

This 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

Hymns for 11am Mass: 285, 23, 585, 72, 151, 388

Ent Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Psalm response: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

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: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Mon 10am SS Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael Archangels

Tue 10am St Jerome

Wed 10am St Therese of the Child Jesus

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am The Holy Guardian Angels

Fri 8pm Feria

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sun (5th Oct) Readings

1st Reading –Habbakuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

Psalm –146

2nd Reading –1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel – Luke 16: 19-31

Intentions

6pm: Michael Fortune RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am UCM Anniversary Mass

Sunday Collection 21, 9.25 – With grateful thanks for the generosity of our parishioners and visitors: (1st Coll: £118 gift aided, £173.12 non-gift aided. 2nd Coll: £81 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: Kathleen McCarthy, Francine Bettridge, Charlotte Long, Anne Southgate, Freddy Abela, Shirley Desombre, Brian Mackey, John White and Judith Goodwin. 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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28th September 2025

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Newsletter

A Big Thank you to all who helped with the organisation of my Induction Mass, especially the UCM, the Liturgy Committee, the office staff, Deacon Martin, and those who prepared the food for buffet. I would also like to thank all the altar servers, readers, stewards, choir and organist for their dedication and service. It was a wonderful unforgettable evening. *Fr Joseph*

Parish notices:

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Evangelii Gaudium (Home Missions). You will find an envelope at the back of church for your offering.

FOODBANK HARVEST COLLECTION.

Please put your donations in the Collecting Boxes this weekend. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to help others in Medway.

The Ladies of UCM are celebrating their Anniversary Mass next 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 - NEXT MEETING 20TH OCTOBER

These meetings will be on a once a month basis in the parish hall on Mondays 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.

BEREAVMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We usually meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the hall. The poster in the foyer gives details of how they can help you come to terms with your grief and loss of a loved one. From this month onwards, if you feel this could help you, please let us have your details through the church email and we will put you in touch with one of the members of the group to discuss arrangements for attending a session, and this will ensure that there will be a member in attendance on that day.

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 28 Sep	Medway Foodbank Harvest Collection and 2 nd Coll for Home Missions
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.
Mon 6 Oct	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA Meeting in the Parish Office at 7.30pm
Tue 7 Oct	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 8 Oct	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 9 Oct	Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 10 Oct	Children's choir today at 4.30pm in the church
Sat 11 Oct	Reconciliation Classes in the Parish Hall & Church at 10am
Sun 12 Oct	No 2 nd Collection today.

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.