

## **This Sun (31<sup>st</sup> 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

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 74, 608, 663, 813, 684**

**Ent Antiphon** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Psalm response:** *In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.*

**Alleluia, alleluia** Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia.**

**Comm** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am St Gregory the Great

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

Matthew Rocco RIP

Birthday Blessings Richard Russell

Martin Diddams RIP

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Liturgy of the Word

Pasqualina Scalera RIP

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

## **Next Sun (7th Sept) Readings**

1st Reading –Wisdom 9: 13-18

Psalm –90

2nd Reading –Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel – Luke 14: 25-33

## **Intentions**

6pm: Alex Clay RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Ints of Family of Hyginus Jnr Ozokechi

## **Deaths and Anniversaries**

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Edward Morgan, Caroline Brown, Tony Crack, Brian Tough, James Donaghue, Marie Donovan, Grace Joseph-Raj, Anne D'Rosario, Sidney Connell, William Harding, Mary Barlow, Irene Tempczyk, Peter Gillingham, Francis Silk, Kathleen Loader & Maureen Hughes. 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



31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

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*Dear Parishioners of St Simon's,*

*I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the wonderful farewell party last Sunday. Your warm wishes, thoughtful cards, kind messages, and personal expressions of support have deeply touched me. I am truly grateful for your prayers, kindness, and the many generous gifts I have received during this time of transition.*

*As I take my leave from Walderslade, I carry with me fond memories of our time together and the blessings of your companionship in faith. Thank you for all the goodness you have shown me throughout my ministry among you.*

*Please be assured of my prayers for each of you, both as individuals and as a parish community. I also pray that God will bless Fr Joseph in his pastoral ministry at St Simon's, guiding him as he serves you with dedication and care.*

*With gratitude and every blessing,*

*Fr Pawel Sobol*

## **Parish notices:**

1. There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend. Next weekend it is for the Catholic Education Service.
2. Fr Joseph Donkor will be joining us tomorrow. He can be contacted on the parish mobile number below as per usual. His Induction Mass will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm and all parishioners are 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.

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

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St Benedict's

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## 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 8<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.

### **APPEAL FOR DESSERTS FOR FR JOSEPH'S INDUCTION MASS**

Calling all our fabulous cake makers – we need cakes/desserts for the celebration buffet after Fr Joseph's Induction Mass on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### **DAY OF CELEBRATION & THANKSGIVING FOR JUBILEE BLESSINGS**

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.15am to 5pm at St Georges Cathedral.** Archbishop John Wilson will be presiding and preaching at Mass at 11.15am. The day includes Adoration, Confessions, Testimonies, praise and worship, a bookstall, and prayer ministry led by Catholic evangelist Ros Powell. More details of the day by visiting [bit.ly/4OCT25](http://bit.ly/4OCT25)

### **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.

### **CRAFT GROUP MEETING EVERY FORTNIGHT**

A new craft group will be starting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am. Come along and join in the fun and create some things to sell at our Christmas Fayre in November.



#### **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 Joseph on the parish mobile or speak to him confidentially in person.

## Community Events

<b>Sun 31 Aug</b>	<b>No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>
<b>Mon 1 Sep</b>	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
<b>Tue 2 Sep</b>	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
<b>Wed 3 Sep</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
<b>Thu 4 Sep</b>	<b>No Adult choir practice until 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Fri 5 Sep</b>	<b>No Children's choir until 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Sun 7 Sep</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Development Fund</b>
<b>Mon 8 Sep</b>	<b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b>
<b>Tue 9 Sep</b>	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>
<b>Wed 10 Sep</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>
<b>Thu 11 Sep</b>	<b>No Adult choir practice until 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Fri 12 Sep</b>	<b>Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church</b>
<b>Sat 13 Sep</b>	<b>Mass of Commitment for Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme 2025/2026 at 6pm Mass</b>
<b>Sun 14 Sep</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Catholic Education Service Mass of Commitment for Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme 2025/2026 at 9am &amp; 11am Mass Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Office at 12 Noon.</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.