

This Sun (23rd Nov) Readings

1st Reading –2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Psalm –122

2nd Reading –Colossians 1: 12-20

Gospel – Luke 23: 35-43

Intentions

6pm Michael Kyne RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Jackie, Billy & Charlie Bogyle RIP

Hymns for 11am Mass: 477, 335, 585, 72, 762, 648

Ent Antiphon How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Psalm response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.*

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.*

Comm: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Mon 10am SS Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp

Tue 10am FERIA

Wed 10am FERIA

Birthday blessings Rebecca Jerstice

Sylvia Berko RIP

Birthday Blessings Andy Berko

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am FERIA

Fri 8pm

Liturgy of the Word

Blessings Received (Celestine Bruce-Baiden)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (30th Nov) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm –122

2nd Reading –Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel – Matthew 24: 37-44

Intentions

6pm The Holy Souls RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am In Thanksgiving (Ryder/Spellman Families)

Sunday Collection 16/11/25 – With grateful thanks for your generosity

Figures will be in next week's newsletter.

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Jean Le Duc, Clive Thompson, Helen Derham, Michael Kyne, John Stafford, Dordre Patley-Gower, Theresa Caruana, Richard Casey, Terence Whitehouse, Grace Rushall, Frances Davis, Christopher Finn, Gerald D'Rosario, Majorie Guyatt, Patrick Casey and Isabel Fearn. 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. Nov Winners **£50** = No 138 Helen Aird **£25** = No 156 Ann Stanton-Wharmby

Parish Gift Aid Scheme: If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please contact Sandra Rocco on 07720 772089



Parish Of St Simon Stock



23rd November 2025

Christ The King Yr C

The other criminal hanging there said to Jesus "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." "Indeed, I promise you," he replied. "Today you will be with me in paradise". Established in 1925 by Pope Pious XI the feast of Christ the King reminds Catholics and all Christians that our vision has to be on Christ and our priorities must be to serve and build a kingdom of forgiveness, peace, justice, kindness, mercy and love. Also, today is World Youth Sunday and the 2nd coll will support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service providing a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more info go to www.tinyurl.com/scys1 Fr Joseph Donkor

Called to Bear Fruit consultation response published.

We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The response is available at rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. It revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, working together to help people encounter His love. Further updates will be provided in due course.

Representatives of the Legion of Mary will be speaking at our Masses today with the hope that a unit of the Legion called a Praesidium can be established here at St Simon Stock. You can also find out more at: legionofmary.ie If you would like to register interest before or after the w/e of the 22nd & 23rd please do get in touch with me. Thank you: David Redding, 07735 957271, davidredding1000@gmail.com

Our Epiphany Carol Service will be on 3rd January 2026. Last year we asked for our different parish communities to sing a carol in their own language and we had Italian, Polish and Ghanaian carols, but it would be great to have more communities represented. If you would like to take part please contact Josie on 07915601076.

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Parish News

HOLY SOULS

Parishioners may remember deceased family members/friends during this important month, by writing their names into our Remembrance Book and putting a donation into one of the Holy Souls envelopes which can be found in the church porch. A Mass for all the Holy Souls will be held on Saturday 29th November at 6pm.

HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS

These are available after all Masses from now on. So don't forget to buy these special cards for the special people in your lives.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY / NATIVITY AT 6PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Children's Liturgy will be held every Sunday during 11am Mass during Advent and there will be a practice from 10.30am till 10.50am for the children's Nativity at the Christmas Eve 6pm Mass. If your child wishes to take part please come to the first practice on 30th November.

THERE WILL BE NO ADVENT CAROL SERVICE THIS YEAR

Instead from **next Sunday we will be having a gathering hymn/music before 11am Mass at 10.55am during Advent.**

BEREAVMENT SUPPORT GROUP (by appointment)

We usually meet every 2nd 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.

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

Josie works Wed 10am to 3pm and Fri 10.30am to 3.30pm. Tanya works Mon and Thurs 9am to 1pm. Sandra Rocco will be working in the office on Tuesdays 10am 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 or his personal mobile number on 0792 5326 059.

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

on Tues eves from 18th Nov 7pm-9pm for anyone who wishes to see him about anything Ring Josie or Tanya in the office to make an appointment.

EXTRA WEEKLY ADORATION SESSION

On Friday evenings 7pm to 8pm from beginning of Advent. 1st session 5th Dec.

Community Events

Sun 23 Nov	2 nd Collection for The Catholic Youth Service CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 24 Nov	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Beavers in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm RCIA in the Parish Office at 7.30pm
Tue 25 Nov	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm DROP IN SESSION WITH FR JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE 7-9PM
Wed 26 Nov	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 27 Nov	Cubs & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 28 Nov	Children's choir today at 4.30pm in the Church Confirmation in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 29 Nov	Reconciliation Classes in Church and Hall 10am Meeting of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration in the Hall 12-1.30pm
Sun 30 Nov	No 2 nd Collection CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 1 Dec	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Beavers in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm RCIA in the Parish Office at 7.30pm
Tue 2 Dec	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm DROP IN SESSION WITH FR JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE 7-9PM
Wed 3 Dec	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM – 10PM
Thu 4 Dec	Cubs & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 5 Dec	Children's choir today at 4.30pm in the Church Confirmation in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sun 7 Dec	2 nd Collection for Church Christmas Decorations CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS

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.