

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd January 2022, Second Sunday after Christmas

10.00am Mass (Rufina Ebenebe)
3.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Mass (People of the parish)

Monday 3rd January, Most Holy Name of Jesus

10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)

Tuesday 4th January, Feria of Christmas Time

Wednesday 5th January, Feria of Christmas

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.45pm Mass (Fr. Hans' intentions)

Thursday 6th January, The Epiphany of the Lord

Holyday of Obligation

10.00am Mass (Francesco Lanzino RIP)
6.30pm Mass (Sheila Salmon RIP - 1st anniversary)

Friday 7th January, St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)

Saturday 8th January 2022, Feria after Epiphany

10.00am Mass (Patricia Fleming RIP)

Sunday 9th January 2022, The Baptism of the Lord (C)

10.00am Mass
3.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND 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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - as this Thursday is the Epiphany of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation, there will be two additional Masses to enable as many as possible to fulfil the obligation to attend Mass.

CRIB OFFERINGS - your kind donations this year will be sent to the **Friends of the Holy Land**. The crib will remain on display throughout the Christmas season which ends on 9th January, the feast of The Baptism of the Lord.

HOW YOU CAN ANSWER THE HOLY FATHER'S CALL - PLAY YOUR PART IN THE SYNOD - Dear friends in Christ, I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and I'm praying for a happy and healthy 2022 for all of us.

As you know, the church is currently involved in a Synodal process. *Confession*: I had to look up what that meant and how we were all supposed to be involved. The Church wants us to take stock of where we are as a parish community, a diocesan community, a world community and to look forward to where we should be headed and how to achieve the goals we need to reach. Ideally, we should be able to gather together to pray for guidance and to discuss the questions being asked of us. This has not been an easy thing to arrange over the past few months but I hope we can do this in an alternative way. Hopefully you will have time this week to discuss with your family the questions being asked. I also have a simplified question sheet that can be used by or with children.

Please email me at stsimonsouthashford@gmail.com and I will forward you the questions. Please return to me by dropping them off at the church or via email.

Hopefully we can get together after the Saturday or Sunday masses on 8th/9th or 15th/16th for about 15 minutes to discuss the responses.
Lesley Perk, St. Simon's Parish Synod Delegate

COME HOME - INVITATION CARDS - Please take one of the Come Home Invitation cards, which are on the newsletter table, which we encourage you to give or send to someone who may be needing encouragement to return to Mass.

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. Please see noticeboard for full details.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR - Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts, and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God, and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

CONFESSIONS

By appointment

CHURCH CLEANING

8th January 2022

Zita/Thereza

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