

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH NEWSLETTER

21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

Responsorial Psalm: 24: 4-9

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

THE SPIRIT OF LENT: Message from Pope Francis

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realise that God loves them as sons and daughters.

"The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing our goods, help us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father."

LENT RESOURCES

Here are some suggestions we might like to consider:

Lent Retreat Online: Archbishop John Wilson will introduce the video, the Sunday Gospel will be read and then follows a brief talk exploring themes connected with the Gospel. The input can be viewed at any time to suit you.

The talk will be accompanied by suggestions for prayer and reflection throughout the week. The link:

www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme

A series of resources for reflection and mediation. These can be viewed here:

www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/lent-possibilities

A PARISH ZOOM MEETING will be held on Fridays at 6pm especially to share thoughts on Archbishop John's video and the coming Sunday gospel:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74535368161?pwd=QUlaVElqSWswK0k0UWp2W1Urc2I1QT09>

Meeting ID: 745 3536 8161

Passcode: AGdgW8

FOCUS FOR CHILDREN DURING LENT

As many families are not able to attend mass at this time. A good way to focus on the gospel each Sunday is to view Kids Liturgy produced on YouTube by Redemptorist Publications.

LET US DREAM: A Book by Pope Francis

Let us Dream, a path to a better future is a challenging response to the situation of the world after Covid. You are invited to a zoom meeting on Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm. If you wish to take part please email peterandrews@rcaos.org.uk and a link will be sent.

Let us Dream can be brought online from all major bookshops e.g Waterstones and online at Amazon etc. It is a short book and is easy to read. It is published by a secular publisher, Simon and Schuster and it is not an encyclical.

SUPPORTING ST SIMONS

Our income has been reduced in the offertory collection, if you are able to help us financially it would be appreciated by donating:

Just Giving page:-

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stsimonputney

PARISH OFFICE

During the lockdown period, please contact the Parish Office via email or please use the Priest House mailbox.

CAFOD LENTEN APPEAL

Please take a **CAFOD envelope** and return it in the collection at the end of mass next Sunday or kindly make a donation online.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

<i>Sunday 21st February</i> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am 11.15am 6pm	Breda Kavanagh RIP Canon Richard Quinlan RIP People of the Parish
<i>Monday 22nd February</i> <i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i>	10am	Martin Burke RIP
<i>Tuesday 23rd February</i> <i>Feria</i>	10am	Canon Richard Quinlan RIP
<i>Wednesday 24th Feb</i> <i>Feria</i>	10am	Mgr Mark Langham RIP
<i>Thursday 25th Feb</i> <i>Feria</i>	No Mass	No Mass
<i>Friday 26th February</i> <i>Feria</i>	10am	Ints. Stewart Deakin
<i>Saturday 27th February</i> <i>Feria</i>	10am	Gerardo Pece RIP

No 6.00 p.m Saturday Mass at All Saints, Putney Common until end of February

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available on request after 10am Mass on Saturday morning or by request confession may be heard in the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 5th March 21

All welcome to join 'Mexican Wave of Prayer' as Christians throughout the world create a common Day of Prayer – 11.30am at St Joseph's RC Church, Roehampton Lane. Livestreamed via Facebook. Donations via www.wwdp.org.uk or text 70085 then 2021 WDP followed by the amount.

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YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM

Every Sunday 9.30am Mass is livestreamed via YouTube.



Please subscribe to us!

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SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Please note that our Sunday obligation has been lifted and we are only to come to mass if we feel comfortable and safe. If you prefer to come to Mass during the week, please feel free to do so. The census pink slips have been suspended until further notice.

SUPPORTING ST SIMON'S:

If you are attending our Sunday services, there will be an opportunity to provide your Offerings as you exit the Church. 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.

Weekly Offerings

Weekly offering for 14th February

£264.39

Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE SCAN THE BARCODE IN THE PORCH OR SIGN IN WITH THE STEWARD