

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 6th December 2020
Second Sunday of Advent (B)
10.00am (Thanksgiving Mass for Granvil Afonso)
6.30pm (For the people of the parish)

Monday 7th December St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
No Mass

Tuesday 8th December The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7.00pm (Thanksgiving and good health Joseph D'Costa)

Wednesday 9th December St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
10.00am (Thanksgiving and good health Steven D'Costa)

Thursday 10th December The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto
No Mass

Friday 11th December St. Damasus I, Pope
No Mass

Saturday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe
10.00am (Fr. Hans)

Sunday 13th December 2020
Third Sunday of Advent (B)
Gaudete Sunday
Home Mission Sunday
10.00am (Anna Grandolfi RIP)
6.30pm (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.

8TH DECEMBER THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - there will be Mass on **Tuesday at 7.00pm** as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfil a particular mission that he and only he can fulfil.

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 1st **September 2016** and 31st **August 2017** should make an application no later than Friday 15th 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 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.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION ADVENT REFLECTIONS 2020 - this is an Advent season like no other, leading up to a Christmas celebration that may be different from those we are used to. To help focus your daily prayer the Commission offers a brief reflection on one of the readings of the day, delivered by email for personal use at a time to suit. At the end of this challenging time of year the weeks may feel even darker than usual. However, this presents an opportunity to discover Advent in a new and deeper way: waiting for a light to grow in the darkness, longing for the coming of our Lord, and of God's Kingdom. Maybe this is a time to embrace the darkness and the loneliness and allow them to open us up to a deeper longing as we wait. For the Advent Reflections visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/advent>

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'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. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS. 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). The collection at Christmas forms an important part of his income for the year and enables him to meet personal expenses and give alms to the poor. Envelopes are available in the church foyer.

CHURCH CLEANING

12th December Lydia
19th December Irene/Zita
31st December Kilda
3rd January Suzi

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