

This Sun (8th Feb) Readings

1st Reading –Isaiah 58: 6-10

Psalm –112

2nd Reading –1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel – Matthew 5: 13-16

Intentions

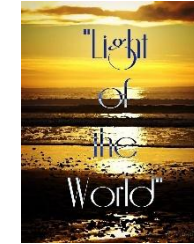
6pm Frank O'Loughlin RIP

9am Melville Burgess RIP

11am The People of the Parish



Parish Of St Simon Stock



8th February 2026

5th Sunday of Yr A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 633, 128, 585, 72, 891

Ent Antiphon O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Psalm response: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

Gospel Acc: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.*

Com. Anti: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Mon 10am Feria

Martin Diddams RIP

Tue 10am St Scholastica

Health & Wellbeing of Kath & Tom Smith

Wed 10am Our Lady of Lourdes

Wellbeing of Cecilia Bruce-Baiden

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Pearce Family Intentions

Fri **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 7PM TO 8PM**

8pm Feria

Brendan Hughes RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (15th Feb) Readings

1st Reading –Sirach 15: 15-20

6pm Deceased Members of the Miller Family RIP

Psalm –119

9am Pauline Burgess RIP

2nd Reading –1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

11am The People of the Parish

Gospel – Matthew 5: 17-37

Intentions

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Nella Firth, Hugh O'Brien, Kathleen Letley, Jack Ulph, Agnes Harrington, Stephen Mazza, Frederick King, Derick Goldsmith, Kay Chester, Melville Burgess, Maxine Arscott, Christine Waller, Frank O'Loughlin, Martin Sullivan, Maria Piper, Robert Davison, Margaret Hoare, & Carmel O'Flaherty. 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. Jan Winners: £50 No 10 Helen Burgess £25 No 44 Eileen Kehoe

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

To his disciples, Jesus says: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world". As salt sharpens the flavour of food and light lets us see what is in a room, so sharpened in taste by the salt of the Gospel, and enlightened by the Spirit, we can respond better to God. As disciples and ministers of his blessing we are called to be light and salt, enabling others to see and experience how much love God has invested in them.

Also, Wed 18th Feb is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. During Lent we will be holding Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.15pm and encourage parishioners to lead these sessions. Fridays available are 20th & 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th March and Good Friday 3rd April. Please contact the parish office if you would like to lead on one of these dates. Fr Joseph will also hold the Stations of the Cross on Mondays after 10am Mass. *Fr Joseph Donkor*

We are seeking to recruit a part-time Parish Cleaner to assist with the cleaning of the Presbytery. The role is offered on a 12-month fixed-term contract for 4 hours per week, the day to be agreed with the Priest. Key responsibilities include cleaning of the Presbytery and providing cleaning support to the Parish Priest and the applicant must have previous professional cleaning experience and current permission to work in the UK and must also provide a current reference.

Hours: 4 hours per week (on one day)

Pay: £13 - £14 per hour, depending on experience.

Interested? Job description can be obtained from Parish Office. CV and covering letter to be handed into Parish Office.

Fr Joseph Donkor, 5, Bleakwood Road, Walderslade, Kent. ME5 0NF. Email: josephdonkor@rcaos.org.uk

Deacon Martin Smith: martinsmith@rcaos.org.uk.

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

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Parish Secretary: Mrs Josie Ryder

Primary schools St Benedict's

Mrs. S. L. McAlpine 01634 669700

St Thomas More

Mrs. P Le Breton 01634 864701

Parish News

UCM FAMILY FUN QUIZ

This year the theme is UK Railway Stations. Sheets will be on sale after the weekend masses 28th Feb/1st Mar & 7/8th March. Answers need to be handed to a UCM Member or into Parish Office by 23rd March. Winners will be informed by 27th March and Answers will be available in Church and on Website by 28th March. Quiz Sheets cost £2 and all monies will go to the Charity Mary's Meals.

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.

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

On Tuesdays' evenings from 7pm to 9pm for anyone who wishes to see him about anything. Virtual session is available also for all parishioners living in London and those who maybe cannot get to church as easily. Ring Josie, Sandra, and Tanya in the office to make appointment'.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS 2026

these will run on Saturday mornings, 10.00 – 13.00 approx. on 18th April, 11th July and 17th October. If you would like your child to be baptised please let the office know which session you will be attending.

PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.

every Friday at 5pm throughout Lent. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion on **Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm**, and again on **Friday 6th and Friday 27th March**. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

100 CLUB SUBS

All 100 club subs need to be paid by the end of February £12 per number. Either bring an envelope marked 100 Club with your name on to the parish office or pay by bank transfer to St Simon Stock Roman Catholic 60-50-01 79144055

COLLECTIONS

31/1/26: 1st Coll GA £66, Non-GA 156.88 2nd Coll St George's GA £20, Non-GA £56.60

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 8 Feb	No 2 nd Collection CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 9 Feb	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA at 7.30pm in the Parish office
Tue 10 Feb	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Pastoral Council Meeting in Parish Office at 6.30pm
Wed 11 Feb	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 12 Feb	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 13 Feb	Confirmation Class in Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 14 Feb	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
Sun 15 Feb	2 nd Collection for Clergy Support Fund (Sick & Retired priests)
Mon 16 Feb	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.45pm to 7.15pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Keeping the Fires Burning 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Tue 17 Feb	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Pastoral Council Meeting in Parish Office at 6.30pm
Wed 18 Feb	Ash Wednesday ADORATION 2PM TO 7.50PM
Thu 19 Feb	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 20 Feb	No Confirmation Class
Sat 21 Feb	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
Sun 22 Feb	No 2 nd Collection 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.