# 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.

## **TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES**

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# Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December:

09:30am, 11:15am (masses of 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)

**6pm** (Family Mass with carols, children can wear nativity costume).

**9pm** Mass in the night **8:45pm** carols before mass

# <u>Christmas Day</u> – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December:

09:30am and 11:15am. with Carols No 6pm Mass

### **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 or use the contactless devices.

### 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.

## PLACES AT OLV SCHOOL

There are currently vacancies at OLV in all year groups. Email

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

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### PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you require a priest reference, please give them into the parish office. Application forms for Wandsworth and supplementary forms must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

# 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 response Isaiah 61:10

Second Reading: Thessalonians 5:16-24 Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

Parish Mass book page: 87

# PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

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

It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and socializing. Thank you to those who donated and ran the stalls. Even Father Christmas made an appearance!

We Raised £2077.32 on the day which was amazing and £813.00 on our Contactless system Dona.

A huge thank you to the following local businesses who supported us.

The Spencer Arms Pub
Chez Stephan
Blades Restaurant
Dukes Head
Putney Arts Theatre Company
Tried and True
The sewing Room

### SENIOR PARISHIONERS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Thank you to all who helped organize, cook and provide transport on the day for our senior parishioners Christmas party, fun was had by all!

2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY FOR FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AT CHRISTMAS.

THANK YOU from the missionary sisters of St. Peter

**Claver**, for your generous donation towards the sale of our Mission Calendar 2024. Your generosity amounted to £777.45 by cash and £135.00 through online.

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**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed for the Christmas period and will re-open on Monday 08<sup>th</sup> January. Opening Times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 09:30am – 3pm. If you have any enquiries over the holiday period, please send via email to: putney@rcaos.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	9.30am	Marie & Peter Kavanagh
Third Sunday of Advent		Int
	11.15am	Paolo Sidoli RIP
	6pm	People of the Parish
Monday 18th December	10am	Lottie Hendrey
Feria		
Tuesday 19th December	10am	Fr Ronald Duggan RIP
Feria		
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	8am	Sr Margaret Taylor FMM
Feria		RIP
Thursday 21st December	-	No Mass
Feria		
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	10am	Mary James RIP
Feria		
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10am	Baby Lily Rose du Preez
Feria		RIP

# **SACRAMENT OR RECONCILIATION**

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

#### Coffee, Cake & Play!

Parents who have children pre-school in the parish hall and garden on Mondays 10:00am-11:15am (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 <a href="www.stsimonputney.uk">www.stsimonputney.uk</a> 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
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Email: Putney@rcaos.org.uk Website: St SimonPutney.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

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## 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

#### 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**

10<sup>th</sup> Dec : £415.32 Contactless: £412.00

**Total £ 827.32** 

Your generosity is much appreciated.