

This 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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



25th February 2024

2nd Sunday Lent B

Newsletter

Hymns for 11am Mass: 74, 285, 72, 40, 830

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him.

Mon 10am Feria (After Mass - Stations of the Cross) Birthday Blessings Brian Jerstice

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Eucharistic Adoration Today 2pm to 10pm

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 7.15 pm Stations of the Cross

8 pm St David

Matthew Rocco RIP

Hilda Knight RIP

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 (3rd Mar) Readings

1st Reading – Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm – 18

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

Gospel – John 2: 13-25

Intentions

6pm: Owen Kyne RIP

9am: Victoria Gaffney RIP

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: Elizabeth McGrath, Leonard Miller, Clare Hartley, Joyce O'Neill, Margaret Bushnell, Luke Barber, Albert Attwood, Stephanie Duffy, Lucia Burslow, Patrick Egan, Allan Fowler, Wilfred Babbs and Hilda Knight. 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

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050P

Parish notices:

1. This weekend the 2nd Collection is for *CAFOD Family Fast Day*. This Lent, your donations 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 put it in the second collection after Mass.**



2. **Stations of the Cross** during Lent on Mondays after morning Mass and Fridays at 7.15 pm.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING FOR THE MEDWAY FOODBANK

This Lent we are asking parishioners to donate food and essential items that are listed on our latest Shopping list or 'Give in Lent Calendar.' Both lists are on our Parish website in The Medway Foodbank section, or **take a list from the table in the lobby**. Please remember that all items that are donated should be unopened, in date and in good condition. Collecting boxes will be at the back of the Church next weekend **March 2nd/3rd 2024**. Thank you for your continuing generosity.



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

UCM FAMILY FUN FISHY QUIZ

Our latest quiz is ready to roll! We are selling Quiz Sheets at £2 this weekend and next, 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!

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.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

will visit us on the weekend 9th / 10th March to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood after all Masses to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated "when you help the poor you help our Lord".

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

If you would like a pattern to knit miniature Teddy Bears to donate to the Women's Refuge for the young children 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.

SUPPORTING MEDWAY FOODBANK

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.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

The Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 23 August to Friday 30 August 2024!

Register your interest: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/>
or email: chiefs@catholicassociation.co.uk

Ask Anything –

Find out more from experienced pilgrims on Zoom: 16 March 2024, 11 am
<https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/askanything>

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 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
Mon 4 Mar	After Morning Mass - Stations of the Cross Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 5 Mar	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 6 Mar	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 7 Mar	Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 8 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 10 Mar	Sale of Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land after all Masses this weekend

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.