

This Sun (8TH Mar) Readings

1st Reading –Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalm –33

2nd Reading –Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel – John 4: 5-42

Intentions

6pm God's Blessings on the Olalusi Family

9am Happy Heavenly Mother's Day Pauline Burgess RIP

11am The People of the Parish

Hymns for 11am Mass: 602, 608, 951, 663, 813, 233

Ent Antiphon My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Psalm response *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

Gospel Acc: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Lord, you are indeed the*

Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Com. Anti: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 7.15pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

8pm Feria

Stephanie Duffy RIP

Anne Wade RIP

Martin Diddams RIP

Ernie Lichfield RIP

Wellbeing of Les & Kim Boulton RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (15th Mar) Readings

1st Reading –Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalm –33

2nd Reading –Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel – John 4: 5-42

Intentions

6pm Gloria Simpson RIP

9am With thanks to Les & Kim Boulton

11am For All Parish Mothers

5pm: **MASS IN POLISH**

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Ernie Lichfield & Martin Galliers, (Martin's funeral will be on Fri 20th March at 12.30pm) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Catherine Hodnett, Dianne Macnair, Harry Eastwood, Doreen Bentley, Patrick Dobbins, Catherine Smyth, Bryon Burrows, Michael McColl, Margaret Jackson, John Dobbyn, John Fraser, Terry Rudman, Simon Wren, Mary Kerrigan, Matilda Martin, Annie Humphreys, Maria Gambaruto, Mary Mazza, Lucy Baldwin & Eamon McEntaggart. 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. Feb Winners: £50 No 311 James Carmichael £25 No 276 Tracy & Kevin Leahy

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



8th March 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent A

This weekend of Lent of 'Year A', we are thinking about the scrutinies. The Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent and are intended 'to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect' and 'then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good' (RCIA 141). The Gospel of the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well (John 4:5-42), fits in well with the first scrutiny. Here Jesus speaks of giving living water, which in the Old Testament is a symbol of Godly teaching and salvation. Within this, we are grateful to welcome our RCIA candidate Liz Coombes who will be doing her first scrutiny at 9am Mass and receiving the Creed. Please remember her in your prayers and she continues with her RCIA programme.

Fr Joseph Donkor

FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING
after all Masses on 21st/22nd March.

This year's Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is 21 to 28 August 2026 - to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>. We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>. For more info, please contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

MEDWAY FOODBANK LENTEN COLLECTION WEEKEND MARCH 14th/15th

Our parish will be collecting items for the Medway Foodbank as part of our Lenten Almsgiving next weekend March 14th/15th. Our **2026 Shopping Lists** are in newsletters this weekend and can also be found in our Parish Website along with the **Give in Lent Calendar**.

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

Tel: 01634 862910. Mob: 07305 831925, Website: www.stsimonwalderslade.co.uk

Email: walderslade@rcaos.org.uk

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS 7.15PM DURING LENT

Fr Joseph will also hold the Stations of the Cross on Mondays after 10am Mass.

UCM FAMILY FUN QUIZ IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

This year the theme is UK Railway Stations. Sheets will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Answers to be handed to a UCM Member or to 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

HANDMADE MOTHER'S DAY & EASTER CARDS

Our handmade cards will be on sale in the Parish Hall from this weekend.

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

Tues 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP (BY APPOINTMENT)

We usually meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the hall. If you would like to come along on 10TH March please email the church and we will put you in touch with one of the members of the group to discuss arrangements for attending.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Will be on Tuesday 31st March at 7pm. Please put this date in your diaries

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING FOR HOLY WEEK

Will be on Saturday 28th March at 11am in the church. **ALL CURRENT SERVERS AND THEIR PARENTS MUST ATTEND PLEASE**

PLANT STALL

Can all our green-fingered parishioners please plant extra seeds/take cuttings for our Plant Stall this year on Sunday 17th May

COLLECTIONS

18/3/26: 1st Coll GA £58, Non-GA £219.49 CAFOD Coll will be in next week.

Our budget that has been set for 2026 is £84,450. This is not money that we have, it is what we need to find through our weekend collections.

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 Mar	No 2 nd Collection CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 9 Mar	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA in parish office at 7.30pm
Tue 10 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group in Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 11 Mar	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 12 Mar	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 13 Mar	Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm
Sat 14 Mar	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
Sun 15 Mar	2 nd collection for Medway Foodbank Mass In Polish at 5pm
Mon 16 Mar	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Keeping The Fires Burning in Parish Hall at 7.30pm RCIA in parish office at 7.30pm
Tue 17 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 18 Mar	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 19 Mar	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 20 Mar	Martin Galliers' Funeral Mass at 12.30pm Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm
Sat 21 Mar	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office First Holy Communion Classes at 10am
Sun 22 Mar	2 nd collection for Poor Parishes 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