

This 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



Parish Of St Simon Stock

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COMMANDMENTS

3rd March 2024

3rd Sunday Lent B

Newsletter

Hymns for 11am Mass: 22, 377, 862, 151, 4

Entrance Antiphon

*My eyes are always on the Lord for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

Communion Antiphon

*The sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they
who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.*

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

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 Feria

Wellbeing of Michael Fortune

Private Intention

Hugh & Annie O'Brien RIP

Subbu Subbiah RIP

Holy Souls 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 (10th Mar) Readings

1st Reading – 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

Psalm – 136

2nd Reading – Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel – John 3: 14-21

Intentions

6pm: Nuala Payne RIP

9am: The People of the Parish

11am: Stephanie Duffy RIP

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: Alexander Sinclair, Irene Worsfold, Marcella Louise, Maurizio Giacometti, Andrew Morrison, David Cox, William Meade, William Devine, Manus O'Brien, Alfred Sperinck, Catherine Hodnett, Dianne McNair, Harry Eastwood, Doreen Bently, Patrick Dobbins, Catherine Smyth & Bryon Burrows. 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. **Stations of the Cross** during Lent on Mondays after morning Mass and Fridays at 7.15 pm.
2. The parish hall will be being repainted next week so there will be no UCM meeting on Tuesday 5th March in the hall.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING FOR THE MEDWAY FOODBANK



Please leave your donations in the collection box in the foyer. Our latest Shopping list or 'Give in Lent Calendar' 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. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

will visit us **next 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".

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 - Important message

Question Number 17 has 9 letters and Question Number 19 has 7 letters!! Apologies for the confusion.

ST BENEDICTS BIG LENT WALK

Year 6 are going to challenge themselves to walk 200Km in Lent to help fight global poverty! **On Wednesday 20th March, they will take a pilgrimage walk to St. Simon Stock Church walking with Fr. Pawel, Maggie from CAFOD, St. Benedict's staff and their family.** The CAFOD The Big Lent Walk fundraising page can be found here: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-francis-class-y6-2024>

Please sponsor them.

ST BENEDICTS LENTEN MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 9.10 - 10AM

Pre-school children are invited to come into school for Messy Church. Enjoy a morning of Lenten arts, crafts and story time organised by our Pupil Chaplains. Refreshments avail. call (01634 669700)/office@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

STM SCHOOL ARE LOOKING FOR NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

St Thomas More school are looking for new Foundation Governors. If you would like to find out more about what is involved, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Simon D'Souza, 07925326059 or dsous054@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

PARISH FEASTDAY CELEBRATIONS ON 19TH MAY

This year we have decided NOT to hold a Summer Fayre and are concentrating all our efforts into our Feast Day celebrations. We are planning to have a Plant Stall at so when you are planting seeds / taking cuttings please do some for the plant stall. We will also have our usual Sponsored Walk, BBQ and desserts to share, plus children's games and a bottle tombola. So please watch this space.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP MEETING FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

at St Michael's parish, Chatham. Starting at 7.30pm with Eucharistic adoration, followed by Stations of the Cross, and concludes with a shared Lenten soup, cheese, and bread dinner and discussion together. Parish car park available, Chatham train station next door. Entrance via the parish house.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

The Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Fri 23 Aug to Fri 30 Aug 2024! Register your interest: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/> or email: chiefs@catholicassociation.co.uk

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 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 cancelled
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 Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass
Mon 11 Mar	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 12 Mar	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group meeting in Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 13 Mar	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 14 Mar	Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 15 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
Sat 16 Mar	First Holy Communion Classes in Church and Hall at 10am

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.