

This Sunday (2nd Feb) Readings

1st Reading – Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm – 24

2nd 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

Hymns for 11am Mass: 253, 703, 585, 891, 388

Ent Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Psalm response: *The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!*

Alleluia, Alleluia! A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Comm Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Mon 10am St Laurence of Canterbury **Blessing of Throats** Birthday Blessings Tanya Wilkins

Tue 10am Feria Pasqualina Scalera RIP

Wed 10am St Agatha

Liturgy of the Word

Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm

Thu 10am SS Paul Miki & Comp.

Liturgy of the Word

Fri 8pm Feria

Liturgy of the Word

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (9th Feb) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 6: 1-2, 3-8

Psalm – 138

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Gospel – Luke 5: 1-11

Intentions

6pm Big thanks & God's Blessing on Les & Kim Boulton

9am The People of the Parish

11am Wellbeing of Mavis Westbrook

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Thomas Hallinan, William Searle, Andrea Freeman, Cliff Smith, Stuart Long, Ron Chester, John Foley, Ron Johnson, Nella Firth, Hugh O'Brien, Kathleen Letley, Jack Ulph, Agnes Harrington, Stephen Mazza & Frederick King. 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



2nd February 2025

Presentation of the Lord C

Newsletter

Sunday, February 2, 2025, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a time that the church celebrates when Mary and Joseph brought the Child Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated to God. Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph acted in obedience to the law, inspiring us to strive to be more obedient to God's will in our own lives. When the couple met Simeon in the Temple, Simeon called the Holy Child "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles" (Luke 2:25-32). These words are the basis for the custom of blessing candles – representing the Light of Christ – on this feast day, also known as Candlemas. **ADULTS ONLY, please take a candle from the church lobby and bring it into church for the blessing at the beginning of the Mass.**

Parish Notices:

1. 2nd collection this weekend for the Development Fund. There is no 2nd collection next weekend.
2. On Monday 3rd February at the end of 10am Mass we will have the Blessing of Throats for St Blaise's day.

FREE WORKSHOPS WITH THE CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

We are delighted that, due to the generosity of donors to the Archbishop's Appeal and the Franciscan University, every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. This offering is free to everyone until 30 September 2025. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

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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.

A LUNCHTIME BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT ASSISTANT AT ST BENEDICTS SCHOOL

Please see noticeboard for details. Closing Date Fri 21st Feb. Start Monday 10th March 2025.

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

All parishioners are invited to a special talk on Thursday 13th 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. 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 2 Feb	2 nd Collection for Development Fund
Mon 3 Feb	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 4 Feb	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM AGM in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 5 Feb	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
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 nd Collection this weekend CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 10 Feb	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 11 Feb	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group in Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 12 Feb	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 13 Feb	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 14 Feb	Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 15 Feb	Discovery Course in the Parish Hall from 4.15pm to 5.30pm
Sun 16 Feb	2 nd Collection for Racial Justice

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.