

# St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### Third Sunday of Advent (C)

10.00am Mass Granvil good health  
5.00pm Holy Hour  
6.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feria

9.30am Mass

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feria

No Mass

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feria

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.45pm Mass

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Feria

9.30am Mass Mary & Tony Shanny R.I.P

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feria

9.30am Mass  
Followed by all all day Adoration

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Our Lady

10.00am Mass Giuseppe Barbetta R.I.P  
followed by Penitential Service

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

10.00am Mass Deceased relatives, Callow & Ferraro families R.I.P  
5.00pm Holy Hour  
6.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)

the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk)

**Penitential Service:** Saturday 22nd December 2018

after 10am Mass there will be three other priests

**Knox:** In March 2019 there will be an organised pilgrimage to Knox, see notice board in the church porch for further information.

**Church Shop:** Year C Sunday Missals commencing 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent are now available price £5.95. Also available, Christmas cards, Advent Colanders, Cribs and gifts all in the church shop. **Advent Walk with Me:** These Advent books are on sale in the repository (Church shop).

**Missio Red boxes:** Please bring in your boxes as soon as possible as these need to be sent off before Christmas. Thank you.

**Crib:** Crib offerings will be donated to Nasarean.org, a charity started by Fr Benedict Kiely who has presided at Mass here many times It supports persecuted Christians in the Middle East, the "Cradle of Christianity" who have been driven from their ancient homeland by ISIS. Please give with your usual generosity. Thank you [www.nasarean.org](http://www.nasarean.org)

**Message from Fr Neil** Wishes to thank everyone for coming for the induction. It was a really joyful occasion to see so many familiar faces. I will keep you all in my prayers. I am not very far away so hope we can meet more often. God bless you all.

**The offertory collection:** Taken during the Vigil, Midnight & Christmas Day Masses is traditionally your personal gift to the parish clergy. A priest's income is normally whatever he receives from the parish (mainly Mass offerings). If you can gift aid your offering, the parish can benefit from the tax refund. To do so write your name and address on the envelope provided, or use one of the Gift Aid envelopes available in the church foyer.

**COLLECTIONS:** Last week: £ 539.86 (Gift Aid £116.00 + Plate £233.86 + £190 Direct Debit. Thank you.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection last Sunday: Building & Maintenance: £ 99.95. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today: Flowers for Christmas. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next Sunday: Building & Maintenance.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday and Sunday: 9.30-9.50am.  
And on call

## CHURCH CLEANING

21<sup>st</sup> Suzi, 28<sup>th</sup> Zita, 4<sup>th</sup> January Jenny

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Merrick Boston, Ronald Salmon, June O'Driscoll, Tom Finnigan, John Wilson, Noella Thiebault, John Gray, Francesca Baker, Trevor Lane, Brenda Gatt, Tricia Coppin, Jospehine Diffley, Baby Sebastian, Fred Ward, Lino Debono, Autumn Wright, Michelle Giordimaina

**Change of Mass times 2019:** As from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January, the 6pm evening mass will move to 6.30pm followed by one hour Adoration from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. There will no longer be Adoration at 5pm

**Choir practice:** Tuesday, New members are very welcome see Thereza Baker for more information. Extra members are needed for Masses at Christmas, (We could make changes to the practice time/dates to suit new members, if so needed)

## Take some time to reflect this Advent

Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on