

## This Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> Jan) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Nehemiah 8: 2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm –19

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 477, 678, 585, 730, 268**

**Ent 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.*

**Psalm response:** *Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia**

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

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am St Thomas Aquinas

Wed 10am Feria

Olive Synnott RIP

Private Intention

Margaret Fowler RIP

**Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm**

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 10.30am FUNERAL MASS SHIRLEY FLYNN RIP

8pm St John Bosco

Christmas Blessings Sylvia Stenhouse

Christmas Blessings Mavis Westbrook

## CONFESSIONS

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

## Next Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm –24

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel – Luke 2: 22-40

## Intentions

6pm Frank O'Loughlin RIP

9am God's Blessing on the Kisambira Family

11am The People of the Parish

## 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: William Hockney, Bernard Blenkhorn, George Nye, Charles Morris, Marianna Beadle, Marie Cushion, Dorothy Roche, Fred King, Edward Hoffland, Norris McCoy, Annie O'Brien, John Sharp, Florence Barnett, Margaret Fowler, Alec Woods, Joan Paradise, Johanna McAuliffe, Nora Cooper, Patricia Tough & Elizabeth McGurk. 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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26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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## Newsletter

### Parish Notices:

1. This Sunday in the Catholic Church is celebrated Sunday of the Word of God. Church reminds us how important is for us our daily relation with Holy Scripture – Bible. I would like to express grateful thanks to all readers who read for us the Word of God during Mass. If you want join to readers rota please contact Josie in the parish office.

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for SPUC White Flower Appeal. The White Flower Appeal is dedicated to protecting unborn children and promoting the right to life in society. The donations we receive allows SPUC to continue our tireless work to build a culture of life. **Next Weekend it is for Development Fund.**

3. "CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT" – HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE  
The Archbishop asks for your help in two ways: 1) Pray for the renewal of our Archdiocese 2) Participate in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. A booklet outlining six key themes is still available at Mass today. Please take one, reflect on the themes prayerfully, and consider gathering together to share your insights with others.

4. There is a Finance Committee Meeting this Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. If anyone has any questions to put to the committee, please put them in the box on the table in the porch as you come into church. Thank you.

### RED MISSIO BOX HOLDERS:

Please hand in your boxes to me today and do not leave any boxes in the church. If you are unable to bring them this 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. I will leave your empty boxes on the table in the porch to be collected next weekend. 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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## 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.

### SUPPORTING MEDWAY FOODBANK IN 2024

We're delighted to tell you that during the Year 2024 our Parish and two schools donated 1,551.4kg of food and essential items to Medway Foodbank. A wonderful achievement! This enables Medway Foodbank to continue to do their important work of providing three days of emergency food to individuals and families who find themselves in a time of crisis. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity towards others throughout the year

### ASSISTED SUICIDE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

All parishioners are invited to a special talk on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at St Michael's parish hall, Chatham. The speaker is Dr. Cajetan Skowronski, a specialist geriatric and palliative care doctor in the NHS, and national media commentator. He will discuss the serious dangers of the assisted suicide bill, healthcare realities, and what we can do. Educational literature available. Refreshments served. Car park on site. Chatham train station 30 seconds away.

### 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](http://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

Sun 26 Jan	Collection for SPUC White Flower Appeal <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b>
Mon 27 Jan	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Tue 28 Jan	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Wed 29 Jan	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm</b>
Thu 30 Jan	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only <b>Finance Committee meeting in Parish Office at 6pm</b> Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 31 Jan	<b>Funeral Shirley Flynn RIP at 10.30am</b> 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 4.15pm to 5.30pm
Sun 2 Feb	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Development Fund</b>
Mon 3 Feb	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Tue 4 Feb	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b> <b>UCM AGM in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm</b>
Wed 5 Feb	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm</b>
Thu 6 Feb	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 7 Feb	Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 8 Feb	Discovery Course in the Parish Hall from 4.15pm to 5.30pm
Sun 9 Feb	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</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.