

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH

AS THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS DRAW TO AN END.....

We give thanks for the blessings that we have enjoyed especially time spent away with family and friends and rest from work.

We pray for all children starting school either Primary or Secondary School asking that they be kept safe and grow in their knowledge and faith. At this beginning of the new school year we pray for all teachers and staff who give such dedicated service to fostering the growth and well being of our children.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

NEXT SUNDAY THERE IS A 2ND COLLECTION TO SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.

“PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION IN OUR PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES”. This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023.

You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark. For more information and registration, please use this link

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. Or email us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

3rd September 2023
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
First Reading: Jeremiah:20:7-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62
Second Reading: Romans:12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew:16:21-27
Parish Mass book page: 122

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
For all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders for compassion, strength and
wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers
and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen

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ALPHA 4th OCTOBER.....SAVE THE DATE

St. Simon’s will be running an Alpha course in the parish hall, which starts on **Wednesday 4th October at 7.00pm** and lasts some 11 weeks. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about and share our faith with others. In particular this is an opportunity to come along to Alpha with a friend who may simply be curious about Christianity. For friends or visitors Alpha is a chance to learn more about the faith in a fun no-pressure environment; for parishioners it can also deepen faith in unexpected but positive ways. Further announcements will be made at Sunday Mass and on the parish web-site.

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PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will re-open on Wednesday 06th September.
Opening times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 09:30am – 3pm . If you have any enquiries over the summer period, please send via email to putney@rcaos.org.uk.

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD IN

BAPTISM: To Lily Gegan, Arabella Neilson and Finn Shah who were baptised over the Summer, may God bless their families.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Honor Main and Anthony Ridge who were married here on 12th August. May God bless their future life together.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Displayed on the notice board in the Church Porch.

SACRAMENT OR RECONCILIATION

Saturday mornings after 10.00am mass

RUN THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE

PASSAGE Taking place on Sunday 8th Oct 2023, this stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James’s Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital’s most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20, fundraising goal: £300. All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good. Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

PARISH DATABASE

If you are a new or existing parishioner, please visit our website www.stsimonputney.uk and complete a registration form via Church Suite. This is an opportunity to ensure that all of your contact information is up to date. Your information will be confidential and not passed onto any third party. It will only be accessed by Canon Michael and the parish office staff for administration purposes only. Thank you.

Coffee, Cake & Play!

Parents who have pre-school children meet in the parish hall and garden on Mondays 09:30am – 11:00am (Term time only) for coffee and play!
Resumes Monday 11th September.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with Canon Michael.

MARRIAGE: If you are planning to get married here or abroad at least six months’ notice is required so as the adequate preparations can be made.

Please contact the Parish office for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Our Lady of Victories School: 020 8788 7957

Convent: Franciscan Missionaries of Mary: 0208 780 1828

Marriage Preparation Days: Philip & Mary Pond 0208 651 4653

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Every Sunday 9.30am Mass is livestreamed via YouTube.



Please subscribe to us!

ST SIMONS, PUTNEY



If you wish to DONATE to the Parish via phone please scan the QR code

SUPPORTING ST SIMON’S:

If you would like to make an offering via bank transfer, the Parish account details are:
NatWest, Sort Code 60-17-11, Account 20404131. Please give your surname then initial as a reference. If you have not previously signed a gift aid declaration, please print from our webpage under the ‘gift aid’ tab and email a completed copy to.
Just Giving page: -

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stsimonputney

Thank you for your kind offerings.

Weekly collection totals for the Summer period will be published next weekend

Your generosity is much appreciated.