

## This Sun (Divine Mercy 27<sup>th</sup> April) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 5: 12-16

Psalm – 118

2nd Reading – Rev 1: 9-11, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel – John 20: 19-31

## Intentions

6pm: Martin Diddams RIP

9am The Pearce Family Intentions

11am The People of the Parish

2.45 pm – DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 228, 467, 32, 951, 891, 728**

**Ent Antiphon** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**Psalm response:** Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

**Alleluia, alleluia.** You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

**Comm Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Mon 10am

Tue 10am

Wed 10am

Liturgy of the Word

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Thu 10am

Fri 8pm

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm**

## Next Sun (4th May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Psalm – 30

2nd Reading – Rev 5: 11-14

Gospel – John 21:1-19

## Intentions

6pm: Melville & Pauline Burgess RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Gloria Simpson RIP

## Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Mgr Canon John O'Toole & Martin Diddams, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: May McCarthy, Tina Holeman, Lilian Pearson, Martin Hehir, John Drumm, Eileen Smithy, Harry Gregory, Leonard Edmonds, Margaret Bassett, John McGall, John Thomas, Larry Turner, Violet Owen, Margaret Rogerson, Phyllis Hollingsworth and William McCormick. 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.

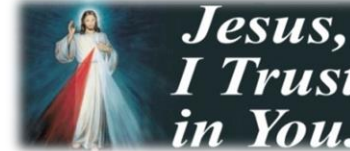
**100 Club (Parish Lottery)** - Cash Prizes to be won monthly! Annual Subscription £12 per number. Apr Winners £100=313 Gordon Pearson £50=332 U.C.M. £25=312 Katie Paoli

**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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27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Easter C  
Divine Mercy Sunday

Newsletter

## POPE FRANCIS REQUIESCAT IN PACE



*Pope Francis has died aged 88, He served as the 265th successor of St Peter from his election on 13 March 2013 to 21 April 2025. Please take with you a prayer card from the back of church and pray for repose of the soul of Pope Francis.*

## Parish notices:

1. I would like to express grateful thanks to all of you for so many lovely cards, gifts and all your kindness to me this Easter. Thank you very much.
2. **This week the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for St Georges Cathedral Fund.** Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!
  - Cash / Cheque – please use envelopes at the back of church
  - Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral)
  - Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right).
3. **Today is Divine Mercy Sunday at 2.45 pm we will have opportunity to praise God's Mercy during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and pray together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.**
4. On Monday (28<sup>th</sup> April) at 7.30 pm there will be the first of six meetings of spiritual course "PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST". All are welcome.



## RED MISSIO BOXES

Please give your red missio boxes to Lynne Pearson on Saturday evening or to me, Adrian Hockney on Sunday morning. **Please do not leave any boxes in the church.** If you are unable to bring them and your boxes are full please contact me on 01634 862877 or [adrianhockney@btinternet.com](mailto:adrianhockney@btinternet.com) Empty boxes can be collected 3/4 May.

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

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## Parish News

### TAKE PART IN A SPIRITUAL "PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST"

Our Lady and the Apostles prepared together for the first Pentecost in prayer and reflection. Why not do the same this year, by taking part in our archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Pentecost course? Starts the Sunday after Easter, with daily Scripture reflections in a specially written course booklet, six weekly filmed talks pre-recorded at diocesan Jubilee shrines. Our parish will host the video discussion sessions on Mondays at 7.30pm and you can find out more about the course using the QR code on the poster in the porch or by visiting [aec.rcaos.org.uk/P2P](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/P2P). Booklets are available in the parish this weekend, at a cost of £3.50 each.

### **BECOME A PARISH WELCOMER**

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.

### **VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING GROUP**

We need more cleaners for our Church Cleaning rota. The cleaning is usually done on Fridays or Saturdays. Please contact the parish office to volunteer.

### **PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 12.30PM**

We will be celebrating the Feast of St Simon Stock with the usual sponsored walk, barbecue and desserts. We will also hold a plant stall and bottle tombola and there will be games for the children. **SPONSORED WALK FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH LOBBY ALONG WITH SIGNING UP SHEETS FOR HELPERS ON THE DAY. Please sign up we need your help!!**

### **\*\*PLANT STALL\*\***

**PLEASE CAN EVERYONE WITH GREEN FINGERS TAKING CUTTINGS OR PLANTING SEEDS REMEMBER TO DO EXTRA FOR OUR ST SIMON STOCK FEAST DAY PLANT STALL ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY. Many thanks**

### **MEDWAY FOODBANK NEWS:**

Medway Foodbank want to thank us for all our Lenten donations but would now like us to become **TINNED FRUIT CHAMPIONS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS**. We have very low stocks of tinned fruit at our warehouse to give to our individuals and families. **So, they would like us to now donate tins of fruit e.g. peaches, apricots, pineapple, mixed fruit etc.**

### **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 27 Apr	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for St Georges Cathedral <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b> <b>2.45 pm – DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION</b>
Mon 28 Apr	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Pilgrimage to Pentecost talk in Parish Hall 7.30pm
Tue 29 Apr	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 30 Apr	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
Thu 1 May	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 2 May	<b>Children's Choir in the church at 4.30pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm</b>
Sat 3 May	<b>Baptism Course in the Hall 10am to 1pm</b>
Sun 4 May	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection today
Mon 5 May	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 6 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 7 May	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
Thu 8 May	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 9 May	<b>Children's Choir in the church at 4.30pm</b> <b>Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm</b>
Sun 11 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection today for Priests Training Fund <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b> <b>12.30pm PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS</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.