

Sunday (2nd Jan) Readings

1st Reading – Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12

Psalm – 147

2nd Reading – Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18

Gospel – John 1: 1-18

Mon 10am The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

Tue 10am Feria of Christmas Time

Wed 10am Feria of Christmas Time

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament 2pm – 10pm

Thu 10am Epiphany of the Lord

8 pm

Fri 8pm Feria of Christmas Time

Intentions

6pm God's Blessing on each member of the parish

9am The People of the Parish

11am Philip Oladipo Seidu RIP

Kitty McInerney RIP

God's Blessing on Sylvia Berko

Wellbeing of Breda D'Silva

Wellbeing of Mark Alston

The People of the Parish

Happy Birthday Lynne Pearson

Confessions

Friday 7.15pm – 7.50pm & Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

also by appointment 07305831925.

Next Sunday (9th Jan) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm – 28

9am God's Blessing on Krystyna & Tadeusz 40th Wed Anniversary

2nd Reading – Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel – Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Intentions

6pm Mary McDonagh RIP

9am God's Blessing on Krystyna & Tadeusz 40th Wed Anniversary

11am Wellbeing of Millie Armstrong

Sick and Housebound: We pray for all those who are sick and the housebound. We pray especially for all those in our parish and their families. **St Simon Stock, keep them in your care.**

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently Mary Barry, Leslie Stephens. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: David Collins, James Eames, Kate Avery, Kathleen Drumm, Richard & Marjorie Pike, Christopher Kerwick, Michael Daly, Winifred Hendy, Minnie May, Paula Conroy, Aleixo Madeira, Laval Ah-Choy, Ian Baker, Nancy Connelly, Damiano Buffo, Winnie Mead, Audrey Philpott, Theresa Ashley, Shirley Corderey, Alfie Mistedine, George Clarke, Fred Blick, Ellen Keesse, Bernadette Halpin, William Goodall and Patricia Thorne.. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

My Day By Day for January: Available on table on the way out of the church. Please take one and put £1 in the wooden tray. Thank you.

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 are £50 = No, £25 = No:

Parish Gift Aid - If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please ring Steve Duxbury on Medway 862125

Going into Hospital - Please inform the parish office on 07305831925



Parish Of St Simon Stock

GOD'S WORD
BECAME FLESH
and dwell among us

2nd January 2022

2nd Sun after Christmas

Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022 !!!

"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year. But I abandon myself entirely to you, my God. And my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."

– St. Gemma Galgani

Parish notices:

1. I would like to express grateful thanks to all of you for so many lovely cards, gifts and all your kindness shown to me this Christmas. Thank you very much.
2. On Thursday - 6th January we will celebrate Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Holy day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 10 am & 8 pm.
3. There is no 2nd Collection this week.
4. Please put your unwrapped gifts for children at the Catholic Children's Society under the Christmas Tree. They will be collected some time in January. **All Crib Offerings will also go into the Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Diocese.** There is a box for offerings by the Crib, Gift Aid envelopes if you want to take one, and also an online donation app on the window in the foyer.



Come and join us for a Christmas Carol service in the church this Sunday 2nd January 2022 at 3pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish hall.

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SUNDAY READINGS

Entrance 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.

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; 'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.

He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

Psalm:

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Response: The Word was made flesh and lived amongst us.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **R#**

He established peace on your borders,

He feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth

And swiftly runs his command. **R#**

He makes known to Jacob,

To Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;

He has not taught them his decrees. **R#**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons,

through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory to you, O Christ, believed in the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Communion Antiphon

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