

This Sun (21st Sept) Readings

1st Reading –Amos 8: 4-7

Psalm –113

2nd Reading –1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel – Luke 16: 1 -13

Intentions

6pm: Michael Kyne RIP

9am Martin Diddams RIP

11am The People of the Parish

Hymns for 11am Mass: 633, 567, 862, 74

Ent Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Psalm response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia* Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. *Alleluia.*

Comm: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am St Pius of Pietrelcina

Wed 10am Our Lady of Walsingham

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 6.30pm SS Cosmas & Damian

Walker Family Intentions

Martin Diddams RIP

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Holy Souls RIP

FR JOSEPH'S INDUCTION MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sun (28th Sept) Readings

1st Reading –Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Psalm –146

2nd Reading –1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel – Luke 16: 19-31

Intentions

6pm: Happy Birthday Rutendo Zinyuke

9am Blessings on the Francis, Martin & Burgess Families

11am The People of the Parish

Sunday Collection 14th 9.25 – With grateful thanks for the generosity of our parishioners and visitors: (1st Coll: £92; gift aided, £234.16; non-gift aided. 2nd Coll: £26.68 gift aided; £67.21 non-gift aided). Standing Orders and card payments will be shown monthly.

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: David Warner, Cindy Boulton, John Glover, Margaret Moran, Kathleen Mamara, Mark Sullivan, Kenneth Lilly, Ana Carrasco, Rose Sedgley, Joseph Tomankiewicz, Richard Cox, Fr Paul Ryan, Ann Lichfield, Bill Dobbs, Nellie Kyne & George Fleming. 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. Sep Winners £50 = Mark Johnston £25 = Janet King

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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21st September 2025

25th Sunday of the Year C



Newsletter

Wherever we are and whatever we do we are invited to be children of the light and bear witness to Christ and not to be afraid to do so! We can make friends with those who do not believe, and in this way show them the way to Christ. But who are those people whom we still have to reach with the message of the saving friendship of God, to whom we have to bear witness? Perhaps they are very close to us, perhaps it is one of our relatives. The free gift of Christ is available to all. *Fr Joseph*

Parish notices:

The 2nd collection this weekend is for MacMillan Cancer.

Next weekend we will have our Foodbank Harvest Collection.

Following a recent stocktake at our Medway Foodbank warehouse we realise that many of the food items and everyday essentials are in short supply. We need to continue to help individuals and families in Medway during the next few winter months. So, next weekend we will have our annual Parish Harvest Collection weekend for Medway Foodbank. You will find a Harvest 2025 Shopping List in your newsletter this weekend or on the table in the foyer. You can continue to donate tins of fruit or vegetables or use the new long Harvest Shopping List. Please put your donations in the Collecting Boxes next weekend. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to help others in Medway.

The Ladies of UCM are celebrating their Anniversary Mass on Sunday
5th Oct at 11am. We will also be enrolling our latest new members.

After Mass there will be refreshments in the Hall to which all
parishioners are invited.

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Parish News

RCIA COURSE MONDAY EVENINGS 7.30PM IN PARISH OFFICE

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 Fr Joseph or Denise Smith.

CAN YOU HELP? * WEDNESDAY ADORATION FROM 2PM – 10PM*

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?

KEEPING THE FIRES BURNING

These meetings will start on a once a month basis in the parish hall on Monday 22nd Sept 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.

FR JOSEPH'S INDUCTION MASS FRI 26TH SEPTEMBER AT 6.30PM

Please join us for Fr Joseph's Induction Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks. We are asking for parishioners to make cakes for the celebration buffet after the Mass. Many thanks.

POST OF SACRISTAN FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

We need a volunteer to be Sacristan for the weekday Masses. Fr will offer any training needed. A DBS will be required for this post.



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

Sun 21 Sep	2 nd Collection for MacMillan Cancer
Mon 22 Sep	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Keeping the Fire Burning in the Hall at 7.30pm to 9pm
Tue 23 Sep	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Parish Council Meeting in the parish office at 6.30pm
Wed 24 Sep	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 25 Sep	Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 26 Sep	No children's choir today FR JOSEPH'S INDUCTION MASS AT 6.30PM
Sun 28 Sep	Medway Foodbank Harvest Collection.
Mon 29 Sep	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA Meeting in the Parish Office at 7.30pm
Tue 30 Sep	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 1 Oct	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 2 Oct	Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 3 Oct	Funeral Mass for Maureen Ryan-Thompson at 12.30pm Children's choir today at 4.30pm in the church CAFOD Family Fast Day
Sun 5 Oct	CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes.

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.