

This 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 Agnes Babulicova RIP
9am Pauline & Melville Burgess RIP
11am The People of the Parish

Hymns for 11am Mass: 81, 23, 585, 730, 151, 388

Ent Antiphon Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Psalm response *With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.*

Gospel Acc: *Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.*

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Com. Anti: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Mon 10am Feria

12 Noon

Funeral Mass Ernie Lichfield

Tue 10am Feria

Liturgy of the Word

Wed 10am Feria

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 7.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8pm Feria

Peggy O'Brien RIP

Ann Wade RIP

Chris McLoughlin RIP

Martin Galliers RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (29th Mar) Readings

Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11

1st Reading –Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalm –22

2nd Reading –Philippians 2: 6-11

Passion: Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

Intentions

6pm Lee O'Loughlin RIP
9am Barbara De Vergori 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) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: James Featherstone, Kathleen Jones, Alfred Johnson, Michael Flaherty, Karen Harvey, Fr Denis Paul, Teresa Mazza, Mark Balden, John Connor, Allan Burfield, Alan Rushall and William Harper. 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

22nd March 2026



5th Sunday of Lent A

This weekend we hear another long gospel in which we thank God for the raising of Lazarus to life by Jesus. This gospel is always chosen to enlighten the elect who have their 3rd scrutiny today. We are grateful to welcome our RCIA candidate Liz Coombes at 9am Mass, when she will receive the Lord's Prayer.
Fr Joseph Donkor

BIG KENT WALK

Please sponsor St Francis Class who are walking 200km over 40 days in solidarity with those who walk miles each day just to access safe water. On Wednesday the children walked with their teachers and Fr Joseph to St Simon Stock Church from St Benedict's school with the Crucifix. Your sponsorship will help bring clean safe water to communities around the world. This Lenten challenge is very important to the children and your support would mean so much. To sponsor go to <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-francis-class-big-lent-walk>

FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

After 6pm Mass on 21st March

. Everyone is required to stay after the final blessing.

KSC Easter painting competitions for all 7-18 yr olds. The Theme is a scene of any incident during period from the Last Supper to Pentecost. Please call the Parish Office for a more in-depth description. 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.

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Primary schools St Benedict's

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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 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.

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PENITENTIAL SERVICE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Will be on Tuesday 31st March at 7pm. Please put this date in your diaries Fr's 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 £58, Non-GA £184.11 2nd Coll Food Bank £67.91

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 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	Social Team Meeting in Parish Office at 6pm. 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
Mon 30 Mar	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA in parish office at 7.30pm
Tue 31 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Lenten Penitential Service at 7pm
Wed 1 Apr	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 2 Apr	Mass of the Last Supper at 8pm
Fri 3 Apr	Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross 3pm Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm
Sat 4 Apr	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office Easter Vigil at 8pm
Sun 5 Apr	Collection personal to your priest

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