

## This Sun (7<sup>th</sup> 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



# Parish Of St Simon Stock



7<sup>th</sup> December 2025



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent Yr A

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 243, 575, 891, 585, 663, 268**

**Ent Antiphon** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Psalm response:** *In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

**Gospel Acc:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.*

**Comm:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Mon 10am The Immaculate Conception

Christmas Blessings on Mavis Westbrook

Tue 10am Feria

Christmas Blessings on Tanya & Family

Wed 10am Feria

Christmas Blessings Alfredo & Tricia & Family

12 noon

**FUNERAL OF EUTRICE KIM ALI**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Thu 10am Feria

Matthew Rocco RIP

Fri

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7PM TO 8PM**

8pm Feria

Happy Heavenly Birthday Josef Mihal RIP

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

## Next Sun (14<sup>th</sup> Dec) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 35: 1-6,10

Psalm –146

2nd Reading –James 5: 7-10

Gospel – Matthew 11: 2-11

## Intentions

6pm Christmas Blessings on Martin & Denise Smith

9am The People of the Parish

11am Christmas Blessings on Marie Alston

**Sunday Collection 30/11/25 – With grateful thanks for your generosity**

1<sup>st</sup> Coll GA £66 Non GA £204.80

## Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Dominic Wood, Brian Giddings, Jackie Bogyle, Ernest Wise, Florence Sinclair, William Cullen, Charles Gould, Charles Temple, John Kierans, Pauline Wellman, Fred Blick, P. M Strong, Vi Fuchter, Molly Nolan & Daniel O'Driscoll. 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. Dec Winners £100 No 325 Chuks Uwaechia £50 No 242 Dermot Bassett £25 No 323 Chuks Uwaechia

**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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This Sunday's readings offer a clear Advent route. We learn from Isaiah to hope boldly, trusting that God brings new life from our deepest losses. From Paul, we learn to nurture this hope together, making it real through patient welcome and communal endurance shaped by scripture. From John the Baptist, we are summoned to personal honesty, to repent and produce the good fruit that proves our hearts are turned towards God. These readings call us away from passive waiting to active preparation: to believe in God's promise, to build up his community, and to cleanse our own lives, so that we may truly welcome the coming Lord. *Fr Joseph Donkor*

From next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 next weekend Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December after 11am Mass.

## Message from Fr Pawel:

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who travelled last Saturday to London, to St Bede's Parish in Clapham Park, for my Induction as Parish Priest. Thank you for your prayers, your thoughtful gifts, and the wonderful testimony of faith and enthusiasm you shared. Many of my new parishioners have already expressed how deeply moved they were by your presence and joyful spirit. I am also very grateful for the kindness you showed to my parents—thank you for embracing them with such warmth. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, friendship, and support. Last Tuesday I offered Holy Mass for all of you, and I continue to keep you in my prayers and in a special place in my heart.

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**Please note: Parish Office is located in the new church extension**

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## Parish News

### EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 practices.

### PRESENTS UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

We will be collecting children's presents under the tree again this year and they will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society at our Epiphany Carol Service.

### BEREAVMENT SUPPORT GROUP (by appointment)

We usually meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm-9pm for anyone who wishes to see him about anything Ring Josie or Tanya in the office to make an appointment.

### POINSETTIAS

If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one please leave them in the kitchen the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Community Events

Sun 7 Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Church Christmas Decorations <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b>
Mon 8 Dec	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Beavers in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm <b>No RCIA today</b>
Tue 9 Dec	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group in Parish Hall 7pm <b>DROP IN SESSION WITH FR JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE 7-9PM</b>
Wed 10 Dec	Funeral of Eutrice Kim Ali at 12 Noon <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
Thu 11 Dec	Cubs & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 12 Dec	<b>No Children's choir until January</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7pm to 8pm</b>
Sat 13 Dec	<b>RECONCILIATION CLASSES IN CHURCH &amp; HALL 10AM</b>
Sun 14 Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Organist for Midnight Mass <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b>
Mon 15 Dec	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Beavers in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm <b>Keeping the Fires Burning 7.30 to 9pm in the Parish Hall</b>
Tue 16 Dec	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Advent Reflections by Fr Joseph in Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 17 Dec	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
Thu 18 Dec	Cubs & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 19 Dec	<b>ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE 7-8PM IN CHURCH</b>
Sun 21 Dec	<b>No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today</b> <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.