

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 23rd 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)

Thursday 27th St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast

9.30am Mass

Friday 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast

9.30am Mass Fr Hans Intention
Followed by all day Adoration

Saturday 29th St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr, Feast

10.00am Mass Johnny McQuillan R.I.P

Sunday 30th December 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)

10.00am Mass Jane Ashdown R.I.P
12.30 Latin Mass
5.00pm Holy Hour
6.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Monday 24th Feria

9.30am Mass
2.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity. Paddy Tracey R.I.P
11.30pm Carols
12.00am Mass Francesco & Michael Lanzino R.I.P

Tuesday 25th The Nativity of the Lord

10.00am Mass

Wednesday 26th St. Stephen the first Martyr, Feast

10.00am Mass All altar servers are asked to renew their promises to serve at mass with younger ones receiving their medal on Boxing Day at the 10.00am Mass.

No evening Mass

Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on 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

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 1st 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).

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

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: £461.29 (Gift Aid £88.00 + 0 Plate £183.29 + £190 Direct Debit. Thank you.) 2nd Collection last Sunday: Flowers for Christmas: £ 68.06. 2nd Collection today: Building & Maintenance. 2nd Collection next Sunday: Building & Maintenance.

CONFESSIONS

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

CHURCH CLEANING

28th Zita, 4th January Jenny, 11th Suzi

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, Josephine Duffley, Baby Sebastian, Fred Ward, Lino Debono, Autumn Wright, Michelle Giordimaina

Change of Mass times 2019: As from Sunday 6th 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

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