

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL & GAZA

Please keep the people of Israel & Gaza in your prayers at this time of great suffering for them. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the 10am Mass on Fridays (begins at 9am)*, an opportunity to pray together for an end to the conflict.

CAFOD APPEAL Donate at cafod.org.uk/ipc or 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those in need. Your donation supports aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

WELCOME TO THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver who are visiting our Parish with their Mission Calendar 2024. Having a Mission Calendar is a way of reminding ourselves all the year round of our duty to sustain the missions by our prayer and sacrifice. Please help the sisters by generously making a donation to support their work.

ALPHA

St. Simon's are running an Alpha course in the parish hall, **on Wednesdays at 7pm** and lasts 11 weeks This is an excellent opportunity to come along to Alpha with a friend who may simply be curious about Christianity. Alpha is a chance to learn more about the faith in a relaxed way; for parishioners it can also deepen faith in unexpected but positive ways.

OPEN MORNINGS AT OLV SCHOOL. SW15 1AW

Please come along and visit our school for a place in the Reception Class September 2024. **Monday, 4th Dec at 09.30am**. No need to book ahead. Please arrive 9:25am for a 9:30am start. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will share information about the school and the admissions process. We currently have vacancies in other year groups in the school. email

admissions@ourladyofvictories.wandsworth.sch.uk or phone 020 8788 7957 if you are interested.

CHURCH CLEAN FOR CHRISTMAS

Help is needed on Saturday 16th December at 12 noon. Please come along! Many hands make light work. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

In the new year we are carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to our buildings. See parish website for details.

03rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79:2-3,15-16, 18-19
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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Parish Mass book page: 82

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 9th DECEMBER 12-3 P.M at OLV SCHOOL.

This will be an opportunity to meet socially as a parish community, please save the date and come along.

We need to help run stalls, set up, provide refreshments and make this a community event. Volunteers please contact the parish office asap.

We need donations as soon as possible – new and used (but good condition) toys, gifts, plants, bottles, boxes of chocolate and luxury items. i.e. Candles, cream sets, bubble bath, - anything from Harrods or F&M'S!

Please leave these in the porch in boxes marked Christmas Fair or drop them off to the parish office. and invite your family and friends **If you would like to volunteer please contact: Pia Choudhury: 07786 801 606 piachoudhury@gmail.com**

CHRISTMAS DRAW. Buy a ticket after mass or from the Parish Office. Lots of great prizes to be won

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

It marks the beginning of a new church's year our Sunday readings are taken from Year B using the gospel of St. Mark. The season reminds us to focus on the incarnation of Jesus and his second coming.

There is evening prayer with Churches Together in Putney at St. Margaret's, Putney Park Lane, SW15 5HU at 4.00p.m. Singers who would like to join in a rehearsal at 2.00 p.m. All are welcome!

Do make every effort to attend and represent St. Simon's. **During advent St Simon's will, be open on Saturdays 10am – 12 noon for quiet prayer and reflection.**

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Saturday 9th December - 4pm to 6:30 pm - Church Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering to help on the day, drive or cook for the event please contact Helen Giblin on 07963 688 449.

SPIRITUAL GATHERING

We come together every month to share and deepen our faith. This month will be 11th December 2023 at 10:45am. FMM Convent 36 Gwendolen Avenue, Putney SW15 6EJ All Welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

03rd December 2023 First Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.15am 6pm	Conchita Dela Cruz RIP Fr Bowling People of the Parish
Monday 04th December Feria	10am	Christopher Drury RIP
Tuesday 05th December Feria	10am	Magdalena Fernandes RIP
Wednesday 06th December Feria	8am	Catherine Castelino
Thursday 07th December Saint Ambrose	-	No Mass
Friday 08th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	Bernadette McHale Int
Saturday 09th December Feria	10am	Sr Mary Mangan RIP

YOU TUBE LIVESTREAM

Every Sunday 9.30am Mass is livestreamed via YouTube.



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ST SIMONS, PUTNEY



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

Coffee, Cake & Play!

Parents who have children pre-school in the parish hall and garden on Mondays 09:30am – 11:00am (Term Time Only) for coffee and play!

MARRIAGE: If you are planning to get married here or abroad at least 6 months' notice is required so as the adequate preparations can be made. Contact the Parish Office for more information

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.

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 & Mary Pond 0208 651 4653

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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 the Parish Office or put through the Priests House letter box.

Standing order forms and gift aid declaration forms are in the porch

Weekly Offerings

03rd Dec : £403.83

Contactless: £411.00

2nd Collection for Catholic Youth Service £228.40

Contactless: £70.00

Total £1113.23

Your generosity is much appreciated.