

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th January 2026, The Baptism of the Lord (A)

10.30am Mass (Private intentions of Lijoy and Christabel John)

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

The end of the Season of Christmas

Monday 12th January, St. Aelred of Rievaulx

No Mass

Tuesday 13th January, St. Hilary, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10.00am Mass

Wednesday 14th January, Feria

6.05pm Recitation of the Rosary

6.30pm Mass (Michael and Maria Zaldak RIP) followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 15th January, Feria

10.00am Mass

Friday 16th January Feria

10.00am Mass followed by Adoration until

11.00am

Saturday 17th January St. Anthony, Abbot

10.00am Mass (Paddy and Elsie Tracey RIP)

Sunday 18th January 2026, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Peace Day

10.30am Mass (Arcelia Oliveros Ramirez RIP)

4.00pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite

6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE: Dear family members and friends: Today we especially remember the Baptism of the Lord. As John the Baptist was reluctant to baptise Jesus, He said, "Let it be so now, thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." The baptism of Jesus was also an occasion to reveal himself to the mankind, as we go through the three things happened at the time of His baptism: The heavens were opened, the Spirit of God descended like a dove and a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." All these three things happen during our baptism also. Let us be aware of the great place we have with baptism and let us also try to fulfil all righteousness in our Christian life. Amen.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MORNING MASS TODAY - there will be tea and coffee in the church hall after the 10.30am Mass today. Please do come along.

CRIB OFFERINGS - The Crib will remain on display throughout the Christmas season and up to 2nd February, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas). We will be donating our crib offering to **The Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund** which helps families in our Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. To gift aid your offering please use one of the envelopes on the table.

REPOSITORY - The repository still has some beautiful church art 2026 calendars for sale. It also sells gifts, books and devotional items. Why not pay them a visit after Mass.

THURSDAY, 15th JANUARY, IS THE LAST DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS TO ST. SIMON'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL. Please be advised that applications for admission to St Simon's School in **September 2026** will be considered very shortly. Any Parents/Legal Guardians with a child whose date of birth falls between **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022** should make an application no later than **Thursday 15th January 2026**. As a Catholic Primary School, Parents/Legal Guardians are required to complete a Supplementary Form and an RCAF Local Authority Form, application packs and further information about the application process can be obtained from the school office. Alternatively please access our school website www.st-simon.kent.sch.uk. If you know of any parents who are considering sending their children to St Simon's please can you share this important information with them?

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2025 AND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be having their appeal second collection next weekend. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in the courts, classroom and culture to achieve this mission. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society from conception until natural death. This year's appeal postcards, which you will find on the newsletter table, allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and assisted suicide.

Your support means everything to the Society. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.

ADVENT APPEAL THANK YOU - the proceeds of our Advent Appeal amounted to £248.73 which will be sent to the charity Friends of the Holy Land which supports and gives hope to vulnerable Christians. For more information on the support they give please visit their website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

COLLECTIONS - Christmas collection - £483.98. Thank you. Second collection next week - SPUC White Flower Appeal.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast down to hell Satan and all other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

CONFESSIONS

After 10am Mass
Saturday and on request

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for:

Francesca Baker,
Emma Baker,
Tricia Coppin,
Fred Ward,
Luke Fellowes,
George McQuillan,
Agnes
Perinpanayagam,
Raymond
Trumpfheller,
Kitty O'Mahoney,
Gerard Quinn,
Pulkeria Msoka,
Susannah John,
Emma Broad,
Peter Vokes,
Dorothy Wiseman,
Ken Gwam
Frankie Lanzino,
Maria McCarthy,
Zita Wilkinson,
Marie Columb
Maureen Woods
Beryl Swaffer
Nicola Woods
Frances
Fr. Jose
Guy Beresford