

# OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH

**ALPHA COURSE.** Wednesdays at 7pm 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, it can also deepen faith in unexpected but positive ways. For further information please contact the parish office.

## NUNS ON THE RUN!

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) - a Catholic charity with a 127-year history of working to end the suffering still caused by leprosy. It supports 40 leprosy centres around the world treating and supporting almost 20,000 people in low-income countries.

On Saturday 25 March we will be doing a sponsored 5K run with the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, FMM. The FMM sisters play a major role in treating and supporting leprosy patients in many of our Centre's, especially in Asia and Africa where leprosy is still endemic.

Please consider donating or sponsoring our 5K run <https://stfrancisleprosy.enthuse.com/donate#!/>

**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.

**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 sign up on list at the back of the church.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**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? Sign list at the back of church

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY.

In support of poorer parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

First Reading: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22 response v 1

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8 -14

Gospel: John 9:1 - 41

**Parish Mass book page: 164**

## 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 a 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.

## HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE

Caritas social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March World Day of Prayer was held at St Simon's. This year the Christian Women of Taiwan had written the service. On this day all over the world, 120 countries took part using the same words, prayers and hymns. A huge wave of prayer for Taiwan. Fleur Anderson MP came to the service which was much appreciated by all. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this service, over £500 was collected and this will go towards various Christian Charities in this country and abroad.

## SENIOR CITIZENS ST PATRICK'S PARTY

Many thanks to all the volunteers who drove, cooked or helped on the day for the St Patrick's party last Saturday 11th March. Everyone appreciated and enjoyed the Irish dancers and musicians. If you are interested in volunteering in some way for the next event - the Summer party - in July please contact Helen Giblin on 07963 688449 or [Helen\\_giblin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Helen_giblin@yahoo.co.uk)

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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| <b>19<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b><br><b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>                      | <b>9:30am</b><br><b>11:15am</b><br><b>6pm</b> | Brian Glennie RIP<br>Theresa Broad Int<br>People of the Parish         |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>Saint Joseph</b>                             | <b>10am</b>                                   | Martin Ramage RIP  |
| <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b><br><b>Feria</b>                                   | <b>11:30am</b>                                | <b>Requiem Mass for</b><br><b>Waltraut (Traui) Marty</b><br><b>RIP</b> |
| <b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b><br><b>Feria</b>                                       | <b>8am</b>                                    | James Matthews RIP   |
| <b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b><br><b>Feria</b>                                     | -   | No Mass  |
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>Feria</b>                                    | <b>10am</b>                                   | Christopher Byrne RIP  |
| <b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>The Annunciation of The</b><br><b>Lord</b> | <b>10am</b>                                   | Graham Hill Int  |

**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.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES VACANCIES**

OLV have 2 new temporary vacancies:

**CLASS TEACHER** Fixed term, Part Time 3 days/week KS1 MPS

Required for April 2023 – July 2023.

**TEACHING AND LEARNING ASSISTANT** – 32 hours a week, Required for April 2023. Fixed Term until July 2023Candidates are encouraged to download an application and details from the Wandsworth Council website <https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/> or email [info@ourladyofvictoreis.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:info@ourladyofvictoreis.wandsworth.sch.uk) to request an application form and job description. The completed application should be returned to the school by email. **Closing date: Midday Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 shortlisting will take place.****Interviews: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023****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.

**St Mary's Putney Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm – 8:30pm.****CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Parish Administrator: Catherine Hallett

(Parish Office times: Mon, Wed and Fri (9.30am-3pm))

Safeguarding: Moira Bennett 07764 939 631

Our Lady of Victories School: 020 8788 7957

Convent: Franciscan Missionaries of Mary: 0208 780 1828

Marriage Preparation Days: Philip &amp; 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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**ST SIMONS, PUTNEY**

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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stsimonputney)**Weekly Offerings**

Weekly Offering for:-

12<sup>th</sup> March: **£604.40**

Thank you for generous support.

**Your generosity is much appreciated.**