

This Sun (12th Apr) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm –118

2nd Reading –1 Peter 1: 3-9

Passion: John 20: 19-31

Intentions

6pm Wellbeing of Les & Kim Boulton

9am Pina De Vergori & Gianfranco Campolo RIP

11am The People of the Parish



Parish Of St Simon Stock



12th April 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 59, 32, 585, 672, 728

Ent Antiphon Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Psalm response Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Gospel Acc: Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Com. Anti: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

Martin Diddams RIP

For all parishioners who have been praying for Anastasia O'Connell

Liturgy of the Word

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sun (19th Apr) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Psalm –16

2nd Reading –1 Peter 1: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

Intentions

6pm Deceased members of Broder Family

9am Philip Rudman 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: Joseph Lynch, Melven Taylor, Martin White, Val Temple, Helen Almond, Ivy Elvery, Patricia Boyce, John Burgess, Hugh Kerrigan, Jean Read, Sean Penny, Sylvia White, Eileen Way, John Brennan, Brian Goldsbury, Denis Manley, Nettie Baikie, Patrick Frost, Cyril Borthwick, James Phelan, Helen Mason and George Kennedy. 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. Mar Winners: £50 No 246 Christine Flood £25 No 170 Leonard Bradshaw

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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This Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Risen Lord, Jesus came to bring mercy to the world. He empowered the disciples and through them the Church, to be the vehicle of His mercy. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration from 3pm to 4pm together with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Very many thanks to all – from the young to the old, both male and female, visitors to the parish, the liturgy committee, the choir, the organist, the eucharistic ministers, readers, altar servers, flower arrangers, those who volunteered to have their feet washed, parking marshalls, and those involved in organizing the blessing of the Easter food. You all made the celebrations this Holy Week and Easter Triduum very special. I also want to thank everyone for your generous donations to the Holy Places of Palestine and for your Easter offerings to me.

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 desserts and drink, so please put the dates in your diary, further details will be supplied in due course. Finally, we have appointed a cleaner to clean the presbytery. Her name is Karen Hartland. She will be beginning work next week. Fr Joseph

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Parish News

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

No drop-in sessions until 21st April.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS 2026 18TH APRIL

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.

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 and we will put you in touch with one of the members of the group to discuss arrangements for attending.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com >> join the team

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES 2026

Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026

Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026

Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

COLLECTIONS

29/3/26: 1st Coll GA £77, Non-GA £299.93 2nd Coll Dev Fund £139.65

Community Events

Sun 12 Apr	No 2 nd Collection
Mon 13 Apr	No Rosary on Zoom
Tue 14 Apr	No Evening Prayer on Zoom Bereavement Support Group in Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 15 Apr	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 16 Apr	Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 17 Apr	No Confirmation Class
Sat 18 Apr	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office Baptism Course in Parish Hall 10am to 1pm
Sun 19 Apr	2 nd Collection for the Parish Development Fund Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Office at 12.15pm Mass in Polish at 4pm
Mon 20 Apr	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Keeping the Fires Burning at 7.30pm in the parish hall
Tue 21 Apr	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 22 Apr	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 23 Apr	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 24 Apr	Confirmation Class at 6.30pm
Sat 25 Apr	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office 1 st Holy Communion Meeting in Hall and Church 10am
Sun 26 Apr	2 nd Collection for the Priests Training 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

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.