

This 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 RIIP

Hymns for 11am Mass: 610, 608, 585, 862, 151, 395

Ent Antiphon Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Psalm response: *I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.*

Alleluia, alleluia. *Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia.*

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

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 9.30am

8pm Feria

Mgr Canon John O'Toole RIP

Private Intention

Thanks to Alfredo & Tricia De Vergori for their part in Parish Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

In Thanksgiving for success of Mavis Westbrook's Operation

St Thomas More School Mass

Pasqualina Scalera RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Fridays 7.15pm to 7.50pm and Saturdays 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sun (11th May) Readings

1st Reading – 13:14, 43-52

Psalm – 100

2nd Reading – Rev 7: 9, 13, 14-17

Gospel – John 10: 27-30

Intentions

6pm: Constance Pope RIP

9am Pearce Family Intentions

11am The People of the Parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Martin Diddams (his funeral will be at 12 noon on Mon 19th May), and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Albert Byrne, Winifred Hicks, Winifred Brook, Hannah Harris, Maria Fulgoni, Violet Secular, Lawrence Ward, James Mesher, Pasqualina Petraglia, Stanislaw Bielec, Margaret Howlett, David Kelleher, Anna Hodgson and Enda White. 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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Parish Of St Simon Stock



4th May 2025

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Newsletter

Parish notices:

1. There is no 2nd Collection this weekend. Next week it is for Ecclesiastical Education (Priest's Training Fund).
2. **On Monday (6th May) at 7.30 pm** there will be the second of six meetings of spiritual course "PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST" it is the video discussion sessions. All are welcome. A few booklets are still available in the back of the church this weekend, at a cost of £3.50 each.
3. Please collect your empty mission boxes from the church porch this weekend.

NEXT SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025 - ST SIMON STOCK PARISH FEAST DAY

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



The Sponsored Walk starts at 12.30pm. Sponsor forms are available in the lobby. Please take one and fill them up with lots of sponsors. **Please donate:**

- **Bottles for Bottle Tombola.** Please leave bottles in the parish hall.
- **home-made cakes** to share after the barbecue -please leave them in the parish kitchen on 10th/11th May
- **any plants/seedlings you have spare for the plant stall** (bring along to church from Friday 9th May onwards). MANY MANY THANKS!!!

Also please sign the sheet in the church lobby to volunteer to help with activities. **Please sign up we need your help!**

UNIQUE HANDMADE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

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

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St Thomas More

Parish Secretary: Mrs Josie Ryder

Mrs. S. L. McAlpine 01634 669700

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

Parish News

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE
WHO BOUGHT OUR HANDMADE EASTER CARDS.
WE MADE £102.30 FOR PARISH FUNDS.**

BURIAL OF MONSIGNOR CANON JOHN O'TOOLE RIP

**On Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 11.00am Burial in Chatham Cemetery
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.**

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.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS

Annual Mass for Migrants on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May 2025 at Westminster Cathedral, starting at 2.00pm with a procession of banners.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT AYLESFORD PRIORY 7TH 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.

NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNORS - ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School are looking for new Foundation Governors. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Mr Simon D'Souza, Chair of Governors on dsous54@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk or on 0792 5326 059.

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 4 May	No 2 nd Collection today
Mon 5 May	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm "PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST" meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm
Tue 6 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 7 May	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 8 May	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 9 May	Children's Choir in the church at 4.30pm Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sun 11 May	2 nd Collection today for Priests Training Fund CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS 12.30pm PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
Mon 12 May	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 13 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 14 May	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 15 May	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 16 May	Children's Choir in the hall at 4.30pm First Communion Mass rehearsal at 5pm Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 17 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 2pm
Sun 18 May	No 2 nd Collection today

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.