

This 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

Hymns for 11am Mass: 623, 870, 951, 187, 648, 17

Ent Antiphon Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Psalm response *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Gospel Acc: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Com. Anti: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Mon 10am Holy Week

Tue 10am Holy Week

Wed 10am Holy Week

Liturgy of the Word

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 8pm Maundy Thursday Blessing on Ministry of Sandra Rocco, Catherine Law & Martha Ugwu

Fri 3pm Good Friday Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross

7.15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sat 8pm Easter Vigil – Service of Light

Michael Kyne RIP

Teresa Mazza RIP

Martin Galliers RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (5th Apr) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm –118

2nd Reading –Colossians 3: 1-4

Passion: John 20: 1-9

Intentions

9am Ted Searle RIP

11am The People of the Parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Angela Kirpalani, Fr Christopher Byron, Rudolph D’Rosario, Giuglia Mazza, Frank Toso, Winifred Stride, John Zamitt, Isobel McGall, Edwin Samuels, Freda Noble, Lee O’Loughlin and Canon John O’Toole. 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

Intentions

6pm Lee O’Loughlin RIP

9am Barbara De Vergori RIP

11am The People of the Parish



Parish Of St Simon Stock



29th March 2026

Passion (Palm) Sunday A

Welcome everyone to the big week of our salvation. We have begun Holy Week and we now accompany Jesus in his last days. Today we witness him enter his Holy City humbly, and yet triumphantly for those with eyes to see. Today we carry our palms and we will keep them in our homes during the coming year. Many Catholics will place them behind the Crucifix which is hung in a place of honour in the home. Whenever we look at those palms we will recall Christ riding on his donkey making his entry into the city which would be the place where he would inaugurate the Kingdom of God and open the gates of heaven. This is brought home to us in a very concrete way in our celebration of the Eucharist where time past, present and future come together on our altar. Mass sheets will be available for each celebration (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday) at the back of the church.

Also, I thought I would share with you some of the details of the upcoming Feast of St Simon Stock Weekend. We plan to make a parish pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Sunday the 10th May after 11am Mass. Those who do not plan to walk are invited to meet us at the Friars where we will pray together as a parish. There will be the normal 6pm Mass at the Church on the evening of the 16th of May. On Sunday, 17th May, I will combine the 9:00am & 11:00am Mass, to a joint Mass at 10:00am. This will give us the opportunity to commence the Celebration on the Church Field earlier than normal. The one Mass will also help to foster Parish togetherness. I would very much like the Sunday Mass especially the homily, to include contributions from individuals from within the congregation, who are able to speak about their St Simon Stock experience, memories, and what our Church means to them. This can be someone who has been attending the Church for a long or short time, it’s the message that they convey which is important. Anyone who wishes to do this, speak with me or Deacon Martin for further details. There will be a BBQ, and the opportunity for everyone to bring food and drink, so please put the dates in your diary, further details will be supplied in due course. *Fr Joseph*

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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.

RECOMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Will be at the Mass of the Last Supper this Maundy Thursday 2nd April at 8pm

HANDMADE EASTER CARDS

Our handmade cards are on sale in the Parish Hall after all weekend Masses

UCM FAMILY FUN QUIZ

Thank you to all who bought a Quiz Sheet, and to those who returned them! We had two outright winners and four runners up. You have helped us raise £125 for Mary's Meals. The Answers are in the front porch & on the Parish website. A big thank you to Con & Pat Donovan for giving us this year's quiz.'

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

No drop-in sessions until 21st April.

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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Will be this Tuesday 31st March at 7pm. Fr's Bart, Pawel and Denis will be here with me to hear confessions. **PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY**

MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE, JULY 11TH, AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year? please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk please write your parish location e.g. Walderslade

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

22/3/26: 1st Coll GA £87, Non-GA £141.96 2nd Coll Poor Parishes £85.40

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 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 watching till 10pm
Fri 3 Apr	Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross 3pm 2 nd Collection for Holy Places 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
Mon 6 Apr	No Rosary on Zoom
Tue 7 Apr	No Evening Prayer on Zoom UCM in Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 8 Apr	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 9 Apr	No Adult Choir Practice
Fri 10 Apr	Social Team Meeting in the Parish Office at 6pm No Confirmation Class
Sat 11 Apr	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
Sun 12 Apr	No 2 nd Collection

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