

This Sun (1st Feb) Readings

1st Reading –Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12-13

Psalm –146

2nd Reading –1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Gospel – Matthew 5: 1-12

6pm Total healing and wholeness for Joy Amobi

9am Ints of Sarah & Harry & in thanksgiving for safe arrival of Baby Arnie Devonport

11am The People of the Parish

Intentions



Parish Of St Simon Stock



1st February 2026

4th Sunday of Yr A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 98, 377, 585, 151, 74

Ent Antiphon Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Psalm response: *Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.*

Com. Anti: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Mon 10am Presentation of the Lord

Tue 10am St Laurence of Canterbury

Wed 10am St Thomas Aquinas

Thu 10am St Agatha

Fri 8pm SS Paul Miki & Comp

David & Marion Stow RIP

Health & Wellbeing of all who attend Adoration

Martin Diddams RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Health & Wellbeing of Val & Martin Galliers

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7PM TO 8PM

God's Blessings on Maria & Marian on their birthdays

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (8th Feb) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 58: 6-10

Psalm –112

2nd Reading –1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel – Matthew 5: 13-16

Intentions

6pm Frank O'Loughlin RIP

9am Melville Burgess 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: Nora Cooper, Patricia Tough, Elizabeth McGurk, Thomas Hallinan, William Searle, Andrea Freeman, Cliff Smith, Stuart Long, Ron Chester, John Foley & Ronald Johnson. 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

This Sunday we have a rather good meditation on the Beatitudes. These are Jesus' challenging advice given to us to help us to become faithful disciples. This is one of the gospel texts that does indeed stretch us.

The Beatitudes promise comfort in the next life, which helps to make the trials of this life bearable. This is also very difficult. If we are to follow Jesus and to put into practice his commandment to love one another then we must realise that it is going to involve us aspiring to these kinds of qualities and attitudes. These attitudes are in contrast to the values of the world.

The second reading from the letter of Paul is there to help us "if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord". Above all, seek the Lord, seek righteousness; seek humility.

Finally, we congratulate Paula Le Breton, Sarah McAlpine, David & April Redding, and Alicja Borkowska who are being commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St George's Cathedral on 31st January. They will assist at Mass to distribute communion and take communion to the sick. We thank them and their families. *Fr Joseph Donkor*

The Order of the Knights of St. Columba will be conducting a recruitment drive here in our Parish on the 7th and 8th of February 2026 They are an Order of Catholic laymen dedicated to serving the clergy, the church and at the same time work to improve the life of those who are less fortunate

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Parish News

READER TRAINING

Reader training will take place on Saturday 7th February at 11am in the parish hall.

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.

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

On Tuesdays' evenings from 7pm to 9pm for anyone who wishes to see him about anything. Virtual session is available also for all parishioners living in London and those who maybe cannot get to church as easily. Ring Josie, Sandra, and Tanya in the office to make 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. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

COLLECTIONS

25/1/26: 1st Coll GA £89, Non GA 160.61, 2nd Coll St George's GA £10, Non GA £39.50

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 1 Feb	2 nd Collection for Racial Justice
Mon 2 Feb	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA at 7.30pm in the Parish office
Tue 3 Feb	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Drop in sessions with Fr Joseph 7-9pm in parish office
Wed 4 Feb	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 5 Feb	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 6 Feb	Confirmation Class in Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 7 Feb	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office Reader Training in Parish Hall at 11am.
Sun 8 Feb	No 2 nd Collection CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 9 Feb	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA at 7.30pm in the Parish office
Tue 10 Feb	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Pastoral Council Meeting in Parish Office at 6.30pm
Wed 11 Feb	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 12 Feb	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 13 Feb	Confirmation Class in Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 14 Feb	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office Reader Training in Parish Hall at 11am.
Sun 15 Feb	2 nd Collection for Clergy Support Fund (Sick & Retired priests)

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.