

OUR LADY OF PITY AND ST SIMON STOCK CHURCH

Newsletter August 2026

Please see porch notice for Mass readings.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MP TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. "This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. For more information and resources, visit:
cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide
righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.

At the beginning of 09:30am Mass we have the readings presented to children aged from reception to YR 2 in a child friendly format. We would like to have this every Sunday however we need more adult leaders. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the parish office. All leaders will need a DBS check before being involved. If we have enough adult help we can arrange a Rota so that every Sunday is covered. This has always been a help to our children. Please....think about it ...we need....you!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION Every Friday morning 9:00am – 9:45am. Spend a few minutes before Our Lord in the Eucharist asking for his peace and blessing.

PARISH OFFICE

is now closed over the Summer period. Please email or leave a message on the answerphone if you have any enquiries. Office will reopen Wednesday 2nd September.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Although this feast is usually celebrated on 15th August, this year it is celebrated on Sunday 16th August.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic please contact Fr. Michael for an initial chat. Or if you have been baptised Catholic and have not received Holy Communion or Confirmation and would like to please email the Parish Office. We hope to start adult preparation RCIA in the autumn.

SYCAMORE PARTY 21ST AUGUST AT 7.00PM

For the last few years Sycamore a course on deepening our understanding of Catholic faith has been meeting and many have found it helpful. All are welcome to attend our party and meet other members of the parish and find out more about Sycamore. Please bring some food to share, drinks will be provided!

POPE LEO'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL LETTER MAGNIFICA HUMANITATIS

This deals with the dignity of the human person in a world of fast technological advancement and especially in relation to AI. For the full text of the document please refer to CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

THANK YOU TO OUR ORGANISTS AND CANTORS.

During August those involved in music at Mass usually take a break we thank them for their commitment and enhancing our Masses with music.

We need more cantors who usually sing the responsorial psalm and parts of the Mass. If you would like to help we would welcome your voice! Please contact the Parish Office on email.

MASS TIMES

Please see notice on the notice board outside church for times and intentions. Please note times of weekday Masses may change during August.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday mornings after 10.00am mass
(10.30 a.m – 11.00 a.m)

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS.

If you are a parishioner who is unable to attend mass and would like a regular visit from Fr. Michael or a Eucharistic Minister.
Please let the Parish Office know and we will be happy to visit you.

YOU TUBE LIVESTREAM

Every Sunday 09:30am Mass is
livestreamed via YouTube.
Apologies we are having technical
problems at the moment.

Please subscribe to us!
ST SIMONS. PUTNEY



If you wish to DONATE to the
Parish via phone please scan the
QR code.

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.

THINKING ABOUT MAKING A WILL?

Many people make a will to enable their families to put their affairs in order and know of their wishes, especially with regard to funeral arrangements. Some parishioners have also provided generous legacies or donations to various charities including St. Simons to benefit our community. Contact the legacy team in the Diocese for more details: 02079602504 or email: legacy@rcaos.org.uk

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Our Lady of Victories School: 020 8788 7957

Convent: Franciscan Missionaries of Mary: 0208 780 1828

Marriage Preparation Days: Philip & Mary Pond 0208 651 4653

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Weekly Offerings

Weekly Collections for August

will be printed in the 07th
September's Newsletter.

**Your generosity is much
appreciated.**