

## 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

Mon 10am St John Bosco

Tue 10am

Wed 10am Presentation of the Lord

**Liturgy of the Word**

**ADORATION 2pm to 10pm**

Thu 9am St Lawrence of Canterbury

11am Funeral Mass Leslie Stephens RIP

Fri 8pm Feria

## Intentions

6pm Margaret Fowler RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Mary Melling RIP

Anthony Haigney RIP

Daniel Kirk's Intentions

Alma Phillips RIP

Les & Kim Boulton's ints

## Confessions

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

and also by appointment 07305831925.

## Next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> Feb) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalm – 137

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Gospel – Luke 4: 21-30: 1-11

## Intentions

6pm Marion Burfield RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Penny Campbell 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: John Sharp, Florence Barnett, Margaret Fowler, Alec Woods, Joan Paradise, Nora Cooper, Patricia Tough, Elizabeth McGurk, Thomas Hallinan, William Searle, Andrea Freeman and Cliff Smith. 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 February :** 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  
AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN  
*faith, hope & love*  
BUT THE GREATEST  
OF THESE IS  
*Love*  
1st Corinthians 13:13

30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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# Newsletter

## Parish notices:

1. There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week or next week.
2. **STOP PRESS! The UCM Family Fun Quiz is back! We are delighted to be selling our Quiz Sheets at all weekend masses 5th/6th & 12th/13th February at £2 each. Please return them to us or to the Parish Office by Sunday 27th February. The results & answers will be available on 5th/6th March. First Prize is a Sweet Food Hamper. Good luck everyone!**

## Bereavement Support Group:

This group offers a hand of friendship to help you come to terms with the loss of our loved ones, either recently or in the past. The idea is to support you, and each other, in a small and informal setting, sharing experiences, confidentially and respectfully. You will be 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. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7 pm in the hall.** To find out more, please feel free to speak to one of us, whose names are on the poster in the foyer.

## Social Team Meeting:

We will be holding a meeting on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6.30pm in the hall.** **WE NEED YOU** "members old and new" to come along offering your skills and experience to make this year's Feast Day Celebrations the best Parish Family Get Together yet. If you are interested /interested but cannot make the meeting, please contact Tanya via the parish email or phone the office Tues or Thurs mornings.

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

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## Entrance Antiphon

*Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.*

## First reading

**Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19**

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.

## Psalm:

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**Response: My lips will tell of your help**

1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:

Pay heed to me and save me. #R

2 Be a rock where I can take refuge,

A mighty stronghold to save me:

For you are my rock, my stronghold.

Free me from the hand of the wicked. #R

3 It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,

My trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth,

from my mother's womb you have been my help. #R

4 My lips will tell of your justice

And day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth

And I proclaim your wonders still. #R

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 12: 21 – 13: 13**

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything,

and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and **the greatest of these is love.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!*

## Gospel

**Luke 4: 21-30**

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

## Communion Antiphon

*Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.*