

## This 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 Digden RIP

9am: The People of the Parish

11am: Ted Chambers RIP



# Parish Of St Simon Stock



28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B

## Newsletter

### RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The theme of Racial Justice Sunday in England and Wales in 2024 is 'Seeing one another in the life of the Church'. Among the saints are those who remembered the words of Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right. They shall be satisfied." And then they spent their lives working that everyone would be treated justly, with fairness and without discrimination. May we too, like them, see one another in the life of the Church.

#### Parish notices:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for Racial Justice. Next Week it is for the Development Fund.
2. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is a Feast of Presentation of the Lord Candlemas at 8 pm.

### RED MISSION BOXES

Please hand your boxes Adrian Hockney, before you enter the church. **Please do not leave any boxes in the church.** If you have a full boxes but didn't bring it, please contact Adrian (Tel: 01634 862877; or email: [adrianhockney@btinternet.com](mailto:adrianhockney@btinternet.com)) and he will arrange to collect them. Boxes will be returned next weekend 3/4 February. Thank you.

**With Lent fast approaching (Ash Wednesday is 14<sup>th</sup> February) we are preparing our Lenten services. As usual, during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.15pm and Mondays after morning Mass. We are looking for volunteers to lead the Friday evening Stations of the Cross sessions. If you are interested, please let Josie in the office know which Friday you would like to lead. Thank you.**

Priest: Fr Pawel Sobol, 5, Bleakwood Road, Walderslade, Kent. ME5 0NF. Email: [pawelsobol@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:pawelsobol@rcaos.org.uk)

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

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St Thomas More

Mrs V Ebdon 01634 864701

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 606, 608, 72, 568**

#### Entrance Antiphon

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

#### 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.*

Mon 10am Feria

Margaret Fowler RIP

Tue 10am Feria

Private intention

Wed 10am St John Bosco

Hazel Trujillo

**Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm**

Thu 10am

Private Intention Pearson Family

Fri 8 pm Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Birthday Blessings for Maria

#### Confessions:

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

## Next Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Feb) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm –

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel – Mark 1: 29-39

## Intentions

6pm: In Thanks to Les & Kim Boulton

9am: The People of the Parish

11am: Ted Chambers RIP

## Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Edward Hoffland, Norris McCoy, Annie O'Brien, John Sharp, Florence Barnett, Margaret Fowler, Alec Woods, Joan Paradise, Nora Cooper, Patricia Tough, Elizabeth McGurk, Thomas Hallinan and William Searle. 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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## 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.

### INVITATION: CATHOLIC MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Catholic men are invited to an evening retreat to prepare for Lent and Easter, led by experienced spiritual director, Fr Gerard Bradley. Eucharistic adoration and Benediction, Rosary, silent prayer, two preached meditations, and Confession available. Includes a short tea break. Friday 9th February, 7.15pm-9pm, St Michael's Parish, Chatham.

**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 28 Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend for Racial Justice.
Mon 29 Jan	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 30 Jan	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 31 Jan	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY 2pm to 10pm</b>
Thu 1 Feb	<b>Parish Pastoral Council at 6.30pm in the Parish Office</b> <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>NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK</b> <b>Confirmation Class at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall</b>
Sun 4 Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend for Development Fund Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass
Mon 5 Feb	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 6 Feb	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 7 Feb	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY 2pm to 10pm</b>
Thu 8 Feb	<b>Parish Social Committee at 6.30pm in the Parish Office</b> <b>Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only</b> <b>Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm</b>
Fri 9 Feb	<b>CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY</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>
Sun 11 Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend for CAFOD Fast Day

### 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.