

This Sunday (4th Feb) Readings

1st Reading – Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm – 137

2nd 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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



4th February 2024

5th Sunday Year B

Newsletter

Hymns for 11am Mass: 347, 870, 578, 891, 559

Entrance Antiphon

*O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.*

Communion Antiphon

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.*

Mon 10am St Agatha

Tue 10am SS Paul Miki and Companions

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8 pm Feria

Anne Mullen RIP

Private Intention

In Thanksgiving for Lynne Pearson

Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm

Melville Burgess RIP

Wellbeing of Alfredo & Tricia De Vergori

Confessions:

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

Next Sunday (11th Feb) Readings

1st Reading – Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46

Psalm –

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11: 1

Gospel – Mark 1: 40-45

Intentions

6pm: Frank O'Loughlin RIP

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Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Andrea Freeman, Cliff Smith, Stuart Long, Ron Chester, John Foley, Ronald Johnson, Nella Firth, Hugh O'Brien, Kathleen Letley, Jack Ulph, Agnes Harrington, Stephen Mazza, Frederick King, Derick Goldsmith, Kay Chester, Melville Burgess, Maxine Arscott, Frank O'Loughlin & Martin Sullivan. 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. Feb winners: £50 = No. 288 Sandra Rocco £25 = No.151 Helen Rowe

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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BIG THANKS FROM THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
We have received a lovely message from the Catholic Children's Society after the presents we collected under the Christmas Tree were collected last week.
"Thank you for all your efforts. The number of gifts collected was amazing, we were delighted. It is very kind of you all to promote CCS and our Christmas appeal in your parish and we are grateful because we see first-hand the happiness it brings children and their families."

Parish notices:

1. 2nd Collection this week is for the Development Fund. Next week there is no 2nd collection.
2. **RED MISSION BOXES** - Please collect your box if you handed it in last week.

With Lent fast approaching (Ash Wednesday is 14th 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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February.**

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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 - or visit 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.

PLANT STALL

We are planning to have a Plant Stall at our Feast Day celebrations in May so when you are planting seeds / taking cuttings please do some for the plant stall.

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 4 Feb	2 nd 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	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY 2pm to 10pm
Thu 8 Feb	Parish Social Committee at 6.30pm in the Parish Office Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 9 Feb	Children's Choir Practice in the church at 4.30pm Confirmation Class at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall
Sun 11 Feb	No 2 nd Collection this weekend
Mon 12 Feb	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 13 Feb	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group Meeting in Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 14 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY NO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY
Thu 15 Feb	Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 16 Feb	Children's Choir Practice in the church at 4.30pm Confirmation Class at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall
Sun 18 Feb	No 2 nd Collection Clergy Support Found Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass

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.