

This Sun (11th May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 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

Hymns for 11am Mass: 22, 608, 585, 572, 263

Ent Antiphon: *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

Psalm response: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Alleluia, alleluia. *I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.*

Comm Antiphon: *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Our Lady of Fatima

Wed 10am St Matthias

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am St John Stone

Fri 8pm St Simon Stock

Anne Connelly RIP

Private Intention

Martin Diddams RIP

John McCarthy RIP

Rita Rough RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (18th May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 14: 21-27

Psalm – 145

2nd Reading – Rev 21: 1-5

Gospel – John 13: 31-33, 34-35

4pm: Mass in Polish Marianna & Jan Stankiewicz RIP

Intentions

6pm: Intentions of the Kyei-Poakwa Family

9am The People of the Parish

11am Pat & Roger Massey RIP

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: Liz Connell, Richard Rowntree, Bernard Hull, Richard de Verteuil, Montague Bryant, Keith Coburn, Kathleen Horne, Bob Boulton, Winnie Henman, Bernard Devine, Dennis Cebunka, Sean McKeown, Kathleen O'Brien, Maria Frabotta, Frank Arthurs, Dorothy Duxbury, Lena Bonvini, Patricia Smith, Brian Collins & Moira Burrows.. 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. May Winners £50 No. 347 = Ruth Edwards £25 No. 323 = Chuks Uwaechia

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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



11th May 2025

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Newsletter



With deep joy and thanksgiving, we welcome the election of Pope Leo XIV as the 266th Successor of Peter and 267th Pope of the Catholic Church. Let us rejoice and give glory to God for the gift of our new Holy Father.

Parish notices:

1. 2nd Collection this weekend is for Ecclesiastical Education (Priest's Training Fund). There is no 2nd Collection next week.
2. On Monday (12th May) at 7.30 pm there will be the third of six meetings of spiritual course "PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST" it is the video discussion sessions. All are welcome.

Today we are celebrating our parish patronal Feast of St Simon Stock. It is a great opportunity for us to get together in prayer and thanksgiving and have a family fun time. I hope that everyone who join us for this celebration will be spiritually uplifted.

PARISH FEAST CELEBRATIONS AFTER 11AM MASS

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and games.

Sponsored Walk at 12.30 pm,

BBQ * Home Made Cakes* Games * Plant Stall

ALL ARE INVITED!!!

**There is still time to sponsor Fr Pawel who will walk to
fundraise money for parish development fund.**

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Parish News

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - BECOME A PARISH WELCOMER

We still need people to volunteer to be Parish Welcomers at each weekend Mass. We have had some volunteers but only 2 for each Mass which would mean they would be welcoming people every week. If we have more volunteers we can have a rota. (This would mean getting to Mass 25 minutes early to greet people and hand out newsletters etc. Please ring the parish office to get involved..

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.

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.**

MINIBUS/COACH FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD 7.6.25

We want to hire a minibus/coach as the parking at Aylesford will be difficult. If you wish to take advantage of this please contact the office by next Wed 15th May.



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 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 "PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST" meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm
Tue 13 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group in the Parish Hall at 7pm
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
Mon 19 May	Funeral of Martin Diddams at 12 Noon Rosary on Zoom at 6pm "PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST" meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm
Tue 20 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 21 May	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 22 May	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Confirmation Class in the Church at 6.30pm Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 23 May	Children's Choir in the hall at 4.30pm First Communion Mass rehearsal at 5pm
Sat 24 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 2pm
Sun 25 May	2 nd Collection for the Development Fund CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS

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.