

This Sunday (18th Feb) Readings

1st Reading – Genesis 9: 8-15

Psalm – 24

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel – Mark 1: 12-15

Intentions

6pm: Melville & Pauline Burgess RIP

9am: The People of the Parish

11am: In Thanksgiving (Warren-Heys Family)

4pm Mass in Polish: Agnieszka Markowska RIP

Hymns for 11am Mass: 185, 377, 384, 830

Entrance Antiphon

*When he calls to me, I will answer: I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

Communion Antiphon

*One does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

Mon 10am Feria (After Mass - Stations of the Cross)

Pauline Burgess RIP

Tue 10am Feria

For a speedy recovery for Rose Pomeroy

Wed 10am Feria

Wellbeing of Mavis Westbrook

Eucharistic Adoration Today 2pm to 10pm

Thu 10am The Chair of St Peter

Ted Chambers RIP

Fri 7.15 pm Stations of the Cross

8 pm Feria

God's Blessing on Mavis Westbrook

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION IN LENT:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am - 9.55am

Friday 6.40 pm - 7.15pm & Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Next Sunday (25th Feb) Readings

1st Reading – Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13,15-18

Psalm – 115

2nd Reading – Romans 8: 31-34

Gospel – Mark 9: 2-10

Intentions

6pm: Gerard Kyne RIP

9am: Birthday Blessings for Marian

11am: The People of the Parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Jennifer Edson, Ron Morris, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Rose Angland, John Forrest, Margaret Laws, Violet Cook, Guy Lebrun, Mrs Smith, Eddie Driver, Mildred Homan, Harry Windle, Terrance Garritty, Michael White, Pauline Burgess, Joseph Davey, Patrick Nolan and Molly Bridger. 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. Feb winners: £50 = No. 288 Sandra Rocco £25 = No.151 Helen Rowe

Parish Gift Aid Scheme: If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please contact Sandra Rocco on 07720 772089

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Parish Of St Simon Stock

THE KINGDOM OF GOD
HAS COME NEAR.
REPENT AND BELIEVE
THE GOOD NEWS!

18th February 2024

1st Sunday of Lent B

Newsletter

Parish notices:

1. This week the 2nd Collection is for the Clergy Support Fund. The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan QR code. You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



2. CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 23rd February. This Lent, your donations to will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope – take one today and bring it next week as second collection donation.



SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2024

Lent is always a time of prayer and reflection. A chance for us to renew ourselves and build a closer connection with the Lord Jesus. To help you on your Lenten journey, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will be once again publishing daily reflections which can be sent straight into your inbox. They're a great tool to use to reflect on your life and help you draw closer to Christ. Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on [the daily Lent Reflections box](#).

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Parish News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

As usual, during Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.15pm and Mondays after morning Mass**. If you would like to lead the Friday evening Stations of the Cross sessions 15th, 22nd and 29th (Good Friday) are all available - please let Josie in the office know which Friday you would like to lead. Thank you.

100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTION !!!

Please remember that all 100 Club Subscription need to be paid by the end of this month. Pay by bank transfer to Nat West Bank Sort Code: 60-50-01

Account Number: 79144055 Name of Account: St Simon Stock RC Church 100 Club

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Some ladies from the UCM are knitting miniature Teddy Bears to donate to the Women's Refuge for the young children recently displaced. If anyone would like to help with this venture, please speak to Helen Appleby or any member of the UCM to get a pattern.

PLANT STALL

We are planning to have a Plant Stall at our Feast Day celebrations in May so when you are planting seeds / taking cuttings please do some for the plant stall.

UCM FAMILY FUN FISHY QUIZ

Our latest quiz is ready to roll! We will be selling Quiz Sheets at £2 each over the weekends of 24/25 Feb & 2/3 Mar. Answers to be in by 18th Mar & Results will be published 24/25 Mar. All proceeds from this Quiz will go to the Development Fund. Remember to bring some cash with you!

SUPPORTING MEDWAY FOODBANK IN 2023

We're delighted to tell you that during the Year 2023 our Parish and two schools donated **846.7kg of food and essential items** and **£15.50** to Medway Foodbank. A wonderful achievement! Thank you all for your kindness and generosity towards others. This enables Medway Foodbank to continue to do their important work of providing three days of emergency food to individuals and families who find themselves in a time of crisis.

The donation box is available in the lobby for you to donate to the Foodbank all year round. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

In these difficult times when finances are stretched to the limit, it is our Christian duty to help others. If you need financial support, please call. Fr. Pawel on the parish mobile or speak to him confidentially in person.



Community Events

Sun 18 Feb	2 nd Collection for the Clergy Support Fund
Mon 19 Feb	Messy Church in the Parish Hall at 8.45am After Morning Mass - Stations of the Cross Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 20 Feb	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 21 Feb	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 22 Feb	Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 23 Feb	CAFOD FAST DAY Children's Choir Practice in the church at 4.30pm Confirmation Class at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm in the church
Sat 24 Feb	First Holy Communion Classes in Hall & Church at 10am
Sun 25 Feb	2 nd Collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day
Mon 26 Feb	After Morning Mass - Stations of the Cross Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 27 Feb	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 28 Feb	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 29 Feb	Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 1 Mar	Children's Choir Practice in the church at 4.30pm Confirmation Class at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm in the church
Sun 3 Mar	Lent Medway Foodbank Collection

Prayer for Peace

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 the whole world. Please protect and send aid to those 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 these conflicts. 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 all the world. Amen.