

This 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

Hymns for 11am Mass: 185, 81, 951, 663, 384, 830

Ent Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Psalm response: *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Comm Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Mon 10am Feria

After Mass- Stations of the Cross

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Fri **7.15pm STATION OF THE CROSS**

8pm Feria

Pasqualina Scalera RIP

Private Intention

Stephanie Duffy RIP

Michael Kyne RIP

Health & Wellbeing of the Walker Family

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am - 9.55am

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

Next Sunday (16th Mar) Readings

1st Reading – Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalm – 27

2nd Reading – Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1

Gospel – Luke 9: 28-36

Intentions

6pm Michael Kyne RIP

9am Rosanne Madigan RIP

11am The People of the Parish

4pm Mass in Polish Katarzyna & Józef Wiśniewski RIP

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Patrick Dobbins, Catherine Smyth, Bryon Burrows, 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. 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

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Parish Of St Simon Stock



9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent C



Newsletter

Parish notices:

1. This weekend as the 2nd Collection we do shopping for 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 this 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)



2. Next weekend for our 2nd collection we will be returning the **CAFOD Fast Day envelopes** which are available in the Church lobby today. Please take one and put your donation for Friday's Family Fast Day inside.

LENT 2025 REFLECTIONS

Each day during Lent, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will be sending out a reflection to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus. The email will arrive in your inbox each morning, featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer. All you have to have to do is sign up here <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

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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 only date now available is 4th April.**

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!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING

We are in need of more cleaners to join our Church Cleaning rota. The church cleaning is usually done on Fridays or Saturdays. If you would like to join the team, please contact the parish office.

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.

LENT EVENING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MEN

On Friday 14th March at St Michael's parish, Chatham starting at 7pm with parish stations of the Cross, then Eucharistic adoration, two preached meditations, time for Confession, silent prayer, Rosary, a tea break and Benediction. The evening is led by Fr Peter Murphy, an experienced spiritual director and parish priest in Southwark Archdiocese. car park available. For questions, email MedwayCatholicMen@outlook.com.

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 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 STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7.15PM
Sun 16 Mar	2nd Collection CAFOD Fast Day Envelopes from 14th March. CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 17 Mar	Rosary on Zoom at 7pm
Tue 18 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 19 Mar	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 20 Mar	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 21 Mar	Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7.15PM
Sun 23 Mar	2nd Collection for Poor Parishes

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.