

This Sunday (2nd Mar) Readings

1st Reading – Sirach 27: 4-7

Psalm – 92

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 54 - 58

Gospel – Luke 6: 39-45

Intentions

6pm Hilda Knight RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Jeff Austin RIP

Hymns for 11am Mass: 301, 302, 585, 72, 106, 602

Ent Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Psalm response: *It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.*

Alleluia, Alleluia! *Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!*

Comm Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 9.30am Ash Wednesday

2pm (St Benedict's School)

8pm

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 7.15pm STATION OF THE CROSS

8pm Feria

Lucio De Vergori RIP

Private Intention

Michael Kyne RIP

The people of the Parish

Zdzisława Szczęsna RIP

Joe McElwee RIP

Doreen Whitby RIP

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Friday 6.30pm to 7.10pm & Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (9th Mar) Readings

1st Reading – Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Psalm – 91

2nd Reading – Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel – Luke 4: 1-13

Intentions

6pm Michael Kyne RIP

9am Pearce Family Intentions

11am The People of the Parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Wilfred Babs, Hilda Knight, Alexander Sinclair, Irene Worsfold, Marcella Louise, Maurizio Giacometti, Andrew Morrison, David Cox, William Meade, William Devine, Manus O'Brien, Alfred Sperinck, Catherine Hodnett, Dianne Macnair, Harry Eastwood & Doreen Bently. 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. 107 Margaret Harris £25 = No. 232 UCM

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

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Parish Of St Simon Stock

A good person
produces good things
from the treasury of
a good heart
Luke 6:45



2nd March 2025

8th Sunday of Year C

Newsletter

Parish notices:

1. This weekend the 2nd Collection is for our Development Fund.
2. It is **Ash Wednesday (5th March)** this week, which is a day of fasting and abstinence. **Masses at 9.30am and 8pm and at 2pm (in St Benedict's School).** There will Eucharistic Adoration on Ash Wednesday from 2pm till 8pm.
3. **UCM Family Fun Quiz** - Hurray! It's back! This year our Quiz has the theme of Weather. UCM ladies will be selling Quiz Sheets for £2 at all weekend masses 15/16th March & 22nd/23rd March. As usual, the prizes will be Chocolate Hampers. All proceeds for the quiz this year will go to Medway Food Bank. You've got to be in it to win it!!

LENTEN ALMSGIVING FOR THE MEDWAY FOODBANK

This Lent we have been asked to donate just 5 different items that are urgently needed by people in their food parcels. **Collecting boxes will be at the back of the Church next weekend March 8th/9th 2025.** Thank you for your continuing generosity. Items urgently needed at our warehouse:

- Packets of instant mashed potato
- Tins of fruit
- Meal tins of meat e.g. beef stew, chicken in white sauce, lamb casserole, chicken curry, chilli con carne, Fray Bentos meat meals etc.
- Peanut butter (medium jars not large)
- Washing up liquid (small or medium bottles)



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St Thomas More

Mrs P Le Breton (Acting Head of School) 01634 864701

Parish News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

As usual, during Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.15pm** and Mondays after morning Mass. If you would like to lead the Friday evening Stations of the Cross - please let Josie in the office know which Friday you would like to lead. **The dates available are 7th & 21st March and 4th, 11th & 18th April.**

100 CLUB

Can we please remind all those who subscribe to our 100 Club that your yearly subscription of £12 per number is due by this weekend. If you wish to pay by bank transfer the details are: Nat West Bank Sort Code: 60-50-01 Account Number: 79144055 Name of Account: St Simon Stock RC Church 100 Club Please note that when paying online the account name will display as: ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN TRUST

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on 4-6 April at the Sion Community, Essex; for further details please contact: Mary: 07730 884315, or email BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER COURSE

Have you seen the amazing ONLINE Sycamore series about adults and developing their faith? The next course for married and engaged couples begins on Tuesday March 4th and continues on 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st 2025. Both of you are welcome but if only one can attend, please join us! To register from Feb 28th 2025 go to: [Growing in Faith Together – Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://growinginfaith.org.uk)

JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT AYLESFORD PRIORY 7TH JUNE 2025

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun, with the whole point of the celebrations Mass at 3pm. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). **Find out more** at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.



When I need help...

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 2 Mar	2 nd Collection for the Development Fund
Mon 3 Mar	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 4 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 5 Mar	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 8PM followed by Mass
Thu 6 Mar	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 7 Mar	Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sun 9 Mar	LENTEN MEDWAY FOODBANK COLLECTION
Mon 10 Mar	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 11 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group in the Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 12 Mar	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 13 Mar	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 14 Mar	CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sun 16 Mar	2 nd Collection CAFOD Fast Day Envelopes from 14 th March.

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.