

## This Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> Mar) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalm – 27

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1

Gospel – Luke 9: 28-36

4pm Mass in Polish Katarzyna & Józef Wiśniewski RIP

## Intentions

6pm Michael Kyne RIP

9am Rosanne Madigan RIP

11am The People of the Parish



Parish Of St Simon Stock



16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent C

## Newsletter

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 301, 71, 951, 891, 185**

**Ent Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**Psalm response:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation*  
*Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.*

**Comm Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Mon 10am St Patrick

Violet Connell RIP

After Mass- Stations of the Cross

Tue 10am Feria

Private Intention

Wed 10am St Joseph

Hugh & Annie O'Brien RIP

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Thu 10am Feria

Matthew Rocco RIP

Fri 7.15pm STATION OF THE CROSS

8pm Feria

Grateful thanks to the Parish Cleaning Group

### CONFESSIONS DURING LENT:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am - 9.55am

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

## Next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> Mar) Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

Psalm – 103

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel – Luke 13: 1-9

## Intentions

6pm The Wellbeing of Martin Diddams

9am Ted Searle RIP

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: John Hallifgan, Suzzanne Hubbut, George Freestone, James Thorborn, Vera Lewis, Violet Connell, Alan Read, Maura Nye, Sophie Tempczyk, Alec Hogben, Gwyneth Armstrong, Leonard Miller, Albert Barker, Mary Barrett, Andrew Clint, and 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. Mar Winners £50 = No. 268 Kevin Leahy £25 = No. 110 James Carmichael

**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. A big thankyou to everyone who donated food and everyday essentials to the Medway Foodbank last weekend for our Lenten almsgiving collection. They will really help families and individuals in need in the weeks ahead. Please remember that the collection boxes will remain in the porch and we can keep donating every weekend during the year.

2. This weekend for our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

3. On Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm, there will be a session in the Parish Hall led by Fr Pawel entitled:

'What does the Bible say about hope?'  
Part 2'

*What does the Bible say about hope?*  
Part II

*Monday 24th March at 7.30 pm*  
*in the Parish Hall*

*Session led by:*  
*Fr Pawel Sobol*

All are welcome.

St Simon Stock RC Parish  
Bleakwood Rd., Walderslade ME5 0N



## LENT 2025 REFLECTIONS

Sign up to daily Lenten reflections at <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

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**Please note: Parish Office is located in the new church extension**

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## Parish News

### IMPORTANT PETITION

Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition in the lobby or scan QR code and sign online, which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives.



### 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. **4<sup>th</sup> April is still available.**

### 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.

### DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY AT ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL ROCHESTER

On Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March 11am – 5.30pm. An action packed day with catechesis, pizza, sports & craft, prayer and Mass. Cost £5. Book now using the link <https://form.jotform.com/241994784743372>

### JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT AYLESFORD PRIORY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](https://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 16 Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection CAFOD Fast Day Envelopes from 14 <sup>th</sup> March. <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b>
Mon 17 Mar	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 7pm</b>
Tue 18 Mar	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Wed 19 Mar	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
Thu 20 Mar	<b>Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only</b> <b>Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.</b>
Fri 21 Mar	<b>Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church</b> <b>Social Team Meeting in the Parish Office at 6pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm</b> <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7.15PM</b>
Sat 22 Mar	<b>First Communion Class in the Hall &amp; Church at 10am</b>
Sun 23 Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Poor Parishes
Mon 24 Mar	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Tue 25 Mar	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Wed 26 Mar	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
Thu 27 Mar	<b>Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only</b> <b>Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.</b>
Fri 28 Mar	<b>Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church</b> <b>Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm</b> <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7.15PM</b>
Sun 30 Mar	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b>

### 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.