

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Third Sunday of Advent (B)**

**Gaudete Sunday**

**Home Mission Sunday**

10.00am (Anna Grandolfi RIP)

6.30pm (People of the Parish)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial**

(Ujus Desires)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Feria**

No Mass

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Feria**

10.00am (Paul Lino Debono RIP)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December Feria**

(William Major RIP)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Feria**

(Holy Souls)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December Feria**

10.00am (Tony Shanny RIP - 12th anniversary)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**

**Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers**

**Sea Sunday**

10.00am (All relatives and friends of the McQuillan family RIP)

6.30pm (For the people of the parish)

**RECOMMENCEMENT OF MASS AT ST. SIMON'S** - the wearing of a mask at Mass is mandatory unless medically exempt, hands should be sanitised on entering the church, the Rule of 6 and the social distancing rules will be observed and the restriction on numbers attending are all back in force. Please remember that you should leave the church premises immediately after Mass unless you are helping with cleaning and if gathering outside should make sure that the social distancing rules are observed.

**REFURBISHMENT WORKS IN THE CHURCH** - all the flooring works in the church have now been completed; they will enhance our church for many years to come. The total cost for all the work done is £7650 and the current contributions are £4566. Should you wish to contribute towards the remaining balance of £3084 please put your donation in an envelope, clearly marked 'flooring', in one of the collection boxes by the doors. Many thanks to all those who have already contributed.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS** - The offertory collection taken during the Vigil, Midnight & Christmas Day Masses is traditionally your personal gift to Fr. Hans; this year all of the collections taken during the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, up to and including 6th January, will be included in these Christmas offerings to allow those who may not be able to attend Mass on Christmas Day to give something in the usual way. A priest's income is normally whatever he receives from the parish (mainly Mass offerings). The collection at Christmas forms an important part of his income for the year and enables him to meet personal expenses. Envelopes are available in the church entrance.

**SEMINARIAN DAVID HUNTER** - it is with delight that we share the news that David has been accepted for ordination to the diaconate and that this ordination will take place next Saturday 19th December. He will preach his first homily here at St. Simon's on Sunday 20th December. Please continue to keep David in your prayers as he continues his journey towards full ordination and the priesthood.

**ADMISSIONS TO RECEPTION 2021 ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL** - Please be advised that applications for admission to St Simon's School in September 2021 will be considered very shortly. Any Parents/Legal Guardians with a child whose date of birth falls between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2016** and **31<sup>st</sup> August 2017** should make an application no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. As a Catholic Primary School, Parents/Legal Guardians are required to complete a Supplementary Form and an RCAF Local Authority Form, application packs and further information about the application process can be obtained from the school office. Alternatively please access our school website [www.st-simon.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-simon.kent.sch.uk) If you know of any parents who are considering sending their children to St Simon's please can you share this important information with them? Thank you.

**REPOSITORY (SHOP)** - the shop will be open after both Masses today for the purchase of Christmas cards, cribs, Advent calendars as well as the usual selection of cards, gifts, books, bibles, statues and other religious items.

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION** - is for Home Mission Sunday. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS SEA SUNDAY** (postponed from July), when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops and the second collection will be for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/sea-sunday/](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/sea-sunday/). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

**COLLECTIONS:** Last week: £408.47 (Gift Aid £131 + Plate £90.47 + £187 standing order.) Thank you. 2nd Collection today - Home Mission. 2nd Collection next Sunday: Sea Sunday.

## CHURCH CLEANING

19<sup>th</sup> December

Irene/Zita

31<sup>st</sup> December Kilda

3<sup>rd</sup> January Suzi

10<sup>th</sup> January Lydia

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for  
Merrick Boston,  
Ronald Salmon,  
June O'Driscoll,  
Noela Thiebaud,  
Francesca Baker,  
Trevor Lane,  
Tricia Coppin,  
Sebastian Burrell,  
Fred Ward,  
Lisa Moran,  
Rita Coombs