

This Sun (4th Jan) Readings

1st Reading –Sirach 24: 1-2, 8-12

Psalm –147

2nd Reading –Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18

Gospel – John 1: 1-18

Intentions

6pm Health & Wellbeing of Alfredo & Tricia De Vergori

9am The People of the Parish

11am New Year Blessings on Fr Pawel Sobol



Parish Of St Simon Stock



4th January 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas Yr A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 55, 310, 585, 692, 151, 520

Ent Antiphon: When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

Psalm response: *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.*

Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia.

Comm: To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Epiphany of the Lord

8pm

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

With Special Thanks to Sandra Rocco

Annie & Hugh O'Brien RIP

The People of the Parish

Birthday Blessings Lynne Pearson

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Paula Rough RIP

Mick Canham RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (11th Jan) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm –29

2nd Reading –Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel – Matthew 3: 13-17

Intentions

6pm Wellbeing of Chris and Minnie Jones

9am Anna Chenley RIP

11am The People of the Parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Christopher Kerwick, Michael Daly, Winifred Hendy, Minnie May, Paula Conroy, Laval Ah-Choy, Ian Baker, Nancy Connelly, Damiano Buffo, Winnie Mead, Audrey Philpott, Theresa Ashley, Shirley Corderey, Alfie Misteldine, George Clarke, Fred Blick Ellen Keesse, Bernadette Halpin, William Goodall, Patricia Thorne, Gerard Kyne, Edward Penfold, Fred Michelmores, Jim Hanrahan & Sheila Beeching. 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

Happy New Year to all parishioners and their families. We extend a special welcome to all who have recently joined our parish and advise that they take a parish registration form to complete and then return to the parish office. I hope to see everyone at our Epiphany Carol Service this afternoon.

Fr Joseph Donkor

Epiphany Carol Service 4th January at 3pm

Please come and celebrate the manifestation of the Lord to the nations this afternoon at our carol service. Afterwards there will be mulled wine and light refreshments in the parish hall and a chance to enjoy a chat with friends.

NEXT TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. THERE WILL BE MASS AT 10AM AND 8PM

Young Adult Training Seminar

Interested in starting a young adult group or enhancing your current group? Join us on Saturday 17 January (2-6pm) at St. George's Cathedral for a training seminar. Hear from Fr John Church, Fr Royston Price and a number of representatives from young adult groups in London. A great opportunity to network and share best practice. Register your free place:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/yatraininh1>

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Parish News

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy resumes fortnightly from 11th January 2026 at 11am Mass

PRESENTS UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

We can still donate children's presents under the tree to be donated to the Catholic Children's Society at our Epiphany Carol Service this Sunday afternoon - please bring them with you to the carol service. Please do not wrap them as the Children's Society distributes them throughout the year to those in need.

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.

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

On Tues eves from 13th Jan 7pm-9pm for anyone who wishes to see him about anything Ring Josie or Tanya in the office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS 2026

Baptism preparation sessions will run on Saturday mornings, 10.00 – 13.00 approx. on 17th January, 18th April, 11th July and 17th October. If you would like your child to be baptised please let the office know which session you will be attending. Baptisms may take place by arrangement with Fr Joseph or Deacon Martin, and can be done during Mass or at a separate ceremony. Expectant parents can also attend the baptism sessions and we look forward to seeing you and welcoming our new members of this community at St Simon Stock.

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 Joseph on the parish mobile or speak to him confidentially in person.

Community Events

Sun 4 th Jan	No 2 nd Collection Epiphany Carol Service at 3pm
Mon 5 Jan	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm Rosary on Zoom at 6.30pm RCIA in the Parish Office at 7.30pm
Tue 6 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6.30pm
Wed 7 Jan	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 8 Jan	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 9 Jan	St Thomas More School Mass at 9.30am Confirmation in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm.
Sat 10 Jan	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office FIRST RECONCILIATIONS AT 11AM IN THE CHURCH
Sun 11 Jan	No 2 nd Collection today CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 12 Jan	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm Rosary on Zoom at 6.30pm RCIA in the Parish Office at 7.30pm
Tue 13 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6.30pm Bereavement Support Group in parish hall at 7pm Drop in sessions with Fr Joseph 7-9pm in parish office
Wed 14 Jan	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 15 Jan	Cubs & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 16 Jan	St Thomas More School Mass at 9.30am Confirmation in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm.
Sat 17 Jan	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
Sun 18 Jan	2 nd Collection for SPUC White Flower Appeal

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.