

This 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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



24th March 2024

Palm Sunday Lent B

Newsletter

THE MEANING OF THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Today on **Palm Sunday**, the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. We celebrate with a procession at each Mass, in which we commit ourselves to "walking with Christ" through his passion, death and resurrection. On **Maundy Thursday** we focus on the gift of the Eucharist and Priesthood. On **Holy Thursday evening at 8 pm**, we celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. The Blessed Sacrament is removed from the main sanctuary and taken to a **place of repose for adoration till 10 pm**. On **Good Friday**, we focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. As part of this focus, we observe Good Friday as a day of fasting and abstinence. There is no Mass on Good Friday; we have a **Service of the Passion of the Lord, at 3pm.**, which is traditionally held to be the moment of Jesus' last breath. This service begins in silence, with the priest laying prostrate before the cross. It continues with readings from Scripture, a homily and prayers for God's blessings and mercy. Next, we adore the cross with a sign of reverence: often a kiss or a touch. The key is for us to show our gratitude for the means that God used to save us. Finally, we bring the Blessed Sacrament out from the place of repose and receive Communion. The service ends in silence. **Easter Vigil** Continuing our walk with Christ, we will have spent Friday and Saturday "in the tomb" with Jesus. With our **service on Holy Saturday at 8 pm**, we move from the tomb to the glory of the resurrection. The service contains four parts: the service of light, Liturgy of the Word, Christian initiation and renewal baptism promises and holy Eucharist. **Easter Sunday** We rejoice with great joy at Jesus' victory over sin and death: his victory is our victory. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Parish notices:

1. This weekend the 2nd Collection is for Poor Parishes. Next weekend the Collection is personal to the priest. Please take an Easter Collection envelope from the lobby.
2. **LENTE RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Tomorrow (Monday 25th Mar) at 7pm.** There will be visiting priests available to hear confessions.
3. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - On Monday straight after 10am Mass and on Good Friday at 10am (for children) and at 7.15pm.
4. **HANDMADE EASTER CARDS** available on the table next to the main church entrance. Buy a special card for those special people in your life.

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Hymns for 11am Mass: 623, 377, 951, 187, 17

Entrance Antiphon

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done

Mon 10am Mon of Holy Week (After Mass - Stations of the Cross) Matthew Rocco RIP

7pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

Tue 10am Tue of Holy Week

Liturgy of the Word

Wed 10am Wed of Holy Week

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No Eucharistic Adoration Today

Thu 8pm Mass of the Lords Supper

Wellbeing of Rev John O'Toole

Good Friday 9 am Morning Prayer

10am Stations of the Cross for Children

3pm Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7.15 pm Stations of the Cross

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday 9.15 am – 10 am & LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7pm

Next Sunday (31st Mar Easter Sunday) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 10: 34, 37-43

8pm Melville & Pauline Burgess RIP

Psalm – 117

9am: The People of the Parish

2nd Reading – Colossians 3: 1-4

11am Ted Chambers RIP

Gospel – John 20: 1-9 4pm: Mass in Polish Agnieszka Markowska/ Barbara Pogorzelska 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: Kathleen Jones, Alfred Johnson, Michael Flaherty, Karen Harvey, Fr Denis Paul, Teresa Mazza, Mark Balden, John Connor, Allan Burfield, Alan Rushall, William Harper and Angela Kirpalani. 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 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 during Holy Mass of the Lord's 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 that very day when we are commemorating the institution of the sacrament of the Eucharist.

UCM FAMILY FUN FISHY QUIZ

We have had a high number of correct quiz sheets this time. You are all getting too good! Twelve prize winners will be receiving a gift bag of Pamper items. Thank you to all who have taken part & helped us raise £118 for the Development Fund. The Answers are available in the Church Porch, in the Hall & on the Website. **OUR EASTER CHOCOLATE BUNNIES WILL BE ON SALE AGAIN THIS WEEKEND - £1 EACH.**

PREPARATION FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY RETREAT

at Aylesford Priory on Sat 6th April 2024 from 10am to 4:30pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration & Benediction & Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

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](tel: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 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 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY
Maundy Thursday 28 Mar	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm followed by watching till 10pm
Good Friday 29 Mar	Morning Prayer at 9am Stations of the Cross for children at 10am The Passion of Our Lord /Veneration of the Cross at 3pm Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm
Holy Saturday 30 Mar	Morning prayer at 9am Blessing of Easter Food in Polish at 12 Noon Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8pm
Easter Sunday 31 Mar	9.00am Easter Mass 11.00am Easter Mass 4.00 pm Easter Mass in Polish Collection this weekend personal to Parish Priest
Mon 1 Apr	No Rosary Today
Tue 2 Apr	No Evening Prayer Today UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 3 Apr	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 4 Apr	No Adult Choir practice
Fri 5 Apr	No Children's Choir Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6pm
Sat 6 Apr	Baptism Preparation Course 10am to 1pm in Parish Hall
Sun 7 Apr	2nd Collection for the Development Fund

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.