

This 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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



18th January 2026

2nd Sunday of Yr A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 891, 636, 585, 151, 268

Ent Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm response: *Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia.*

Comm: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am St Agnes

Thu 10am Feria

Fri

8pm Feria

Deceased Members of Massey & Carter Families

Liturgy of the Word

Private Intention (Mineham)

In Thanksgiving (Pauline & Michael Jones)

Birthday Blessings Clare Fuller

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7PM TO 8PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (25th Jan) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalm –27

2nd Reading –1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Gospel – Matthew 4: 12-23

Intentions

6pm God's Blessings on Kyei-Poakwa Family

9am The People of the Parish

11am Pat & Roger Massey RIP

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Ella Twomey, Rachel Salmon, Maureen Hanly, Patsy Baker, Stephen McNeil, Nicholas Walton, Charlotte Davey, George Barrett, Anne Rowe, Margret Abolaji Omosanya, Kathleen Keen, Christopher Taylor, Stephen May, Johanna Woods, Helen O'Brien, Jack Le Duc, Brenda Batten, Rose Mason, Josie Morris, Kerry Burton, Philadelphia Turner, Doris Evans, Stanley Moran, Milu Ham and Laura Howarth. 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. Jan Winners: £50 No 10 Helen Burgess £25 No 44 Eileen Kehoe

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

Today's Mass we focus on our call, mission, and salvation. God said to Israel: "I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Like Israel and Jesus Christ, we also need to give our response to the call of God. The true light of the nations is Jesus Christ who leads us all to the Father and bestows on us a kingdom that is everlasting. We can share in this salvific grace if we heed the call of John the Baptist and follow the Lamb of God. Our response is given us in the antiphon to the Responsorial Psalm which says: "Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will". And finally, *if you would like your birthday/wedding anniversary etc to be acknowledged and celebrated at one of the weekend Masses please email the parish office and let us know by the Friday before the weekend.* *Fr Joseph Donkor*

St George's Cathedral Second Collection 25th January

St George's is the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark. For many living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light, proudly reflecting the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. It hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, concerts and charity events and has a rich musical tradition, and is the spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese.

It is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers as it does not receive Vatican or government funding. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the envelopes at the back of church.

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Parish News

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND READER TRAINING

We are in the process of arranging a date for this so please watch this space.

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 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. The deadline for completing the survey is 21st January at 6pm.

FINANCE MEETING 29TH JANUARY

If anyone has any questions they want to ask of the Finance Committee please put them in our new black box in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A **big thank you** to everyone who bought our homemade cards this year. A total of £490 was raised for parish funds. Please keep an eye open for our Easter cards later on this year.

COLLECTIONS

4/1/26 1st Coll GA £73, Non GA £208.10

11/1/26 1st Coll GA £62, Non GA 196.96, 2nd Coll Dev Fund £54.33

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 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 6.00pm Keeping the Fires Burning at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Tue 20 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6.00pm 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 St George's Cathedral CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS Liturgy Committee Meeting at 12.20pm
Mon 26 Jan	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm Rosary on Zoom at 6.30pm RCIA at 7.30pm in the Parish office
Tue 27 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6.30pm Drop in sessions with Fr Joseph 7-9pm in parish office
Wed 28 Jan	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 29 Jan	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Parish Office 6.30pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Sat 31 Jan	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office First Holy Communion Class in church and hall at 10am
Sun 1 Feb	2 nd Collection for Racial Justice

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.