

This 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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



25th January 2026

3RD Sunday of Yr A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 891, 23, 585, 730, 800, 395

Ent Antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth in his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Psalm response: *The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.*

Comm: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Mon 10am SS Timothy & Titus

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am St Thomas Aquinas

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Fri **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7PM TO 8PM**

8pm Feria

In Thanksgiving for successful surgery (Joy Amobi)

Brian Ranstead RIP

Birthday Blessings on Roseline Opara

Birthday Blessings on Elena Amobi

Margaret Fowler RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (1st Feb) Readings

1st Reading –Zephaniah 2: 3, 4: 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

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Ceilita Kirkbride and Mary Butler, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Molly Avery, William Hockney, Bernard Blenkham, George Nye, Charles Morris, Marianna Beadle, Marie Cushion, Dorothy Roche, Fred King, Edward Hoffland, Norris McCoy, Annie O'Brien, John Sharp, Florence Barnett, Margaret Fowler, Alec Woods, Joan Paradise, and Johanna McAuliffe. 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

With John the Baptist out of the scene, Jesus now takes centre stage. This new reality is announced by Isaiah in the First Reading. He speaks of a light shining on people who live in a land of deep shadow. The newness of life in Jesus makes the Psalmist acclaim him as his light and his help. It is remarkable that Jesus starts his public preaching with the same message as John the Baptist. 'Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand'. This 3rd Sunday in ordinary time (**Sunday of the Word of God**) we acknowledge that the Word of God is vital in the daily life of the Church and our community to refer to. The Word of God dwells among us (Colossians 3:16). In this way, we see that his calling is of a greater value. Finally, 'Missio' would like to thank you all for the gift of £125.57 from our parish for World Mission Sunday 2025.

St George's Cathedral Second Collection 25th January

St George's Metropolitan Cathedral is the Mother Church of our Archdiocese of Southwark. This collection helps to meet the cost of the Cathedral's upkeep. Leaflets about becoming a Friend of St George's Cathedral are available at the back of the church.

- 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.



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

Fr Joseph Donkor, 5, Bleakwood Road, Walderslade, Kent. ME5 0NF. Email: josephdonkor@rcaos.org.uk
Deacon Martin Smith: martinsmith@rcaos.org.uk.

Please note: Parish Office is located in the new church extension

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Mrs. S. L. McAlpine 01634 669700

St Thomas More

Mrs. P Le Breton 01634 864701

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. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

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 PRESENTS TO CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

the Society send their grateful thanks for our generosity both for the presents we have donated and for the Crib Collection of £351.96

COLLECTIONS

18/1/26:

1st Coll GA £86, Non GA 361.67, 2nd Coll SPUC £15.47

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 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 6pm RCIA at 7.30pm in the Parish office
Tue 27 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm 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
Fri 30 Feb	Funeral Mass of Mary Butler at 12 Noon Social Team Meeting in Parish Office at 6pm Confirmation Class in Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 31 Jan	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
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
Sun 8 Feb	No 2 nd Collection 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.