

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 10th January 2021 The Baptism of the Lord (B) Feast

10.00am Mass (Artur Kaminski RIP)
6.30pm Mass (People of the parish)

The end of the Season of Christmas

Ordinary Time before Lent Year B

Monday 11th January Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 12th January St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

No Mass

Wednesday 13th January St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

10.00am Mass (Holy Souls RIP)

Thursday 14th January Feria

No Mass

Friday 15th January Feria

No Mass

Saturday 16th January The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Mass

Sunday 17th January 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Peace Day

10.00am Mass (Flora Hansell RIP)
6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

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 2nd February, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas).

NEXT SUNDAY IS PEACE SUNDAY - a day of prayer for peace on Earth - The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for world peace, using the theme proposed by Pope Francis on World Peace Day: '**A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace**'. The Covid-19 pandemic has certainly thrown up the question of the value we place on carers and the need to work together to support the vulnerable. Unless we put caring at the heart of our personal and community life, we certainly won't be able to 'build back better'. But 'a culture of care' means more than that - a rejection of carelessness, callousness and violence; and a recommitment to the path of peace and reconciliation. There will be a second collection for Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace.

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.

FR. HANS - thanks you for the many Christmas presents, cards and good wishes received, and for your Christmas donations. May the Lord bless your generosity. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas masses; to all those who volunteered their time to help decorate the church, inside and out; for the beautiful flowers; with cleaning, and those who helped in so many different ways. As Christians we must also think of helping our own Christian community by taking part in the life of our church community.

CHURCH CLEANING

16th January

Irene/Zita

23rd January Kilda

30th January 2021

Irene/Zita

6th February Kilda

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,
Luke Fellowes.

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.

LILIAN SHEILA SALMON RIP - it is with sadness that we report that Sheila, a long time parishioner, and friend to many in the parish, died at the William Harvey Hospital on Sunday 3rd January aged 85. Her energy, enthusiasm and service to the parish were undimmed even by long term illness. She was a fundraiser for the RNLI and had raised thousands of pounds over the years for that cause. Many of us will have received one of her beautiful, handmade cards at Christmas or birthdays. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her and Saturday morning coffee will never be the same again without her cheery presence. Sheila's funeral Mass will take place here on Monday 8th February. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, numbers of mourners are limited but if you would like to send a card of condolence, or message of sympathy to Sheila's family, please give them to Fr. Hans or any of the stewards and they will be passed on to them. Let us pray for the repose of Sheila's soul, and for the Lord to give strength to her family at this time of sorrow. May she rest in the peace of Christ.