

## This Sun (24<sup>th</sup> 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 Pauline Burgess RIP

11am The People of the Parish



Parish Of St Simon Stock



24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Year C



## Newsletter

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 395, 467, 149, 951, 885**

**Ent Antiphon** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**Psalm response:** Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

**Alleluia, alleluia** I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. **Alleluia.**

**Comm** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am St Monica

David Rowe RIP

In thanksgiving for 5 years of my ministry in the Parish

Hayley Yandle RIP

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Thu 10am St Augustine

Fri 8pm Passion of St John the Baptist

Intentions of the Ryder Family

Staff & pupils at St Thomas More new school yr

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

## Next Sun (31st Aug) Readings

1st Reading –Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalm –68

2nd Reading –Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel – Luke 14: 1, 7-14

## Intentions

6pm: Wellbeing of Les & Kim Boulton

9am Martin Diddams 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: Constance Taylor, Antonia Bartello, Ethel Legge, John Dyer, Rory Colhoun, Wally Henman, Desmond Bowler, Sylvia Berko, David Rowe, Patrick McArdle, John Bickmore, Geoffrey Emson, George Moss, Allan McGurk, Nellie Egan, Edward Dempsey, Penelope Dawson & Dolores Bulksas. 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

## Parish notices:

1. There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend or next weekend.
2. **Fr Pawel's Farewell Mass** - Join us this weekend at 11am for Fr Pawel's Farewell Mass, followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall. All are very welcome!
3. **Our Adoration Anniversary Mass is on 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.** Adoration will start as normal at 2pm, but at 7pm we will have 15 minutes of silent prayer and then our Adoration Anniversary Celebratory Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks. All adorers and parishioners are invited, and there will be light refreshments in the parish hall afterwards.

## CAFOD: Response in Gaza

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.

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

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St Thomas More

Mrs. P Le Breton 01634 864701

## Parish News

### 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](mailto: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.

### RCIA COURSE STARTING MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

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 25 AUGUST 2024 10AM TO 4.30PM

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 for more information.

### 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](mailto: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 24 Aug	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection <b>FR PAWEL'S FAREWELL MASS AT 11AM FOLLOWED BY CELEBRATION IN THE PARISH HALL.</b>
Mon 25 Aug	<b>No Rosary on Zoom</b>
Tue 26 Aug	<b>No Evening Prayer on Zoom</b>
Wed 27 Aug	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
Thu 28 Aug	<b>No Adult choir practice until 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Fri 29 Aug	<b>Funeral Mass of Michael Fortune at 10am</b> <b>No Children's choir until 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Sun 31 Aug	<b>No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>
Mon 1 Sep	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Tue 2 Sep	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
Wed 3 Sep	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
Thu 4 Sep	<b>No Adult choir practice until 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Fri 5 Sep	<b>No Children's choir until 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Sun 7 Sep	<b>No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</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.