

This 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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



11th January 2026

Baptism of the Lord Yr A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 241, 285, 566, 585, 633, 661 (vs 1,2&5)

Ent Antiphon: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Psalm response: *The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Alleluia.*

Comm: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Fri

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7PM TO 8PM

8pm Feria

Blessings for Kretha & Jane

Wellbeing of Susie, Dan & Jude

Martin Diddams RIP

Health & Wellbeing of Tina Jackson

Martin Diddams RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (18th Jan) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

Psalm –40

2nd Reading –1 Corinthians 2: 1-3

Gospel – John 1: 29-34

Intentions

6pm Birthday Blessings Michael Jerstice

9am The People of the Parish

11am Collins Bruce-Baiden RIP

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Dorothy Tovey, Margaret Shanahan, Betty Reed, George Fitzgibbon, Frank Dowie, Patricia McCoy, John Corcoran, Raymond Johnson, Peter Catchpole, Doreen Whitby, Terry Walton, Eric Douglas-Browne, Nellie Firth, Casandra Stranaghan, Douglas Ward, Doris O'Driscoll, Kathleen Stafford, Carrie Penfold, Thomas Evans, Alfred Humphries & Thomas Whelan. 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

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Congratulations to our children doing the Reconciliation Communion programme who made their First Confessions this weekend. We thank their parents, teachers and catechists for their support and also the visiting priests who gave their time to help hear their confessions.

We also thank our 2 primary schools for their Epiphany Masses this week. The children were all very well prepared and read and sang beautifully. I would also like to thank all those who took part in our Epiphany Carol Service, those who served the drinks and prepared the food and for all of you who came to enjoy the service.

We therefore end the season of Christmas today with the Baptism of the Lord. In Christ, we realise “that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him”. Henceforth, it is all people that the Lord will bless with peace as resounds in the antiphon to the Responsorial Psalm. May the baptism of the Lord teach us the way to holiness as we follow in the footsteps of him who went to the Jordan to show his obedience to God’s will. *Fr Joseph Donkor*

There will be a short talk after the post Communion prayer about the Legion of Mary at all Masses this weekend.

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Parish News

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>

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer within our Parish. We are currently in the process of updating our records. You will soon receive a short survey to complete about your roles. Thank you for taking the time to complete it.

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 11 Jan	2 nd Collection today for the Development Fund 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	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 16 Jan	Confirmation in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm.
Sat 17 Jan	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office BAPTISM COURSE IN THE PARISH HALL 10AM -1PM
Sun 18 Jan	2 nd Collection for SPUC White Flower Appeal
Mon 19 Jan	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm Rosary on Zoom at 6.30pm Keeping the Fires Burning at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Tue 20 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6.30pm Drop in sessions with Fr Joseph 7-9pm in parish office
Wed 21 Jan	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 22 Jan	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 23 Jan	Confirmation in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm.
Sat 24 Jan	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office First Holy Communion Class in church and hall at 10am
Sun 25 Jan	2 nd Collection for SPUC White Flower Appeal 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.