

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 28th November 2021, First Sunday of Advent (C)

10.00am Mass (Rufina Ebenebe's intentions)
3.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Mass (Mauree and Robert Reves RIP)

Monday 29th November, Feria

Tuesday 30th November, St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland, Feast

Wednesday 1st December Feria

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm Mass (Deceased relatives and friends of Fr. Joe Feeley RIP)

Thursday 2nd December, Feria

Friday 3rd December, St. Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial
10.00am Mass (Russell Barton RIP)

Saturday 4th December, St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10.00am (June Ventris RIP)

Sunday 5th December 2021, Second Sunday of Advent (C)

10.00am Mass (Francesco & Michael Lanzino RIP)
3.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Mass (People of the parish)

ADVENT CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER - please mark on your calendar that there will be Advent Confessions on this day from 9.30am through to 11.30 am with Mass at 10.30am. Fr. Hans has arranged for some visiting priests to attend so please afford this opportunity to make your confession prior to the celebration of Christmas.

ERECTION OF CRIB FOR CHRISTMAS - we are looking for a family, or perhaps two could join together, to take responsibility for the erection of our Christmas Crib in the church during w/c 20th December prior to the Christmas Masses. Please speak to Mark Pickett, our MC, or Thereza Baker if you would be interested in doing this.

ADVENT APPEAL COLLECTIONS - the proceeds of second collections taken on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday's of Advent will be sent to Porchlight. A charity working locally who help people who have nowhere to go and no-one to turn to; some people are homeless, others are struggling to cope with the pressures in their lives and need our support to keep on track.

SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR PUBLICATION - if any family have not yet taken their copy of the glossy publication please do so; copies can be found in the church foyer.

CRIB COLLECTIONS - the Parish Advisory Council has decided that this year's crib collections will be sent to the **Friends of the Holy Land** which supports our brothers and sisters who are suffering the land of Our Lord. This was one of the charities that Archbishop John Wilson suggested that parishes consider this year.

BISHOPS' STATEMENT - HONOURING SUNDAY - RETURN OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS - please see the noticeboard for the statement from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales concerning the Sunday Obligation, from which extracts were read last Sunday by Fr. Hans.

FR. HANS IS GOING ON HOLIDAY - he travels to India on Tuesday 30th November returning on 22nd December. Whilst he is taking his well earned rest we will be in the safe hands of **Fr. Biju Alex** whom we welcome at Mass today. We wish Fr. Hans safe travels and sustain him with our prayers whilst he is away. We look forward to welcoming him back, refreshed and rested, ready for the Christmas season.

RED BOXES (MISSIO) - If you haven't had your boxes emptied this year or it is nearly full, please bring it to the church for emptying. Many thanks. Thereza

ADMISSIONS TO RECEPTION AT ST. SIMON OF ENGLAND SCHOOL 2022 - Please be advised that applications for admission to St Simon's School in September 2022 will be considered very shortly. Any Parents/Legal Guardians with a child whose date of birth falls between **1st September 2017** and **31st August 2018** should make an application no later than Monday 17th January 2022.

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?

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £372.76 (£33 Gift Aid + £142.76 loose plate + £197 standing order.) Second collection - Catholic Youth Service £72.28 Thank you. Second collection today - Advent Appeal. Second collection next week - Advent Appeal

CHURCH CLEANING

4th December

Emeka/Alice

11th December

Zita/Thereza

18th December

Elizabeth/Chi

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for:

Merrick Boston,
Ronald Salmon,
June O'Driscoll,
Noela Thiebaud,
Francesca Baker,
Tricia Coppin,
Sebastian Burrell,
Fred Ward,
Rita Coombs,
Luke Fellowes,
Emma Baker,
Carmen Cachia,
Baby George McQuillan,
Peter Vokes,
Agnes Perinpanayagam