

This 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

Hymns for 11am Mass: 484, 23, 585, 862, 398

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

Psalm response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Alleluia, Alleluia! God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia

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

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am St Agnes

Wed 10am Feria

Douglas Ward RIP

Private Intention

Antony Duffy RIP

Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm St Francis de Sales

Birthday Blessings Clare Fuller

Matthew Rocco RIP

CONFESSIONS

Friday 7.15pm to 7.50pm and Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (26th Jan) Readings

1st Reading – Nehemiah 8: 2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm – 19

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel – Luke 1: 1-4, ; 4: 14-21

Intentions

6pm Brian Mackey RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Pat & Roger Massey RIP

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: Stephen McNeil, Nicholas Walton, Charlotte Davey, George Barrett, Anne Rowe, Margret Abolaji Omosanya, Kathleen Keen, Christopher Taylor, Stephen May, Johanna Woods, Helen O'Brien, Jack Le Duc, Brenda Batten, Rose Mason, Josie Morris, Kerry Burton, Philadelphia Turmer, Doris Evans, Stanley Moran, Milu Ham, Laura Howarth and Mollie Avery. 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. 135 = Joan Pearce £25 No. 74 = Les Boulton

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 Of St Simon Stock



19th January 2025

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Newsletter

Parish Notices:

1. There is no 2nd collection this weekend. Next weekend it is for SPUC White Flower Appeal.

2. "CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT" – HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

In 2023, we began the "Called to Bear Fruit" journey, focused on listening, collaboration, and renewal in a spirit of synodality. We started by listening to our clergy, and now the Archbishop asks us, his sisters and brothers in Christ, to share our thoughts. What signs of vitality do we see in our parish? What challenges do we perceive? How can we, as clergy, laity, consecrated people, and neighbouring parishes, work together to strengthen the Church's mission?

The Archbishop asks for your help in two ways:

1. **Pray for the renewal of our Archdiocese.** Let us join together in asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom during this Jubilee Year of Hope.
2. **Participate in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation.** A booklet outlining six key themes is available at Mass today. The Archbishop encourages us to gather in small groups to reflect prayerfully on these themes and share our insights with the team. The booklet contains all the details for participation. Please take one, reflect on the themes prayerfully, and consider gathering together to share your insights with others.

RED MISSIO BOX HOLDERS:

Please could people with red missio boxes bring them to mass next weekend 25/26 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) and I will arrange to collect them. I will leave your empty boxes on the table in the porch to be collected 1/2 February. Thank you."

Priest: Fr Pawel Sobol, 5, Bleakwood Road, Walderslade, Kent. ME5 ONF. Email: pawelsobol@rcaos.org.uk

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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.

CARDS NEEDED

Don't throw away your old religious Christmas cards please bring them into church for our parish card makers to use to make unique hand-made cards to raise money for the parish. We also need Easter cards so if you have any please bring them in as well. Thank you.

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

THE BOOK LAUNCH – "THE ROMERO ROSARY"

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled **The Romero Rosary**. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the **NEW Romero Mysteries** (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishop warmly invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm** at **Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.**



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

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| 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 | 1 ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS IN CHURCH & HALL 10AM 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 |
| Mon 27 Jan | Rosary on Zoom at 6pm |
| Tue 28 Jan | Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm |
| Wed 29 Jan | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm |
| Thu 30 Jan | Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church. |
| Fri 31 Jan | Funeral Shirley Flynn RIP at 10.30am Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm |
| Sat 1 Feb | Discovery Course in the Parish Hall from 4.30pm to 5.30pm |
| Sun 2 Feb | 2 nd Collection for Development Fund |

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.