

This 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

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Hymns for 11am Mass: 4, 23, 585, 72, 398

Ent Antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Psalm response: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Alleluia, alleluia A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. . Alleluia.

Comm Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

Liturgy of the Word

Matthew Rocco RIP

Mgr Canon John O'Toole RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Wellbeing of Tom & Marjie Monahan

50th Birthday Blessings Janet Kyei-Poakwa

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (25th May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Psalm – 67

2nd Reading – Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel – John 14: 23-29

Intentions

6pm: Alex Clay RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Birthday Blessings Helen Jerstice

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Jess Cavanagh, Ian Hull, Harry Potter, John Molloy, Edith Dwyer, John Kerrigan, Leonard Wilkins, Patrick Alvares, Julie Clark, Peggy Rambajunsingh, Frank Egan and Roger Massey. 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**

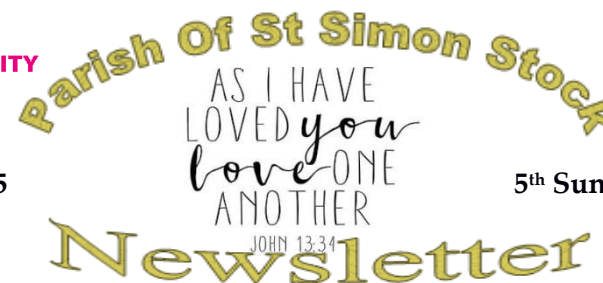
Mass Intentions: Please make cheques payable to St Simon Stock Church. See website for details of how to make a bank transfer.

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



18th May 2025



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Parish notices:

1. There is no 2nd Collection this week. Next week it is for the Development Fund.
2. Enormous thanks to everyone who has helped with our parish patronal Feast of St Simon Stock last Sunday – the volunteers who helped set up, those who donated plants and bottles, those who baked cakes, made teas and coffees and cooked burgers and sausages and not forgetting those who walk the sponsored walk and all sponsors and parishioners.
3. This Saturday at 2pm children from our Parish received Jesus for the first time at the first of our First Holy Communion Masses. Please pray for: **Nancy Louise Burbidge, James Cahill, Grace & Finley Coombs, Bonnie Doyle, Henry & Orla Featherstone, Chiamaka Nwaokolo, Frances Oghorodi, Evie Pastore, Anna Smolak-Mazurek.** I would like to congratulate them and their families and thank the Catechists of the Reconciliation and Eucharist Programme for their effort in preparing the children and supporting them during their First Holy Communion Masses.
4. On Monday (19th May) at 7.30 pm there will be the fourth of six meetings of spiritual course “PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST” it is the video discussion sessions. All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2025

Sunday 18 May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said “Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us — clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners — is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community”. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code.



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Parish News

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

INTERNATION FOOD EVENING 5TH JULY AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

The UCM & Knights of St. Columba are hosting an International Food Evening which will commence with Games outside weather permitting & continue with supper of Homemade Dishes from your country of origin. A Raffle will also be held. Please add your name to the list in the Front porch stating your Dish, it's origin & the number in your party. Entry is free.'

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..

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**.

IGBO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Please join us for a vibrant cultural gathering of the Igbo Catholic community, under the Nigerian Catholic Chaplaincy of England and Wales, **on Sunday, May 25, 2025**. **This special event will take place at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in Rainham, Kent, ME8 7RH, starting with the Igbo Mass at 1 PM.** Bring along your family and friends to partake in this wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow community members as we come together to celebrate and honour our Lord with sincere hearts. After the Mass, we'll continue the festivities with entertainment at the parish centre. We can't wait to see you there! Thank you, and God bless!

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 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 Social Team Meeting at 6pm in the Parish Office 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
Mon 26 May	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm "PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST" meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm
Tue 27 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 28 May	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 29 May	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Confirmation Mass Rehearsal in the Church at 6.30pm
Fri 30 May	Children's Choir in the hall at 4.30pm First Communion Mass rehearsal at 5pm
Sat 31 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 2pm
Sun 1 Jun	2 nd Collection for World Communications CONFIRMATION MASS AT 11AM

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.