

This Sunday (17th Mar) Readings

1st Reading – Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm – 50

2nd Reading – Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel – John 12: 20-33

Intentions

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

Hymns for 11am Mass: 197, 530, 951, 730, 513, 801

Entrance Antiphon

*Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.*

Communion Antiphon

*Amen, Amen I say to you: unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

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

Tue 10am St Joseph

Wed 10am Feria

Eucharistic Adoration Today 2pm to 10pm

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 7.15 pm Stations of the Cross

8 pm Feria

Pasqualina Scalera RIP

Bridget McManus RIP

Ted Searle RIP

Caroline Harford RIP

Adriene Lewis 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 (24th Mar) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalm – 21

2nd Reading – Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel – Matthew 21: 1-11 - The Passion: Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66

Intentions

6pm Philomena Maureen Nicholson RIP

9am: The People of the Parish

11am Teresa Mazza RIP

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: George Freestone, James Thorborn, Vera Lewis, Violet Connell, Alan Read, Maura Ita Nye, Sophie Tempczyk, Alec Hogben, Gwyneth Armstrong, Leonard Miller, Albert Barker, Mary Barrett, Andrew Clint, Wendy Davison & James Featherstone. 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. March winners: £100 No 304 = Maria Takaendisa £50 No 188 = Rose Pomeroy £25 No 213 = Gordon Pearson

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 notices:

1. This weekend the 2nd Collection is for Poor Parishes. There is no 2nd Collection next weekend, Palm Sunday.
2. Please note that next weekend all Masses will start from the blessing of palms. The blessing will take place on school car park, **so parking space will be limited next weekend.**
3. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT.** On Mondays straight after 10am Mass and on Fridays at 7.15pm before 8pm Mass.
4. **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE- 7pm on Monday 25th March.** There will be visiting priests available to hear confessions.
5. Please sign up for Holy Week & Easter readings and Washing of the Feet. Lists are on the table next to the main church entrance.
6. **The UCM Ladies will be selling Easter Chocolate Bunnies this weekend and next for £1 each.** Answers to the Fishy Quiz must be handed in this weekend.

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. **You raised £2857.11.** Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you all, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from us at www.tbng.co.uk. **God bless you all.**

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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 8pm there will be a Renewal of Commitment for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** All of you are very welcome to do so on the very day when we commemorate 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 tomorrow (18th March).** Winners will be informed by telephone by 23rd March. Answers will be available next weekend.

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.

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.

MASS AT AYLESFORD FOR TERESA MAZZA RIP

On Monday 25th March there will be a Mass said for Teresa Mazza RIP at Aylesford Priory at 12 noon in the Choir Chapel.

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 17 Mar	2 nd 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 Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm in the church
Sun 24 Mar	No 2 nd Collection this weekend Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass
Mon 25 Mar	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Parish Reconciliation Service 7pm
Tue 26 Mar	Evening prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 27 Mar	NO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY
Thu 28 Mar	Mass of the Last Supper at 8pm and watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm
Fri 29 Mar	Morning Prayer at 9am Stations of the Cross for Children at 10am Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross at 3pm Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm in the church
Sat 30 Mar	Morning Prayer at 9am Easter Blessing of Food in Polish at 12 noon Easter Vigil of the Holy Night 8pm
Sun 31 Mar	This weekend's collection is personal to the parish priest. Please find envelopes in the church lobby Mass in Polish at 4pm

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.