

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH

26th March 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)
First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12 - 14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129response v 7
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45
Parish Mass book page: 170

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Our Holy Week services are the most beautiful and powerful Services of the year when we journey with Jesus in his passion death and resurrection. We invite you to make a special effort to join us especially over the Triduum (the sacred three days)

TIMES OF SERVICES HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (02nd April) 09:30am, 11:15am and 6pm

Maundy Thursday 06th April 7pm - **Mass of the Lord's Prayer**

Good Friday – (07th April) 3 pm - **Solemn Liturgy**

Holy Saturday – (08th April) 8pm - **Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday – (09th April) 09:30am, 11:15am and 6pm

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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.

YOUTH DAY – Saturday 22nd April

At St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR. ages 10-16. Arrive at 11am, Pick up 6pm. Lunch and dinner included. £5.00. Parents register your child at tinyurl.com/youth22apr DBS cleared clergy/youth leaders also welcome. Register at tinyurl.com/youthhelper Please see poster in porch for more details. **Enquiries to youth@rcaos.org.uk**

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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 including Good Friday.

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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 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 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.

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

CHURCH CLEAN

We are doing a church clean on Saturday 1st April at 12 noon in preparation for Easter, can you spare an hour or so to help? Please contact the office.

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

26th March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:30am 11:15am 6pm	Traui Marty RIP Marianna Martins RIP People of the Parish
Monday 27th March Feria	10am	Jonathan Carver RIP
Tuesday 28th March Feria	10am	Marie Kissane RIP
Wed 29th March Feria	10am	Requiem Mass for Ellen Cliff RIP
Thurs 30th March Feria	-	No Mass
Friday 31st March Feria	10am	Peadar Meehan RIP
Saturday 01st April Feria	10am	Mons. Canon Martin Lee RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available after 10am Mass on Saturday morning and by request

YOU TUBE LIVESTREAM

Every Sunday 9.30am Mass is livestreamed via YouTube.

Please subscribe to us!
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

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.

FREE STUDY SPACE - PUTNEYIn the week after Easter the C of E Parish of Putney is supporting all students preparing for public exams and final assessments, with St Mary's Church being made available as a study space. Join us for FREE from 1pm -to 5pm on Monday 10th April to Friday 14th April. All students in years 11 to 13 are invited. Access to professional tutors, WIFI, refreshments, guidance on how to study and stay mentally healthy.

For more information please contact:

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Please see poster in porch for more further details.

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 websiteJust Giving page:-
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stsimonputney**CONTACT INFORMATION****Parish Priest: Canon Michael O'Dea****Hazlewell Road, Putney SW15 6LU, Tel: 0208 788 1131;****Email: putney@rcaos.org.uk Website: StSimonPutney.uk****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 & Mary Pond 0208 651 4653****A parish of Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark CIO****Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050****Weekly Offerings**

Weekly Offering for:-

19th March: **£566.09**Second Collection for Poorer
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