

Sunday (20th March) Readings

1st Reading – Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15
Psalm – 102
2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
Gospel – Luke 13: 1-9

Mon 10am Feria

10.30pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Holy Rosary on Zoom

Tue 10am Feria

6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wed 10am Feria

Deceased members of Pearson Family

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am St Oscar Romero

Claire Bradley's Ints

Fri 7.15pm Stations of the Cross

8pm The Annunciation

Colin Patrick Flaherty RIP

Confessions

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am – 9.55am
Friday 6.45pm – 7.15pm & Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (27th March) Readings

1st Reading – Joshua 5: 9-12
Psalm – 33
2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Gospel – Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

9am Pat & Con Donovan on their 60th Anniversary

Intentions

6pm Pauline & Melville Burgess RIP

11am The people of the parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Iris Deacon. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Albert Barker, Mary Barrett, Andrew Clint, James Featherstone, Kathleen Jones, Alfred Johnson, Michael Flaherty, Karen Harvey, Mark Balden & John Connor. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sick and Housebound: We pray for all those who are sick and the housebound. We pray especially for all those in our parish and their families. **St Simon Stock, keep them in your care**

Mass Intentions: Please make cheques payable to St Simon Stock Church. See website for details of how to make a bank transfer.

100 Club (Parish Lottery) - Cash Prizes to be won monthly! Annual Subscription £12 per number. March winners £50 = No 131 Robert Appleby £25 = No 46 Bridie Kyne.

Parish Gift Aid - If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please ring Steve Duxbury on Medway 862125

Intentions

6pm Pauline Burgess RIP

9am Paddy McDonnell RIP

11am The people of the parish

4pm Mass in Polish

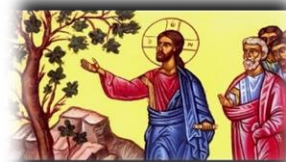
Mark Emson RIP

Liturgy of the Word



Parish Of St Simon Stock

20th March 2022



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Newsletter

Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced that he will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Lady on Friday, 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord ('Lady Day'). This will occur during a 'Celebration of Penance' over which he will preside at 5pm (Rome time) in the Vatican Basilica of St Peter. This act of consecration will be performed in communion with the local Churches throughout the world, and so at 4pm (London time) that same day, **Archbishop John will lead our archdiocese in prayer, and himself preside at a service of consecration followed by a 'Rosary for Peace' in Southwark's Metropolitan Cathedral of St George.** This celebration will be livestreamed on the **RC Southwark YouTube channel**, although it is hoped that many will wish to join Archbishop John in the cathedral.

To mark this moment of prayer in our parish church on Friday 25th March we will be having Adoration from 4.30pm onwards incorporating Evening Prayer, Stations of the Cross, and then finishing with Compline at 10pm as well as our normal 8pm evening Mass.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world! You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in Ukraine. Please protect and send aid to those in Ukraine and all who are at-risk. We pray for peace - we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from this conflict. We pray for an end to violence and war - we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this. Lord God, please help those in most need of your mercy. Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, pray for us! Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in Ukraine and all the world. Amen.

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Parish News

Lenten Almsgiving for the Medway Foodbank

Medway Foodbank send thanks for our ongoing support in these difficult times. They have experienced over a 100% increase in people needing support since pre-Covid times. This Lent we are again able to donate food and essential items so please use the Mar/Apr '22 Shopping List showing current items urgently needed at our warehouse. (with newsletter/on website). All items donated should be unopened, in date and in good condition. See Parish website for more Foodbank info. Collecting boxes will be in church lobby next weekend **Saturday 26th/27th March 2022**. Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Following all the work done to install the new heating system, we will be having a day to clean the church ready for Holy Week and Easter. This will be next Saturday 26th March between the hours of 9am and 4pm. Volunteers please sign up on the lists hanging on the wall in the church lobby. Come for an hour or longer if you can.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross on Mondays after 10am Mass led by Fr Pawel, and on Fridays at 7.15pm before 8pm Mass (25th March, 1st, 8th & 15th April) Parish groups are welcome to lead sessions. **If you would like to lead a session of the Friday Stations of the Cross please contact the office.**

Volunteers Required!

Volunteers are needed to help sort out the church container on 2nd April from 9.30am. Please just come along and get stuck in.

Plants

Could we ask that when planting seeds or taking cuttings that you plant a few extra for us to sell on our Parish Plant Stall at the Feast Day Celebrations 15th May 2022.

PARISH AGM

Reports are starting to come in. Many thanks to those who have sent them. Can we please have the rest of the reports so that we can plan a date for the meeting.

Eucharistic Adoration

You are welcome to join us at our weekly Adoration, recalling Jesus' words to his Apostles "Could you not watch one hour with me?" If not an hour, whatever you can manage. Just to BE WITH HIM. **On Wednesdays from 2pm to 10 pm.**

"My Day By Day" for LENT:

Available on table on the way out of the church. Please take one and put £1 in the wooden tray. Thank you.

UCM

At all next weekend's Masses (26/27th March) the UCM will be distributing Daffodils to the Ladies of the Parish to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Parish Office

From now on Josie will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Tanya Mondays and Thursdays.

Community Events

Sun 20th Mar	2nd Collection – Development Fund 4pm Mass in Polish
Mon 21st Mar	Stations of the Cross after 10am Mass First Holy Communion Preparation at St Benedict's at 3.30pm Holy Rosary on Zoom at 7pm
Tues 22nd Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 23rd Mar	Eucharistic Adoration 2pm - 10pm
Thu 24th Mar	Scouts in Emmaus Hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult Choir Practice 8pm to 9pm in Church
Fri 25th Mar	First Holy Communion Preparation in Emmaus Hall at 3.30pm Adoration from 4.30pm to 7pm Confirmation Class in Emmaus Hall at 5.30pm Evening Prayer at 6pm Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm Mass at 8pm followed by Adoration Compline at 9.50pm
Sat 26th Mar	Church Spring Cleaning from 9am to 4pm First Holy Communion Preparation in Emmaus Hall at 10am
Sun 27th Mar	Medway Foodbank Collection at all Masses Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass
Mon 28th Mar	Holy Rosary on Zoom at 7pm
Tue 29th Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 30th Mar	Eucharistic Adoration 2pm - 10pm
Thu 31st Mar	Scouts in Emmaus Hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult Choir Practice 8pm to 9pm in Church
Fri 1st Apr	Confirmation Class in Emmaus Hall at 5.30pm Stations of Cross at 7.15pm Liturgy of the Word at 8pm
Sat 2nd Apr	Sorting out the Black Container in the church carpark from 9.30am onwards