

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 HOME.

Many visitors attend Christmas Masses there will be a number of people coming to Mass for the first time this year and perhaps for the very first time. Each member of the parish has an important part in helping others feel at home. Please share a smile, budge up on the pews, offer someone a Mass book or hymn book. This Christmas, try to be one of the reasons that our visitors come back in the New Year.

ALPHA

St. Simon's are running an Alpha course in the parish hall, **on Wednesdays at 7pm**. This week's session (13) will be on: Does God heal today? 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.

PLACES AT OLV SCHOOL

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.

10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84:9-14 response v 8

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Parish Mass book page: 85

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard organizing our parish fair.

It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and socializing. Thank you to those who donated, gave time and ran the stalls.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the senior parishioners party, thanks to those that cooked, cleaned, served and drove. Everyone had a lovely time.

SPIRITUAL GATHERING

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

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th December:

9:30am, 11:15am and 6pm – Family Mass with carols children can wear nativity costume.

8:45pm carols precede mass at **9pm** Mass in the Night

Christmas Day – Monday 25th December:

9:30am & 11:15am. No 6.00pm mass

During advent St Simon's will, be open on Saturdays 10am – 12 noon for quiet prayer and reflection.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR....

Carol singing on Tuesday the 19th of December at 1:30 pm At OLV School, Clarendon Drive. Come and listen to our children singing some of your favorite carols and join us for mince pies afterwards.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

It is traditional at Christmas to make an offering to your Parish Priest and this forms part of his income for the year. Please use the envelope provided in the porch.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2ND COLLECTION for Christmas flowers and decorations for the church.

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

10th December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.15am 6pm	People of the parish Thanksgiving Joseph Bradshaw RIP
Monday 11th December Feria	10am	Paul Barrett RIP
Tuesday 12th December Feria	10am	Juan and Tomas Garau Int
Wednesday 13th December Saint Lucy	8am	Joseph Kavanagh RIP
Thursday 14th December Saint John of the Cross	-	No Mass
Friday 15th December Feria	10am	Margaret Slye RIP
Saturday 16th December Feria	10am	Sr Sophie Pepper RIP

SACRAMENT OR RECONCILIATION

After Saturday morning mass 10:30am - 11:00am or by request

YOU TUBE LIVESTREAM

Every Sunday 9.30am Mass is livestreamed via YouTube.



Please subscribe to us!
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

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

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 : £488.70
Contactless: £382.00

Total £870.70

Your generosity is much appreciated.