

This 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: Stephanie Duffy RIP

11am: The People of the Parish

Hymns for 11am Mass: 40, 530, 388

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri **7.15 pm Stations of the Cross**

8 pm Feria

Liturgy of the Word

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Eucharistic Adoration Today 2pm to 10pm

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION THIS WEEK:

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Next Sunday (17th Mar) Readings

1st Reading – Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm – 50

2nd Reading – Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel – John 12: 20-33

6pm In thanksgiving for Fr Pawel and all priests

9am: Happy 62nd Wedding Anniversary Pat & Con Donovan

11am The People of the Parish

4pm: **Mass in Polish** Tadeusz Pogba RIP

Intentions

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Michael McColl, Margaret Jackson, John Dobbyn, John Fraser, Terry Rudman, Simon Wren, Mary Kerrigan, Matilda Martin, Annie Humphreys, Maria Gambaruto, Mary Mazza, Lucy Baldwin, Eamon McEntaggart, Peter Corbishley, John Halligan and Suzanne Hubbut. 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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10th March 2024

Parish Of St Simon Stock

For *God* so loved the world
that he gave
his one and only
that whoever
believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.
Son
John 3:16

4th Sunday Lent B

Laetare Sunday

Newsletter

May the blessing of the Divine be an especially bright benediction upon mothers everywhere.



On your blessed day - On Mother's Day!



Parish notices:

1. This weekend the 2nd Collection is for the Development Fund.
2. The UCM Ladies will be distributing Daffodils this weekend for Mother's Day, hoping you all have a wonderful day! Also, we will be selling Easter Chocolate Bunnies next weekend 16/17th & 23/24th March for £1 each.
3. Please see sign up sheets in the lobby for Volunteers for Feet Washing and Readers/Eucharistic Ministers/Servers for Easter Triduum services.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

Is visiting us **this weekend 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

DEAR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION!!!

Thank you very much for your faithful and generous service in our Parish community. **On Maundy Thursday 28th March 2024 during Holy Mass of the Lord Supper at 8 pm there will be a renewal of Commitment for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** All of you are very welcome to do so, on that very day when we are commemorating the institution of the sacrament of the Eucharist.

UCM FAMILY FUN FISHY QUIZ - Important message

Question Number 17 has 9 letters and Question Number 19 has 7 letters!! Apologies for the confusion. **Answers must be handed in by 18th March.** Winners will be informed by telephone by 23rd March. Answers will be available w/e 23rd/24th March.

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.

Community Events

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
Sun 17 Mar	2nd Collection for Poor Parishes (formerly Needs of the Diocese)
Mon 18 Mar	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 19 Mar	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 20 Mar	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 21 Mar	Adult Choir Practice in the Church at 8pm
Fri 22 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 24 Mar	No 2nd Collection this weekend Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass

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.

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.

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