

## This Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> Jan) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Psalm – 24

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 143, 703, 862, 248**

### 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.*

### Communion Antiphon

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

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am St Francis de Sales

Thu 10am Conversion of St Paul

Fri 1.30pm

8 pm SS Timothy & Titus

Birthday Blessings Clare Fuller

Private Intention

Health & Wellbeing of Sue Holmes

Health & Wellbeing of Linda Pollard

**Funeral Mass in Polish for Agnieszka Markowska RIP**

Matthew Rocco RIP

**Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm**

### Confessions:

**Fridays 7.15pm to 7.50pm and Saturdays 5.15pm to 5.45pm**

## Next Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> Jan) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalm – 94

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Gospel – Mark 1: 21-28

## Intentions

6pm: Ron & Pauline Digiden RIP

9am: The People of the Parish

11am: Ted Chambers RIP

## Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Agnieszka Markowska, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Kathleen Keen, Christopher Taylor, Stephen May, Johanna Woods, Helen O'Brien, Jack Le Duc, Brenda Batten, Rose Mason, Josie Morris, Kerry Burton, Philadelphia Turner, Doris Evans, Stanley Moran, Milu Ham, Laura Howarth, Mollie Avery, William Hockney, Bernard Blenkhams, George Nye, Charles Morris, Marianna Beadle, Marie Cushion, Dorothy Roche and Fred King. 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

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Newsletter

## Sunday of the Word of God 2024

“... It is fitting, then that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness. Consequently, I hereby declare that the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity”

*(Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter, Aperuit Illis, nos 2-3, dated September 30, 2019)*

## Parish notices:

1. There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week. Next week it is for Racial Justice.
2. On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am - First Holy Communion Class for children and parents.

## **RED MISSION BOXES**

Please could people bring their boxes to Mass next weekend 27/28 January and give them to me, Adrian Hockney, before you enter the church. **Please do not leave any boxes in the church.** If you are unable to bring them next weekend and your boxes are full 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 3/4 February. Thank you.

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

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Mrs V Ebdon 01634 864701

## Parish News

### UNWANTED GIFTS OF TOILETRIES

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.

### A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES

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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE

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. For more info contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: <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 21 Jan	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend. <b>Liturgy Team Meeting after 11am Mass</b>
Mon 22 Jan	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Tue 23 Jan	<b>Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Wed 24 Jan	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY 2pm to 10pm</b>
Thu 25 Jan	<b>Craft Group Meeting at 1.30 in the parish hall</b> <b>Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only</b> <b>Finance Meeting in the Parish Office at 6.30pm</b> <b>Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm</b>
Fri 26 Jan	<b>Funeral Mass in Polish for Agnieszka Markowska RIP at 1.30pm</b> <b>Children's Choir Practice in the church at 4.30pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall</b>
Sat 27 Jan	<b>First Holy Communion Classes in Church and Hall at 10am</b>
Sun 28 Jan	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend for Racial Justice.</b>
Mon 29 Jan	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Tue 30 Jan	<b>Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Wed 31 Jan	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY 2pm to 10pm</b>
Thu 1 Feb	<b>Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only</b> <b>Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm</b>
Fri 2 Feb	<b>Children's Choir Practice in the church at 4.30pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall</b>
Sun 4 Feb	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend for Development Fund</b>

### 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.