

This Sun (30th Nov) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm –122

2nd Reading –Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel – Matthew 24: 37-44

Intentions

6pm The Holy Souls RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am In Thanksgiving (Ryder/Spellman Families)



Parish Of St Simon Stock



30th November 2025



1st Sunday Advent Yr A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 522, 243, 131, 585, 472, 373

Ent Antiphon To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Psalm response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.*

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia! Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation Alleluia.*

Comm: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am St Francis Xavier

Thu 10am Feria

Fri

8pm Feria

Birthday blessings Frances Jerstice

Christmas Blessings Janet & Malcolm King

Christmas Blessings Josie & Nick Ryder

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Liturgy of the Word

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7PM TO 8PM

Martin Diddams RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday 7.15pm to 7.45pm Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sun (7th Dec) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm –72

2nd Reading –Romans 15: 4 - 9

Gospel – Matthew 3: 1-12

Intentions

6pm Christmas Blessings on Lynne Pearson

9am The People of the Parish

11am Christmas Blessings on Mary Chambers

Sunday Collection – With grateful thanks for your generosity

16/11/25 1st Coll GA £86 Non GA £176.86 2nd Coll Non GA 90.86 (Dev Fund)

23/11/25 1st Coll GA £192 Non GA £180.03 2nd Coll GA 9.65 Non GA 54.70 (Cath Youth)

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Michael McGreevy, Gordon Smart, Rose Gleeson, Paul Stevens, Charles White, Terence Smith, Desmond Devine, Terry Rough, Michael Rogerson, Ellen Mangham, Edward Fuggel, Bob Boulton, Maurice Roche, William Gilbert, Mary Chaplin, Pomeroy Family RIP, Elsie Tomlin, Daphne Brooker, Margaret Child, Leonard Chawner & Anne Brace. 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., and 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. Nov Winners **£50** = No 138 Helen Aird **£25** = No 156 Ann Stanton-Wharmby

Parish Gift Aid Scheme: If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please contact Sandra Rocco on 07720 772089

Today, we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent in preparation for the Feast of Christmas. Advent is a penitential time, though not so severe as Lent, and this is why there are no flowers in the Church. And we also refrain from using Gloria during Mass as another way of distinguishing the season. You will also see that the colour of the priest's vestment is now purple, like the purple worn in Lent. Last year we worked our way through St Luke's Gospel and this year we see the life of Christ from the perspective of Matthew the evangelist. This is a great enrichment for us.

Congratulations to Fr Pawel Sobel for his induction as Parish Priest of St Bedes in Clapham Common.

Also a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Fayre such a success – the fund raising committee/organisers (especially Tanya) , stallholders, cake bakers, crafters, punch makers/servers, those who came and spent their hard-earned cash. Special thanks go to the St Thomas More school choir and teachers for the beautiful carol singing to entertain us all.

Fr Joseph Donkor

From Saturday 13th December we will start to have Communion under both kinds at all weekend Masses. We will therefore need Eucharistic Ministers so please contact the office to let Josie or Tanya know your availability.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for our lovely Christmas hampers.

Tickets will be on sale after every weekend Mass. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 14th December after 11am Mass.

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Parish News

ETIPHANY CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY AT 3PM

Last year we invited our different parish communities to sing a carol in their own language and we had Italian, Polish and Ghanaian carols. But it would be great to have more communities represented this year. If you would like to take part please contact Josie on 07915601076.

HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS

These are available after all Masses from now on.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY / NATIVITY AT 6PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Children's Liturgy will be held every Sunday during 11am Mass during Advent and there will be a practice from 10.15am till 10.50am for the children's Nativity at the Christmas Eve 6pm Mass. If your child wishes to take part please come to the first practice this Sunday.

THERE WILL BE NO ADVENT CAROL SERVICE THIS YEAR

Instead from this Sunday we will be having a gathering hymn/music before 11am Mass at 10.55am during Advent.

BEREAVMENT SUPPORT GROUP (by appointment)

We usually meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the hall. If you would like to come along please let us have your details through the church email and we will put you in touch with one of the members of the group to discuss arrangements for attending.

POST OF SACRISTAN FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

We need a volunteer to be Sacristan for the weekday Masses. Fr will offer any training needed. A DBS will be required for this post.

PARISH OFFICE WORKING HOURS

Josie works Wed 10am to 3pm and Fri 10.30am to 3.30pm. Tanya works Mon and Thurs 9am to 1pm. Sandra Rocco will be working in the office on Tuesdays 10am to 1pm.

NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNORS AT ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Mr Simon D'Souza, Chair of Governors on dsous054@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk or his personal mobile number on 0792 5326 059.

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

on Tues eves from 18th Nov 7pm-9pm for anyone who wishes to see him about anything Ring Josie or Tanya in the office to make an appointment.

EXTRA WEEKLY ADORATION SESSION

On Friday evenings 7pm to 8pm from this week (5th December)

Community Events

Sun 30 Nov	No 2 nd Collection CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 1 Dec	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Beavers in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm RCIA in the Parish Office at 7.30pm
Tue 2 Dec	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm DROP IN SESSION WITH FR JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE 7-9PM
Wed 3 Dec	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 4 Dec	Cubs & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 5 Dec	Children's choir today at 4.30pm in the Church Confirmation in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7pm to 8pm
Sun 7 Dec	2 nd Collection for Church Christmas Decorations CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 8 Dec	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Beavers in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm No RCIA today
Tue 9 Dec	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group in Parish Hall 7pm DROP IN SESSION WITH FR JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE 7-9PM
Wed 10 Dec	Funeral of Eutrice Ali at 12 Noon EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 11 Dec	Cubs & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 12 Dec	Children's choir today at 4.30pm in the Church EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7pm to 8pm
Sat 13 Dec	RECONCILIATION CLASSES IN CHURCH & HALL 10AM
Sun 14 Dec	2 nd Collection for Organist for Midnight Mass 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.