

This Sunday (25th August) Readings

1st Reading – Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18 6 pm Happy Heavenly Birthday Pauline Burgess RIP
Psalm –33 9am David Rowe RIP
2nd Reading – Ephesians 5: 21-32 11am The People of the Parish
Gospel – John 6: 60-69

Intentions

Hymns for 11am Mass: 259, 23, 862, 528

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Antiphon

*The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.*

Mon 10am Feria Sylvia Berko RIP
Tue 10am St Monica Lucas Family Ints
Wed 10am St Augustine Liturgy of the Word
Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm
Thu 10am Passion of St John the Baptist Subbu Subbiah RIP
Fri 8pm SS Margaret Clitheroe & Ward and Anne Line Birthday Blessings Chioma Ogwueleka

Confessions:

Fridays 7.15pm to 7.45pm & Saturdays 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (1st Sept) Readings

1st Reading – Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8 6 pm For all who have prayed for Bridie & Michael Kyne
Psalm –14 9am Wellbeing of Martin Diddams
2nd Reading – James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 11am The People of the Parish
Gospel – Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Intentions

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Bob Mazza & John Caruana (Funeral Mass here at 10am on Friday 30th August then at Chatham Cemetery at 11.30am), and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Ethel Legge, John Dyer, Rory Colhoun, Wally Henman, Desmond Bowler, Sylvia Berko, David Rowe, Patrick McArdle, John Bickmore, Geoffrey Emson, George Moss, Allan McGurk, Nellie Egan, Edward Dempsey, Penelope Dawson, Dolores Bulksas, Edward Morgan, Caroline Brown, Tony Crack and Brian Tough. 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. Aug Winners: £50 = No. 49 Eileen Kehoe £25 = No. 299 Martin Cacafranca

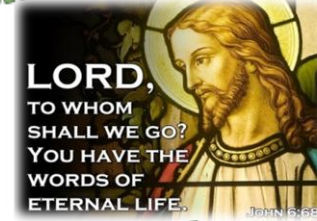
Parish Gift Aid Scheme: If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please contact Sandra Rocco on 07720 772089

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Parish Of St Simon Stock



25th August 2024

21st Sunday Year B

Newsletter

Parish Notices:

There is no 2nd Collection this weekend. Next week it is for the Development Fund.

**THE PARISH TEAM INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS
TO A CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

AT THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024 AT 1 PM.

If you would like to attend please email lydiaburchell64@gmail.com. The cost of the meal is £40.00 and The Friars require a £10.00 deposit per person. Please either bank transfer £10.00 to the Parish with the reference "meal deposit" or give into the Parish office in an envelope with your name & marked as "meal deposit". There is no menu available yet but as soon as it is a copy will be placed on the noticeboard. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

'MARCH FOR LIFE UK'

It is a pro-life event organised by 'March for Life UK' who campaign to raise awareness on the issue of abortion. **On Saturday 7th September** there will be a protest championing the right to life of the unborn child held in London. More information can be found on the organisation's website - <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>.

The itinerary for the day is:

10am - meet at 9-23 Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW

11am - a Catholic Mass will then be held at St. George's Cathedral Southwark

1.30pm - the march will take place at from the Emmanuel Centre and will end at Parliament Square at 4 pm.

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Parish News

NEW RCIA COURSE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Do you or anyone you know want to explore the Catholic Faith further or become a full member of the Catholic Church? Join us this year as we embark on another **RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**, where we will journey with you in faith exploration, as you get to know Jesus on a personal level, through scripture, witness and the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more info please speak to Fr Pawel.

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

Any person who has made their **First Holy Communion** is eligible to become an **Altar Server**. Anyone can join this Ministry, but if you are under 18 years of age, please ask your parents/guardians to contact either Fr Pawel, Deacon Martin or Alfredo alfredoandtricia@yahoo.co.uk

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration & Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

VACANCIES For FOUNDATION GOVERNORS AT ST THOMAS MORE

Please see noticeboard for details. Contact Mr Simon D'Souza for more info on 07925 326059 or dsous054@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST WEEKEND RETREAT.

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th October 2024. For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. Cost £260 Single shared £230. For more information and bookings contact: Tel: 01622 717 272 or email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

JOB VACANCY FOR SHRINE SECRETARY AT AYLESFORD PRIORY

For full job description and application form contact Clare Abbotson on 01622 714148 / cabbotson@thefriars.org.uk. Closing Date: Fri 30th August 2024

Community Events

Sun 25 Aug	No 2 nd Collection this weekend
Mon 26 Aug	There will be no Rosary on Zoom until September
Tue 27 Aug	There will be no Evening Prayer until September
Wed 28 Aug	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 29 Aug	No Adult Choir practice until 19th September
Fri 30 Aug	No Children's choir practice until 13 th September.
Sun 1 Sep	2 nd Collection this weekend for the Development Fund
Mon 2 Sep	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 3 Sep	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 4 Sep	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 5 Sep	No Adult Choir practice until 19th September
Fri 6 Sep	No Children's choir practice until 13 th September.
Sun 8 Sep	2 nd Collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service

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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