

This Sunday (12th Jan) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Psalm – 29

2nd Reading – Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

Gospel – Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Intentions

6pm Big thanks & God's blessings for Les & Kim Boulton

9am God's Blessings on the Kisambira Family

11am The People of the Parish

Hymns for 11am Mass: 241, 530, 585, 663, 643, 244

Ent Antiphon: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Psalm response: *Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!*

Alleluia, Alleluia He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.. Alleluia

Comm Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Liturgy of the Word

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Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm St Anthony

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (19th Jan) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm – 96

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel – John 2: 1-11

6pm Gerrad Stanislaus & Mary Angela Takaendisa RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Deceased members of Massey & Carter Fams

4pm Mass in Polish - Stanislaw Stepien RIP

Intentions

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Shirley Flynn, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Betty Reed, George Fitzgibbon, Frank Dowle, Patricia McCoy, John Corcoran, Raymond Johnson, Peter Catchpole, Terry Walton, Eric Douglas-Browne, Nellie Firth, Cassandra Stranaghan, Douglas Ward, Doris O'Driscoll, Carrie Penfold, Kathleen Stafford, Thomas Evans, Alfred Humphries, Thomas Whelan, Ella Twomey, Rachel Salmon, Maureen Hanley, & Patsy Baker. 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. Dec Winners: £100 Sandra Rocco, £50 Ibe Vincent, £25 Maureen Searle.

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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Parish Of St Simon Stock



12th January 2025

Baptism of the Lord Yr C

Newsletter

Parish Notices:

1. There is still a box next to the crib for donations for the Catholic Children's Society. This weekend 2nd collection is for Development Fund. There is no 2nd collection next weekend.
2. The next Baptism Course will be next Saturday 18th January 2025 at 10am to 1pm in the parish hall.

INDULGENCES IN THE HOLY YEAR 2025

During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 all the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins in the following way - pilgrimages to a designated Jubilee Church or Shrine and there by devoutly participating in Holy Mass or a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (office of readings, lauds, vespers); the Via Crucis; the Marian Rosary; the recitation of the Akathist hymn; a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents. The designated churches in Kent are as follows:

- St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury
- Our Lady of Hartley, Hartley
- The Friars, Shrine of Our Lady and St Simon Stock, Aylesford
- St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate
- St Jude's Shrine, Faversham

More information about celebration of Jubilee Year you can find hear:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/faith/jubilee-2025/>

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St Thomas More

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Parish News

100 CLUB

Can we please remind all those who subscribe to our 100 Club that your yearly subscription of £12 per number is due before the end of Feb 2025.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

The choir is looking for a pianist to accompany them at their Thursday evening rehearsals 8-9pm. It does not have to be a weekly commitment we would be happy to have someone to play once or twice a month. We also need guitarists to help play at our Masses on 4th Sunday every other month. If you would like to help us out or know someone who can please let Josie know on 07915601076.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT

Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.com.

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.

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2025

Come and find out and ask questions about the Lourdes diocesan Pilgrimage which will take place in August 22-28th, 2025. The meeting will take place at St Henry & St Elisabeth Church, 53 Broadway, Sheppey, ME121TS, at 2pm on Saturday, January 25th 2025, at the kind invitation of Fr Aklilu PP. This jubilee year is the perfect opportunity for us to travel together "on pilgrimage" with Our Lady of Lourdes. Bishop Paul Hendricks and Dcn John Fogarty will have lots of information about the pilgrimage to share with you on the day and we look forward to seeing you there. Please let Dcn John know if you would like to attend or if you would like more information. Dcn John Fogarty, 07851019134 or johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk

GRIEF IN LOSS

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ retreat for the bereaved - Aylesford Priory 21-23 March 2025 and 10-12 Oct 2025

When I need help...



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 12 Jan	2 nd Collection for Development Found CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS TODAY
Mon 13 Jan	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 14 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm There will be no meeting for the Bereavement Support Group
Wed 15 Jan	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 16 Jan	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 17 Jan	Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 18 Jan	Baptism Course 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall Discovery Course in the Parish Hall from 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Sun 19 Jan	No 2 nd Collection
Mon 20 Jan	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 21 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 22 Jan	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 23 Jan	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 24 Jan	Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm Adoration Team Meeting in Parish Office at 7pm
Sat 25 Jan	Discovery Course in the Parish Hall from 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Sun 26 Jan	Collection for SPUC White Flower Appeal 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.