Howarth, Mollie Avery, William Bernard Blenkhorn, George Nye, Charles Morris, Marianna Beadle, Marie Cushion, Dorothy Roche, Fred King, Edward Hoffland, Norris McCoy and Annie O'Brien. 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 January :** 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. Jan winners are £50 = No: 181 Carol Andrews, £25 = No: 254 Linsey O'Connell

**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



23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

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# Newsletter

## Parish notices:

1. This Sunday in the Catholic Church is celebrated Sunday of the Word of God. Church reminds us how important is for us our daily relation with Holy Scripture – Bible. I would like to express grateful thanks to all readers who read for us the Word of God during Mass. If you want join to the readers rota, please contact Josie in the parish office.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today is SPUC White Flower Appeal. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech, as witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies. Please be generous to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.
3. There is a Finance Committee meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to put a question to the Committee, please put it in the box on the table in the foyer.
4. Adoration will be as normal from this week on.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are aiming to hold our St Simon Stock Feast Day celebrations on 15<sup>th</sup> May and our Summer Fayre on 2<sup>nd</sup> July this year, but we still need volunteers to make this happen. If you would like to help with the organisation, please contact Tanya or Josie in the parish office.

**Red Missio Box Holders:** Please could as many people as possible with boxes bring them to mass **next weekend 29/30 Jan** and give them to me, Adrian Hockney, before you enter the church. I will be at all masses standing outside before mass with a basket into which you can drop your box. **Please do not leave any boxes in the church.** If you cannot bring them next weekend please contact me: (Tel:01634 862877; or email: [adrianhockney@btinternet.com](mailto:adrianhockney@btinternet.com)) and I will arrange to collect them. Your boxes will be returned the following weekend 5/6 Feb. Thank you.

**Diocesan Vacancies** for a Parish Secretary, a Youth Minister, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website: [Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk))

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Parish Safeguarding Rep Margaret Whitworth: [waldersladesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:waldersladesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) tel: 07811 852267

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

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*

### **First Reading**

**Nehemiah : 2-6, 8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

### **Psalm:**

**18**

**Response:** *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R#**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **R#**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R#**

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! **R#**

### **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12: 12-14.27**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!*

### **Gospel**

**Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.

### **Communion Antiphon**

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*