

This Sun (17th Aug) Readings

1st Reading – Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

Psalm –40

2nd Reading –Hebrews 12: 1-4

Gospel – Luke 12: 49 - 53

Intentions

6pm: Martin Diddams RIP

9am The people of the Parish

11am Rose Pomeroy in celebration of her new freedom

4pm Mass in Polish – Thanksgiving Mass

Hymns for 11am Mass: 568, 147, 517, 268

Ent Antiphon Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Psalm response: Lord, make haste to help me!

Alleluia, alleluia My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia.**

Comm With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am St Bernard

Michael Fortune RIP

Mieczysław Kucharski RIP

Bob Mazza RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am St Pius X

Fri 8pm The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

Bill & Geraldine McDonald RIP

Sylvia Berko RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday 7.15pm to 7.45pm & Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sun (24th Aug) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalm –117

2nd Reading –Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel – Luke 13: 22-30

Intentions

6pm: Happy Birthday Taffy Zinyuke

9am Happy heavenly birthday Paul Burgess RIP

11am The People of the Parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Christopher Styles, James Lane, Kathleen Kenny, Mary McDonald, Patricia Higgins, & Norah Iddenden. 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., and 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. Aug Winners £50 = No 265 Alessandra Rocco £25 = No 207 Margaret Harris

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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Newsletter

Parish notices:

1. 2nd collection this weekend is for the development fund.
2. **Next Sunday - 24th August - 11am Mass** is Fr Pawel's Farewell Mass here at St Simon Stock. Afterwards we will be having a celebration in the parish hall. All are welcome!

PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL 2025

The Friars, Aylesford have pencilled this in on Tuesday 9 December 2025. If you would like to attend please can you email lydiaburchell64@gmail.com to confirm your place and bank transfer a £10.00 deposit to the Parish or hand the money into the Parish Office in an envelope marked "Parish Christmas Lunch". The menu is not yet available but it is usually a very traditional offering. I hope many of you are able to join us for a wonderful Parish Christmas celebration. If you would like to go please email Lydia as so far only 4 people have signed up.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have 30 Adorers who have committed to come to Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday for a specific hour. What's the problem? We need at least 1 more person to commit to the following hours: 3- 4 pm; 4 - 5 pm and 5 - 6 pm. Could that be you? If not an hour every week, could you spare 30 minutes? You will be giving up that time but the benefit will be great because you will be with the Lord, safe in his presence and feeling the power of prayer during that time. Think about it? Can't you find some time in your day on a Wednesday for the Lord?



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St Thomas More

Mrs. P Le Breton 01634 864701

Parish News

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS.

Registration now open! Catechists are invited to join us for a day filled with teachings and prayer and a chance to meet fellow Catechists. Join us at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HU from 10am. Registration and choice of workshops can be found at aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2025

NEW RCIA COURSE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Do you or anyone you know want to explore the Catholic Faith further or become a full member of the Catholic Church? Join us this year as we embark on another RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), where we will journey with you in faith exploration, as you get to know Jesus on a personal level, through scripture, witness and the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more info please speak to Denise Smith.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT AYLESFORD 26 AUGUST 2024

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday **Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm**. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

NEW TRANSLATION MISSALS

If you would like a new Missal Barbara Morrison is going to order some in. They will be £14 with either red or blue covers. If you are interested please see Barbara at the repository table in the parish hall.

KEEPING THE FIRES BURNING

Watch this space for the date of our once-a-month meetings in the parish hall on Monday evenings from 7:30-9pm. Please join us for these evenings of praise, worship and thanksgiving and reflection on scriptures with an opportunity to share what great things God is doing in our lives. Please see Martha Nwodo (Ugwu), or Denise Smith to be added to the WhatsApp group.

INVITATION: CATHOLIC MEN AND CHRIST THE KING FRI 29.8.25 7-8PM

Catholic men are invited to a Eucharistic Holy Hour and guest talk on Christ the King and society, given by Rev. Dr. Thomas Crean OP (theologian, lecturer, author) 7-8pm Holy Hour, 8-9.15pm refreshments, talk, discussion. St Michael's parish, Chatham. Car park available. Contact: medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com



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 17 Aug	2 nd Collection for Development Fund
Mon 18 Aug	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED No Rosary on Zoom
Tue 19 Aug	No Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 20 Aug	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 21 Aug	Adult choir practice at 8pm.
Fri 22 Aug	No Children's choir until 12 th September
Sun 24 Aug	No 2 nd Collection FR PAWEŁ'S FAREWELL MASS AT 11AM FOLLOWED BY CELEBRATION IN THE PARISH HALL.
Mon 25 Aug	No Rosary on Zoom
Tue 26 Aug	No Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 27 Aug	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 28 Aug	No Adult choir practice until 18 th September
Fri 29 Aug	Funeral Mass of Michael Fortune at 10am No Children's choir until 12 th September
Sun 31 Aug	No 2 nd Collection

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.