

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH

12th March 2023
Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)
First Reading: Exodus 17:3 - 7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1 – 2, 6 - 9 response 9
Second Reading: Romans 5:1 – 2, 5- 8
Gospel: John 4:5 - 42
Parish Mass book page: 158

CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT COURSE

Each week a different minister from Putney shares their Journey of Faith, what encourages them and what they struggle with. This is followed by a group Bible study where we all reflect on our spiritual journey.

At St Mary's Putney Thursday evenings on the 16th and 23rd March at 7pm – 8:30pm.

THE ALPHA COURSE

Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the hall. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about and share our faith. Do come along *with a friend* who may simply be curious about Christianity. 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. For further information please contact the parish office.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY MASS

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Family Masses. We need adults who can plan and attend the mass as well as young people who would like to read, sing or play an instrument. Please send an email with the subject FAMILY MASS to liturgyforchildren@gmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The traditional prayers of the way of the cross will be on Friday evenings at 7:30pm including prayers for peace, Every Friday during Lent.

OPEN CHURCH.

On Saturdays during Lent the church will be open for private prayer until 12 noon an opportunity for reflection. Reading material available to help you.

ALTAR SERVERS.

We are inviting young people or adults who have made their First Communion to consider becoming altar servers. This means making a regular commitment each Sunday and will involve some training. Please only come forward if you can make a serious commitment. Please give your details to the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION.

We invite young people who are in year 10 and who would like to be Confirmed to take an application form to enroll on this year's preparation sessions which will begin after Easter please return your completed application to the Parish Office by 30th March.

LENT 2023

Lent is a special time of preparation for Easter. Lent can be a time for prayerful reflection. It can be a time to live our faith in a new way.

Some suggestions:

- [1] set aside a time for prayer each day – it can be 5 minutes. Perhaps use the Sunday or weekday Mass readings to help. A time to be still and place oneself in God's presence;
- [2] attend a weekday Mass in addition to Sunday Mass;
- [3] pray the Rosary – or read a spiritual book by a Saint or Christian writer
- [4] Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7.30pm;
- [5] make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament – after Sunday mass or before mass on weekdays
- [6] choose a charity to support this Lent as your almsgiving / choose something good to do;
- [7] fast – not only from food but from all that does not build God's Kingdom.
- [8] Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation: experience again the joy of God's forgiveness and mercy.

I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME? Sometimes people enter our church for the first time, who is at the door to welcome them, offer support if they need a helping hand or just to say hello? Would you like to be a welcome? ...we need you to be present at the beginning and end of mass please let Fr. Michael know via the Parish Office.

CARITAS SOUTHWARK

Caritas is the Latin word for Love, Love is the hallmark of a Christian, we are called to put love or charity into action. There are many organizations on a local parish level which are involved in outreach to others. These groups sometimes can work in isolation **Caritas Southwark** is providing a network of support and an opportunity to meet with others and see the underlying spirituality in their work. It is a chance to inspire one another in what can be done in our area. Caritas Southwark will be launched by Archbishop John with a special mass at 12:30pm at St Georges Cathedral Southwark, followed by light refreshments and a display from different charities active in Southwark.

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent	9:30am 11:15am 6pm	Fr Dennis Carroll RIP Sylvia McClean Int People of the Parish
Monday 13th March Feria	10am	Jim and Noeleen RIP
Tuesday 14th March Feria	10am	Canon Michael Bunce RIP
Wed 15th March Feria	8am	Fr Paul Teece RIP
Thurs 16th March Feria	-	No Mass
Friday 17th March Saint Patrick	10am	Fr James B Hurley RIP
Saturday 18th March Feria	10am	Christine Doyle RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available after 10am Mass on Saturday morning and by request

MONDAY UNDER 5's. Term Time only

Parents who have children under 5 meet in the Parish Hall and garden on Mondays 09:30am – 11:00am for coffee and play! All are welcome.

CONTACTLESS GIVING.

We now have 2 contactless giving devices in church called Dona. These are provided for those who prefer to use card to make their offerings. Simply follow the instructions on the pad. We also now have a **Dona giving button on our website**, and **QR code on reverse of the newsletter** so you can give from where ever you are. Thank you for your contactless giving it has made a difference.

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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YOU TUBE LIVESTREAM

Every Sunday 9.30am Mass is livestreamed via YouTube.

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Apologies for some problems we have experienced recently these are being resolved.



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 to the parish office.
To use just giving page please use the tab on the front page of the website

Just Giving page:-
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stsimonputney

Weekly Offerings

Weekly Offering for:-

26th February: **£600.97**

2nd Collection for Cafod: **£1,090.47**

Thank you for generous support.

Your generosity is much appreciated.