

## This 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

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 209, 81, 585, 164, 568**

**Ent Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Psalm response:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

*Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.*

**Comm Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Mon 10am Feria

Teresa Mazza RIP

**After Mass- Stations of the Cross**

Tue 10am Annunciation of the Lord

Private Intention

Wed 10am Feria

Hugh & Annie O'Brien RIP

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Thu 10am Feria

Deacon Charlie Bianco RIP

Fri 7.15pm STATION OF THE CROSS

8pm Feria

Barbara De Vergori RIP

## CONFESSIONS DURING LENT:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am - 9.55am

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

## Next Sunday (30<sup>th</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 Christy Kilgarraff RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Michael Kyne RIP

## 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 Baldwin, John Connor, Allan Burfield, Alan Rushall and William Harper. 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

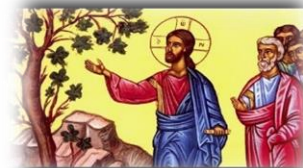
**Parish Gift Aid Scheme:** If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please contact Sandra Rocco on 07720 772089

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Parish Of St Simon Stock



23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent C

## Newsletter

### Parish notices:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend is for Poor Parishes. There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend.

2. **Stations of the Cross** during Lent on Mondays after morning Mass and Fridays at 7.15 pm.

3. We would like to start having Parish Welcomers at each weekend Mass. This would mean getting to Mass 25 minutes early to greet people and hand out newsletters etc. If you would like to be involved, please ring the parish office.

4. UCM ladies will be selling Quiz Sheets for £2 at all masses. As usual, the prizes will be Chocolate Hampers. All proceeds for the quiz will go to Medway Food Bank.

5. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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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St Benedict's

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## Parish News

### IMPORTANT PETITION

Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition in the lobby or scan QR code next to the petition and sign online, which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY - DAFFODILS

The UCM Ladies will be handing out Daffodils to our Mothers, Grandmother & potential Mothers at all Masses for Mothering Sunday next weekend.

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING GROUP

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. **The more people we have the less often you will be on the rota**

### THE BIG LENT WALK – ST BENEDICTS SCHOOL

Year 6 are taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor us. Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. Please support Year 6 by donating using the link below: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-francis-class-pilgrimage-lordswood>

### LENTEN PRE-SCHOOLER PLAY- FRIDAY 28 MAR AT ST BENEDICTS

Pre-school children invited to come at 9:10 am to 10 am with their carers to enjoy Lenten arts, crafts & story time organised by our Pupil Chaplains. Refreshments available. Call or e-mail the school 01634 669700 if you would like to attend.

### ST BENEDICTS EASTER FAYRE

**Come and join the fun on 29<sup>th</sup> March 11am to 2pm.**

### 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, craft & sports, prayer & Mass. Cost £5. Book on <https://form.jotform.com/241994784743372>

### JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT AYLESFORD PRIORY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, 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 **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 23 Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Poor Parishes
Mon 24 Mar	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 25 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 26 Mar	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 27 Mar	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 28 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
Sat 29 Mar	ST BENEDICT'S EASTER FAYRE 11AM - 2PM
Sun 30 Mar	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 31 Mar	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 1 Apr	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 2 Apr	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 3 Apr	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 4 Apr	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 6 Apr	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for 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.