

Sunday (8th May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Psalm – 99

2nd Reading – Apoc 7: 9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Intentions

6pm Robert Sloan RIP

9am John & Kathleen Drumm RIP

11am The People of the Parish



Parish Of St Simon Stock



8th May 2022

4th Sunday Easter Yr C

Newsletter

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wed 10am Feria

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

Liturgy of the Word

Frank McManus RIP

Eileen Way RIP

Hazel Hewitt RIP

With Thanks for the Blessing of Fr Pawel in our Parish

Confessions

Friday 7.30pm – 7.50pm & Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm
and also by appointment 07305831925.

Next Sunday (15th May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 14: 21-27

Psalm – 144

2nd Reading – Apoc 21: 1-5

Gospel – John 13: 31-35

Intentions

6pm Lee O'Loughlin RIP

9am In Thanksgiving (Mineham)

11am The People of the Parish

NO MASS IN POLISH

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Lee O'Loughlin, Eileen Way and Margaret Rogerson. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: James Meshier, Pasqualina Petraglia, Stanislaw Bielec, Margaret Howlett, David Kelleher, Anna Hodgson, Enda White, Liz Connell, Richard Rowntree, Bernard Hull, Montague Bryant, Keith Coburn, Kathleen Horne, Robert Boulton, Winnie Henman & Bernard Devine. 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. May Winners £50 No 87 = Sylvia Berko £25 No 17 = April Redding

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

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Parish notices:

1. The fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday as, in today's gospel reading, Jesus says, 'I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep'. Let us remember in our daily prayers to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
2. 2nd collection today is for **Priests Training Fund**. **Priests Training Fund:** this collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. Please return your envelope. There are still some available at the back of the church if you didn't get one last weekend.

Parish Feast Day - Volunteers Needed

To allow the Feast Day Celebrations next Sunday after 11am Mass to go ahead we need volunteers, at least 3 people per activity. A list has been put up at the back of the church showing the areas where help is needed. **PLEASE SIGN UP**

The Sponsored Walk will take at 12.30pm on the church field. You can do as many laps as you are able. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of the church. Please take one. **Please sponsor Fr Pawel. If he is sponsored up to £500 he will do 25 laps of the field. If he is sponsored £500 - £999 he will do 50 laps. If he is sponsored £1000 he will do 50 laps of the field AND walk to Rochester Castle.**

Calling All Bakers - As with previous celebrations, we are asking for Home-Made Cakes to share (nothing that needs a spoon to eat it with).

Wednesday Adoration:

When Jesus was on the cross at Golgotha, He said, "I thirst." He wasn't just thirsty for a drink, He was thirsty for you and your love. Adoration on Wednesdays is a time when you can show Jesus your love by being before Him, exposed on the altar, for you. In the 8 hrs while He's in the Blessed Sacrament, from 2pm to 10pm, can't you find some time, however little, to be with Him? The apostles couldn't manage to stay awake for an hour in the Garden of Gethsemane. Could you?



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Parish News

May - the month of Our Blessed Lady Mary

The month of May is the month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady Mary therefore every day after Mass in May we will say Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Litany of Loreto).

Concert for Ukraine

Medway Singers and St Simon's Choir will be putting on a concert to raise money for the crisis in Ukraine on Sunday 22nd May at 6pm in the church. Please come along and support this very important cause and show your solidarity with our brothers and sisters displaced or suffering in the war.

Glad to Be Grey

If you are going on the outing to Broadstairs on Wed 11th May please be at Christ the King Church at 9.50am. Coach leaves promptly at 10am. If you are going on the outing to Teapot Island on Fri 13th May the coach leaves Christ the King church at 12 noon.

Plant Stall for Parish Feast Day Celebrations

If you have very kindly planted seeds/taken cuttings for the plant stall can you please give Josie a ring on 07915 601076 to let her know.

PARISH AGM

We are **still** waiting for some reports 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.

First Holy Communion Cards

Will be on sale at the back of the church at all Masses this weekend.

Volunteers Needed for Tea/Coffee Rotas

We would like to start up Teas and Coffees after all weekend Masses and we need volunteers for rotas. If you would like to go onto a rota can you please ring Josie in the office or speak to Fr Pawel after 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.

Community Events

Sun 8 May	2 nd Collection for Priests Training Fund
Mon 9 May	First Holy Communion Preparation at St Benedicts at 3.30pm Holy Rosary on Zoom at 7pm
Tue 10 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Group Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 11 May	Eucharistic Adoration 2pm - 10pm
Thu 12 May	Cubs/Scouts from 5.45pm onwards Choir practice 8pm in church
Fri 13 May	Funeral of Eileen Way at Medway Crematorium at 3pm First Holy Communion Preparation 3.30pm in Emmaus Hall Confirmation Class 5.30pm to 6.30pm in Emmaus Hall
Sat 14 May	First Holy Communion Preparation at 10am in Emmaus Hall
Sun 15 May	2 nd Collection for the Development Fund PARISH FEAST CELEBRATIONS AFTER 11AM MASS Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and Games. Sponsored Walk at 12.30 pm, BBQ from 1pm followed by Home Made Cakes. Games from 2pm. There will also be a Plant Stall.
Mon 16 May	Holy Rosary on Zoom at 7pm
Tue 17 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 18 May	Eucharistic Adoration 2pm - 10pm
Thu 19 May	Cubs/Scouts from 5.45pm onwards Choir practice 8pm in church
Fri 20 May	Confirmation Class 5.30pm to 6.30pm in Emmaus Hall
Sun 22 May	Mass in Polish at 4pm Concert for Ukraine at 6pm with refreshments and cakes during interval