

## Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> March) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Joshua 5: 9-12

Psalm – 33

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel – Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Mon 10am Feria Liturgy of the Word

10.30pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Holy Rosary on Zoom

Tue 10am Feria Liturgy of the Word

6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wed 10am Feria Liturgy of the Word

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 2PM TO 10PM**

Thu 10am Feria Liturgy of the Word

Fri 7.15pm Stations of the Cross

8pm Liturgy of the Word

## Intentions

6pm Pauline & Melville Burgess RIP

9am Pat & Con Donovan on their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11am The people of the parish



27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Parish Of St Simon Stock



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Laetare Sunday

# Newsletter

## Confessions

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

## Next Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> April ) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm – 125

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 3: 8-14

Gospel – John 8: 1-11

## Intentions

6pm Mary Barry RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Hugh & Annie O'Brien RIP

## Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Iris Deacon and Fr Denis Paul, a former parish priest here. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Allan Burfield, Herbert Rushall, William Harper, Angela Kirpalani, Fr Christopher Byron, Rudolph D'Rosario, Giuglia Mazza, Frank Toso, Winifred Stride, John Zamitt and Isobel McGall. 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

## Wishing Everyone a beautiful and blessed Mother's Day

*"A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength....Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world." Pope Francis*

Please pray for **Fr Denis Paul**, who died on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. He was parish priest here from 1978 to 1986. Funeral details to follow. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

St Benedicts Years 3 & 4 will be doing Stations of the Cross in the church at 2pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Parishioners are welcome.

## Volunteers Needed

Please sign up for Holy Week & Easter readings and Washing of the Feet. Lists are on the board at the back of the church.

## 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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**Please note: Parish Office is located in the new church extension**

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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. (in lobby/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 this weekend **26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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 **next Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. If anyone needs pots pls contact Josie in the parish office.

### 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 this weekend's Masses the UCM will be distributing Daffodils to the Ladies of the Parish to celebrate Mothering Sunday. They will also be selling knitted Easter Egg Cosies with a Cream Egg for £1 each after all Masses next weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### Marriage & Family Life Kent

An **online** 'Building a Better Marriage' opportunity is being held from 9am - 1pm on Saturday **April 2nd 2022**. The course offered means that you can attend the course from your own living room and **there is no group sharing!** See parish website for details. **For further information contact: Carole - Tel: 07983524727 - email: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)**

## Community Events

<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Medway Foodbank Collection at all Masses</b> <b>Children's Liturgy</b> at 11am Mass
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Holy Rosary on Zoom at 7pm</b>
<b>Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration 2pm - 10pm</b>
<b>Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>St Benedicts Stations of the Cross in the church at 2pm</b> <b>Scouts</b> in Emmaus Hall 5.45pm to 9pm <b>Adult Choir Practice</b> 8pm to 9pm in Church
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Stations of Cross at 7.15pm</b> <b>Liturgy of the Word at 8pm</b>
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Sorting out the Black Container in the church carpark from 9.30am onwards</b>
<b>Sun 3 Apr</b>	<b>Second Collection Today - Help to Ukraine</b>
<b>Mon 4 Apr</b>	<b>Holy Rosary on Zoom at 7pm</b>
<b>Tue 5 Apr</b>	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b> <b>UCM Meeting</b> at 7.30pm in Emmaus Hall
<b>Wed 6 Apr</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Iris Deacon</b> at 11am followed by Internment at Chatham Cemetery at 1.30pm <b>Eucharistic Adoration 2pm - 10pm</b>
<b>Thu 7 Apr</b>	<b>Scouts</b> in Emmaus Hall 5.45pm to 9pm <b>Adult Choir Practice</b> 8pm to 9pm in Church
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Stations of Cross at 7.15pm</b> <b>Liturgy of the Word at 8pm</b>
<b>Sun 10 Apr</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> <b>Children's Liturgy</b> at 11am Mass <b>Second Collection for the Development Fund</b>

### Parish Office

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