

## This Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> Feb) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Psalm –1

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel – Luke 5: 17, 20-26

9am Wellbeing of & big thanks to Les & Kim Boulton

11am The people of the Parish

4pm Mass in Polish Aleksandra & Wladyslaw Stepien RIP

## Intentions

6pm Jackie Harris RIP

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 143, 90, 585, 285, 395**

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

**Psalm response:** *In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia!**

**Comm 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 Scholastica

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Liturgy of the Word

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**Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm**

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius

Liturgy of the Word

Christmas Blessings Alfredo & Tricia de Vergori

## CONFESSIONS

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

## Next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 13-13, 22-33

Psalm –103

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Gospel – Luke 5: 27-38

6pm Jackie Harris RIP

9am Wellbeing of & big thanks to Les & Kim Boulton

11am The people of the Parish

## Intentions

### Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Derick Goldsmith, Kay Chester, Melville Burgess, Maxine Arscott, Christine Waller, Frank O'Loughlin, Martin Sullivan, Maria Piper, Robert Davison, Margaret Hoare, Carmel O'Flaherty, Maria-Rita West, Mary Lee & Caroline Nelson. 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. 107 Margaret Harris £25 = No. 232 UCM

**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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9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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# Newsletter

**PLEASE WELCOME FR MICHAEL RYAN WHO WILL BE SAYING ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND.**

1. There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend. Next weekend it is for Racial Justice

### 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>

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE**

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW & 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.

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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.

### A LUNCHTIME BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT ASSISTANT AT ST BENEDICTS SCHOOL

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

### 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 9 Feb	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b>
Mon 10 Feb	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Tue 11 Feb	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b> <b>Bereavement Support Group in Parish Hall at 7pm</b>
Wed 12 Feb	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm</b>
Thu 13 Feb	<b>Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only</b> <b>Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.</b>
Fri 14 Feb	<b>Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church</b> <b>Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm</b>
Sat 15 Feb	<b>Discovery Course in the Parish Hall from 4.15pm to 5.30pm</b>
Sun 16 Feb	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Racial Justice</b>
Mon 17 Feb	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Tue 18 Feb	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Wed 19 Feb	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm</b>
Thu 20 Feb	<b>Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only</b> <b>Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.</b>
Fri 21 Feb	<b>Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church</b> <b>Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm</b>
Sat 22 Feb	<b>Discovery Course in the Parish Hall from 4.15pm to 5.30pm</b>
Sun 23 Feb	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Clergy Support Fund</b> <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b> <b>Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Office after 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.