

This Sunday (14th Jan) Readings

1st Reading – 1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19

Psalm – 39

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20

Gospel – John 1: 35-42

Intentions

6pm: Janet Butter (UCM Member) RIP

9am: Douglas Ward RIP

11am: The People of the Parish



14th January 2024

2nd Sunday Year B

Newsletter

Hymns for 11am Mass: 812, 285, 289, 663, 175

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am St Anthony

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

Liturgy of the Word

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Alfred Connel RIP

Confessions: Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (21st Jan) Readings

1st Reading – Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Psalm – 24

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel – Mark 1: 14-20

Intentions

6pm: Vera Guezenec RIP

9am: The People of the Parish

11am: Pat & Roger Massey RIP

4pm: **Mass in Polish: Andrzej Debek RIP**

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Bill Coleman and Agnieszka Markowska, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Terry Walton, Eric Douglas-Browne, Nellie Firth, Casandra Stranaghan, Douglas Ward, Doris O'Driscoll, Carrie Penfold, Kathleen Stafford, Thomas Evans, Alfred Humphries, Thomas Whelan, Ella Twomey, Rachel Salmon, Maureen Hanly, Patsy Baker, Stephen O'Neil, Nicholas Walton, Charlotte Davey, George Barrett and Anne Rowe. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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**

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: £50 = No. 260 – Margaret Ridgewell, £25 = No 26 – John Caruana

Parish Gift Aid Scheme: If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please contact Sandra Rocco on 07720 772089

PEACE SUNDAY 2024

For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. Then there are the fundamental concerns that Pope Francis raised when he announced his theme for the World Day of Peace: the need to be vigilant that a "logic of violence and discrimination" doesn't take root in the development of AI at the expense of the most fragile and excluded; that the advancement of AI does not fuel injustice and inequality and therefore conflict, and, of course, that AI is developed so that it serves humanity and the protection of our common home.

Parish notices:

1. The 2nd Collection this weekend is for the SPUC White Flower Appeal. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.
2. If anyone received unwanted gifts of toiletries this Christmas we would be very grateful if they could be donated to the parish for our next fundraising venture. Please bring them in and leave in the parish hall. Many thanks everyone.

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Parish News

RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a **Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024** or a **Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

DONATIONS TO MEDWAY FOODBANK

The donation box is available in the lobby for you to donate to the Foodbank all year round. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

UNITED PLAYERS PANTO – ROBIN HOOD

Postcards are available in the church lobby with dates and booking details. Book early as the matinees always get booked up quickly.

In these difficult times when finances are stretched to the limit, it is our Christian duty to help others. If you need financial support, please call. Fr. Pawel on the parish mobile or speak to him confidentially in person.



Community Events

Sun 14 Jan	2 nd Collection for the SPUC White Flower Appeal
Mon 15 Jan	Messy Church at 8.45am in the parish hall Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 16 Jan	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 17 Jan	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY 2pm to 10pm
Thu 18 Jan	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 19 Jan	Children's Choir Practice in the church at 4.30pm Confirmation Class at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall
Sat 20 Jan	Baptism Course 10am to 12 noon
Sun 21 Jan	No 2 nd Collection this weekend. Liturgy Meeting after 11am Mass
Mon 22 Jan	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 23 Jan	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 24 Jan	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY 2pm to 10pm
Thu 25 Jan	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Finance Meeting in the Parish Office at 6.30pm Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 26 Jan	Children's Choir Practice in the church at 4.30pm Confirmation Class at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall
Sat 27 Jan	First Holy Communion Classes in Church and Hall at 10am
Sun 28 Jan	2 nd Collection this weekend for Racial Justice.

Prayer for Peace

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world! You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in the whole world. Please protect and send aid to those who are at-risk. We pray for peace - we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from these conflicts. We pray for an end to violence and war, we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this. Lord God, please help those in most need of your mercy. Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, pray for us! Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in all the world. Amen.