

This Sun (15th Mar) Readings

1st Reading – Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Psalm – 23

2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel – John 9: 1-41

Intentions

6pm Gloria Simpson RIP

9am Happy Heavenly Mother's Day Pauline Burgess RIP

11am For All Parish Mothers

5pm: **MASS IN POLISH**

Hymns for 11am Mass: 253, 702, 474, 951, 862, 151, 187

Ent Antiphon Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Psalm response *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Gospel Acc: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

Com. Anti: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Blessings on John & Dorothy Wheeler

Violet Connell RIP

Wellbeing of Mavis Westbrook

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 12.30PM

7.15pm

8pm Feria

Funeral of Martin John Galliers RIP

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Ernie Lichfield RIP

Michael Kyne RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (22nd Mar) Readings

1st Reading –Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalm –130

2nd Reading –Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel – John 11: 1-45

Intentions

6pm Happy Heavenly Birthday Agnesa Babulicova RIP

9am Pauline & Melville Burgess RIP

11am The People of the Parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Ernie Lichfield (funeral on Mon 23rd March at 12 noon) & Martin Galliers, (funeral on Fri 20th March at 12.30pm) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Peter Corbishley, Gloria Simpson, John Halligan, Suzanne Hubbut, George Freestone, Mary Dolan, James Thorborn, Vera Lewis, Violet Connell, Alan Read, Maura Nye, Sophie Tempczyk, Alec Hogben, Gwyneth Armstrong, Leonard Miller, Albert Barker, Mary Barrett, Andrew Clint and Wendy Davison. 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

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Parish Of St Simon Stock



15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent A

Happy Mothers Day! I welcome all of you to this Mass today and congratulate all mothers of our parish and any mothers visiting. The Ladies of the UCM will be distributing Daffodils at all masses this weekend.

We hear another long gospel in which we thank God for the healing of the man born blind. This gospel is always chosen to enlighten the elect who have their 2nd scrutiny today. We are grateful to welcome our RCIA candidate Liz Coombes at 9am Mass. Jesus brought healing to many people. St John consistently portrays Jesus as someone totally devoted to serve God's purpose. That often brought our Lord into conflict with what others expected of him. Our mission is given towards the end of the story: 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' The man wanted to know who the Son of Man is so he could believe. He was looking at Jesus before him but he lacked the enlightenment to recognise him for who he was – the Son of Man. This enlightenment came when Jesus told him: "you are looking at him; he is speaking to you." Jesus' comment on what had happened made the Pharisees say that they were not blind but indeed their behaviour in the story shows that although they have eyes to see, they were unable to see the deeds of Christ and identify him as the Son of God. In effect, they were blind and needed enlightenment but they would not admit their predicament because they were self-confident or full of themselves. Jesus is willing to offer us salvation, all we have to do is to show our faith in him. **Fr Joseph Donkor**

KSC Easter painting competitions for all 7-18 yr olds. There are 3 age categories: 7-11yrs, 11-14yrs and 14-18yrs with cash prizes for 1st 3 places in each category, and a donation of £200 to the parish/school producing the overall winner. Artworks are to be submitted to the Parish office. Closing Date 18th April 2026.

MEDWAY FOODBANK LENTEN COLLECTION

Please leave your donated items in the red boxes in the church lobby.

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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

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.

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.

FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

After all Masses on 21st and 22nd March. Everyone is required to stay after the final blessing.

PENTENTIAL SERVICE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Will be on Tuesday 31st March at 7pm. Please put this date in your diaries Frs Bart, Pawel and Denis will be here with me to hear confessions. **PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY**

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

8/3/26: 1st Coll GA £106, Non-GA £203.91 CAFOD Coll £282.50

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 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
Mon 23 Mar	Funeral of Ernie Lichfield at 12 noon Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA in parish office at 7.30pm
Tue 24 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 25 Mar	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 26 Mar	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 27 Mar	Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm Adoration Team Meeting at 6.45pm in the parish office Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm
Sat 28 Mar	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office Altar Servers Training for Holy Week at 11am in church
Sun 29 Mar	2 nd collection for Development Fund

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