

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 Second Sunday after the Nativity

10.00am Mass (For all those struggling with mental health issues, and for those who support and care for them)  
 6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January Feria of Christmas Time

10.00am Mass

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January Feria of Christmas Time

10.00am Mass

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

10.00am Mass (Josephine and Patrick Diffley RIP)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

No Mass

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January Feria of Christmas Time

No Mass

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January Feria of Christmas Time

10.00am Mass

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 The Baptism of the Lord (B) Feast

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Mass (People of the parish)

### The end of the Season of Christmas

**MASS AT ST. SIMON'S** - the wearing of a mask at Mass is mandatory unless medically exempt, hands should be sanitised on entering and leaving the church, the Rule of 6 and the social distancing rules should be observed.

**OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY** - due to the current restrictions the obligation to attend Mass specifically on Christmas Day was removed and you may fulfil the obligation by attending any Mass up to The Epiphany of the Lord on Wednesday 6th January.

**CRIB OFFERINGS.** Your kind donations will go to the **Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund.** Since March the CCS has provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services, for over five and half thousand children and their parents/carers. There are many more families in need of support and our Crib offering will support this important work. The Crib will remain on display throughout the Christmas season and up to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas).

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS** - The offertory collection taken during the Vigil, Midnight & Christmas Day Masses is traditionally your personal gift to Fr. Hans. 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 still available in the church entrance for those who have not yet been able to give their offering.

**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.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY - WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY** - Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates on Wednesday is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; the young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.



**EPIPHANY PRAYER** - *Lord Jesus may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the Magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

## CHURCH CLEANING

9<sup>th</sup> January Kilda

16<sup>th</sup> January

Irene/Zita

23<sup>rd</sup> January Kilda

30<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Irene/Zita

## 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