

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH

THE SEASON OF LENT Key Strategies for a Meaningful Lent

Intensify Prayer: Dedicate specific daily time to God, such as reading scripture, attending Stations of the Cross on Fridays, a daily mass or using apps like Laudate for daily mass readings.

Purposeful Fasting: Rather than just giving up sweets, fast from negative habits like complaining, gossip, or "doom-scrolling". This builds spiritual muscle and creates space for God. Have an intention in mind my fast is in solidarity with a particular intention e.g. For the people of Iran or Ukraine

Active Almsgiving: Focus on generosity through volunteering, donating to foodbanks, or performing daily, hidden acts of kindness.

Spiritual Reflection: Use this time for an examination of conscience and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come a few minutes before mass to focus and place yourself in the presence of Jesus ask for his peace to enter your busy life and sustain you in following him.

Reconnect: Reach out to others by writing letters, calling friends, or visiting the lonely or those who are sick.

SYCAMORE - Learning to pray this Lent (6 weeks)
Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves drinks, a meal, short film, and time for discussion. With lots of practical tips, wisdom from the bible, stories from the saints, and advice about common difficulties people face when praying

On Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7pm in St. Simon's Church Hall we consider the theme (4) THE PRAYER OF ASKING AND INTERCESSION ["Film P6" in Series] -

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. The traditional prayer of the way of the cross at 7:30pm and every Friday during Lent.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Friday mornings 9am-9:45am a period of silent prayer before the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Parish Mass book page: 164

NEXT SUNDAYS 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR POOR PARISHES This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the Diocese.

ALTAR SERVERS.

Please email the parish office if your son or daughter would like to be an Altar Server. Must be 7 years old or above and have made their Holy Communion. Training will be given after Easter.

LENT TALKS - Everyone is very welcome to attend a short series of talks at Putney Methodist Church (SW15 6SN) this Lent exploring the Bible. as they prepare to read the scriptures in a year. They aim to be friendly and open spaces for questions and sharing. More details at.

Last Session - Thursday 26th March 7:30-9pm - Bible Question Time Ask anything about the Bible's contents, meaning or application.

SENIOR CITIZENS ST PATRICK'S PARTY

Many thanks to all the volunteers who drove, cooked or helped on the day for the St Patrick's party yesterday. It was appreciated and enjoyed by all!

CONFIRMATION We invite young people who are in year 10 and who would like to be confirmed to take an application form to enroll on this year's preparation sessions. These will begin after Easter, please return your completed application to the parish office by 10th April.

CHURCH CLEAN

Monday 30th March after 10am mass. Can you spare an hour to clean the church for Easter? Your help would be welcome.

YOUNG ADULT (20-35) WHATSAPP GROUP

**YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 20-35**

Looking to meet other
Catholic young adults?
Join our WhatsApp Group



Our Lady Of Pity & St Simon Stock Church

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

15th March 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.15am 6pm	People of the Parish Jack and Gladys RIP Barney Whiter Int
Monday 16th March Feria	10am	Fr Derek Vidler RIP
Tuesday 17th March Saint Patrick	10am	Jonny Tyson RIP
Wednesday 18th March Feria	8am	James Kavanagh RIP
Thursday 19th March Saint Joseph	-	No Mass
Friday 20th March Feria	10am	Sick and Housebound
Saturday 21st March Feria	10am	Betty and Tony Dady Int

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)
Saturday morning 10.30 am-11.30 am

Lenten talks: the English Doctors of the Church

Tuesday 17th March, in the Sacred Heart Lower Hall, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4LU, three talks by Canon David Gibbons, Parish Priest of Wimbledon.

Refreshments from 7pm, talk at 7:30pm, finish by 8:30pm.

Tuesday 17th March - St John Henry Newman

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL GATHERING GROUP

We all come together every month to share and deepen our faith. This month we will continue Friday 20th March at FMM Convent, 36 Gwendolen Avenue, Putney SW15 6EJ. All Welcome!

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Every Sunday 09:30am Mass is
livestreamed via **YouTube**.

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Parish via phone please scan the
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SUPPORTING ST SIMON'S

If you would like to make an
offering via bank transfer, the
Parish account details are:

**NatWest, Sort Code 60-17-11,
Account: 20404131.** Please give
your surname then initial as a
reference. If you have not
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

08th March: **£614.94**

Contactless: **£530.00**

Total: £1144.94

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appreciated.**