

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

The Western Church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century where it was, and still is, associated with the visit of the Magi (wise men or kings) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the wonder of the incarnation of Jesus. The Magi (traditionally named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar) found Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem. In the gospel according to Matthew, they offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matt 2:11). These gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality. The word Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal", and the feast is celebrated on 6 January (twelve days after Christmas) but, in most countries and dioceses, the celebration is transferred to the Sunday between 2 January and 8 January, inclusive. *In some countries today is a day for giving gifts, what can I give as my gift to the Lord today an act of kindness or service? Perhaps a smile or welcome word to someone at mass today?*

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Friday 10th January 09:00am -09:50am

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SYCAMORE is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet people and share ideas. Each session involves meeting other participants over a drink, a shared meal, short film and time for discussion. **The meetings will resume shortly, why not come along with a friend.**

..... WOMAN'S SPIRITUAL GATHERING GROUP

Wishing you a happy New Year, we all come together every month to share and deepen our faith. This month we will continue Monday 20th January at FMM Convent, 36 Gwendolen Avenue, Putney SW15 6EJ – All Welcome

..... KEY FOUND.

Please enquire at the office if you have lost a key recently

..... WANTED: Video baby monitor

If you have a monitor with video camera that you no longer use, please contact the priest or organist after mass. A monitor will make it easier for our organists to follow a conductor when accompanying singers.
Thank-you in advance.

19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96 (95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a.
9-10ac. R.3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Parish Mass book page: 127

PILGRIMS OF HOPE JUBILEE

Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church – an event that takes place once every 25 years. The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”, an invitation to showcase the hope of our Christian faith to people right across the world at a time when there is so much suffering from the impact of war, poverty, climate change, and the lasting effects of the COVID pandemic.

The Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee presents each one of us with an opportunity to reignite the flame of our faith in our own hearts and to share the light of that faith with those in darkness.

What is a Jubilee?

The concept of Jubilee is one rooted in the earliest days of Judeo-Christian tradition.

In the Book of Leviticus, we read that the people of Israel celebrated this tradition every 50 years.

Its purpose was to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. It involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates this tradition once every 25 years as a year of grace, offering the faithful the opportunity to renew faith through prayer, pilgrimage, acts of charity, and by asking for a plenary indulgence – a special grace that strengthens our wounded souls in the fight against sin. See www.rcsouthwark.org or [cbcw](http://cbcw.org) for details and events.

..... HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. In today's pastoral letter, he encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the *Called to Bear Fruit* booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a group:** Gather 4–12 people.
- **Choose your schedule:** Discuss all six themes across six sessions or combine them into fewer meetings—whatever works best for you.
- **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future! Thank you for your involvement.

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON NEWSLETTER**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

19th January 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am 6pm	Bashulee Chauduri RIP Eileen Bone Rip People of The Parish
Monday 20th January Feria	10am	Giulia, Trinity & Roma Kerin Int
Tuesday 21st January St Agnes	10am	David Nathan RIP
Wed 22nd January Feria	8am	Dominic Joyce Int
Thurs 23rd January Feria	-	No Mass
Friday 24th January Saint Frances de Sales	10am	Aidan, Laila and Shea Hallett (OLV School at Mass today)
Saturday 25th January The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle.	10am	Mary Coyle Int

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**MARRIAGE**

If you are planning to get married here or abroad at least 6 months' notice is required so as the adequate preparations can be made. Contact the Parish Office for more information

PARISH DATABASE

If you are a new or existing parishioner, please visit our website www.stsimonputney.uk and complete a registration form via Church Suite. This is an opportunity to ensure that all of your contact information is up to date. Your information will be confidential and not passed onto any third party. It will only be accessed by Canon Michael and the parish office staff for administration purposes only. Thank you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Marriage Preparation Days: Philip & Mary Pond 0208 651 4653

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previously signed a gift aid
declaration, please print from our
webpage under the 'Gift Aid' tab
and email a completed copy to the
Parish Office or put through the
Priests House letter box.

Standing order forms and gift aid
declaration forms are in the porch.

Weekly Offerings

12th January: £ 542.21

Contactless: £501

Total: £1043.21

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appreciated.**