

## This Sun (26<sup>th</sup> Oct) Readings

1st Reading –Sirach 35: 15-17, 20-22

Psalm –34

2nd Reading –2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel – Luke 18: 9-14

## Intentions

6pm Gerard D'Souza RIP

9am Dora Richardson RIP

11am The People of the Parish

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 602, 467, 608, 951, 81, 149**

**Ent Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**Psalm response:** *The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.*

**Gospel Acc:** *Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.*

**Comm:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am SS Simon & Jude

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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William Searle RIP

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Martin Diddams RIP

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILATION:

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

## Next Sun (2<sup>ND</sup> Nov ) Readings

1st Reading –Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

Psalm –24

2nd Reading –1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel – Matthew 5: 1-12

**Sunday Collection 12/10/25 – With grateful thanks for your generosity**

1<sup>st</sup> Coll G/A £93 Non G/A £210.20

## Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Frank Sandy, John Scarsella, Dora Richardson, Jean Cronin, James Mitchell, Hanorah Bannister, Gerard D'Souza, William Searle, Ada Woodrow, Ronald Mitchell, Rev Robert Smith & Maria Scarsella. 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. Oct Winners **£50 No 265 = Sandra Rocco £25 No 197 = Marie Watkins**

**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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# Parish Of St Simon Stock



26<sup>th</sup> October 2025

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C



## Newsletter

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for the Development Fund.

Please give your **red missio boxes** to either Adrian or Catherine Hockney, before you enter the church. If you are unable to bring them please contact (Tel:01634 862877; or email: [adrianhockney@btinternet.com](mailto:adrianhockney@btinternet.com)) Adrian will arrange to collect them. Your boxes will be returned 1/2 November.

Margaret Subbiah has asked me to thank everyone for all their prayers over the last few months. She says "I am improving slowly and it is wonderful to be back home again. I hope you are all well. God Bless. Love Margaret."

## PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre is on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 11am to 2pm. This is a major fundraising event for the parish. We would be very grateful for your donations of bottles for the bottle stall and also any unwanted gifts or toiletries. Can we also ask for donations of luxury foodstuff items for our Christmas Hamper Raffle as we will be making up the hampers on 19<sup>th</sup> November ready for the Christmas Fayre when we will start selling raffle tickets.

## HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mavis and Janet have been working very hard to produce our unique Christmas cards, and there will be a preview/sale this Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am to 1pm. So come along and get those special cards for the special people in your lives.

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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**

### **COACH TO FR PAWEL'S INDUCTION MASS SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOV**

If you would like to book a seat on the coach to Fr Pawel's Induction Mass please contact Sandra on 07720 772 089 and leave a message/text.

### **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 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

These meetings are once a month in the parish hall on Mondays from 7:30-9pm. Please see Martha Nwodo (Ugwu), or Denise Smith to be added to the WhatsApp group.

### **BEREAVMENT SUPPORT GROUP (by appointment)**

We usually meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the hall. If you would like to come along 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.

### **PARISH OFFICE WORKING HOURS**

From now on Josie will be working in the parish office on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm and Fridays 10.30am to 3.30pm. Tanya will be in on Mondays and Thursdays 9am to 1pm.

### **NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNORS AT ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL**

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Mr Simon D'Souza, Chair of Governors on [dsous54@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk](mailto:dsous54@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk) or his personal mobile number on 0792 5326 059.



#### **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**

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| Sun 26 Oct | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Development Fund<br><b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b>        |
| Mon 27 Oct | <b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b><br><b>RCIA in the Parish Office at 7.30pm</b>                       |
| Tue 28 Oct | <b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>                                                             |
| Wed 29 Oct | <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>                                                         |
| Thu 30 Oct | <b>Adult choir at 8pm in the Church</b>                                                          |
| Fri 31 Oct | <b>Children's choir today at 4.30pm in the church</b>                                            |
| Sun 2 Nov  | <b>No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today</b>                                                        |
| Mon 3 Nov  | <b>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm</b><br><b>RCIA in the Parish Office at 7.30pm</b>                       |
| Tue 4 Nov  | <b>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm</b>                                                             |
| Wed 5 Nov  | <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM</b>                                                         |
| Thu 6 Nov  | <b>Adult choir at 8pm in the Church</b>                                                          |
| Fri 7 Nov  | <b>Children's choir today at 4.30pm in the church</b>                                            |
| Sat 8 Nov  | <b>RECONCILIATION CLASSES IN CHURCH &amp; HALL AT 10AM</b>                                       |
| Sun 9 Nov  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for The Archbishop's Appeal<br><b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</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.