

This Sun (26th 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 Mavis Madenyika RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Intentions of the Parish Choir

Hymns for 11am Mass: 59, 90, 585, 151, 572, 648

Ent Antiphon The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

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

Gospel Acc: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Com. Anti: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Mon 10am Feria

Martin Diddams RIP

Tue 10am Feria

In Thanksgiving (Pauline Mbara & Family)

Wed 10am St Catherine of Siena

Wellbeing of Margaret Whitworth

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria

Ruby (private intention)

Fri 8pm St Joseph the Worker Ints of Isabel Burchell for wellbeing & opportunities

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (3rd May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Psalm –16

2nd Reading –1 Peter 1: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

Intentions

6pm In Thanksgiving (Zinyuke Family)

9am The People of the Parish

11am Intentions of the Parish Choir

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Lisa Jerome, May McCarthy, Tina Holeman, Lilian Pearson, Martin Hehir, John Drumm, Eileen Smith, Harry Gregory, Leonard Edmonds, Margaret Bassett, John McGall, John Thomas, Larry Turner, Violet Owen & Margaret Rogerson. 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

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Parish Of St Simon Stock



26th April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter A

Priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and ask your support for the Priest Training Fund, which helps form men for service in our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. At present, we have 9 seminarians, and the cost of formation is approximately £30,000 per year for each seminarian, over six years. Your generosity plays a vital role in helping these men answer God's call and prepare for priestly ministry. If you are not already part of the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to Gift Aid your offering, please fill out a Gift Aid form available on the bookcase in the porch. Those already using Gift Aid please use one of the envelopes available on the newsletter stand.

At all Masses this weekend, a member of our Parish Finance Team, Lynne Pearson will be giving us an update on the state of our parish finances. See Attached sheet for more information.

At our Parish Feast day celebrations on Sunday 17th May after 10am Mass we will be holding our usual sponsored walk, **and forms are available from this weekend so please take one and get your family and friends to sponsor you to raise much needed funds for the parish.** There will be a barbeque catering for meat eaters, vegetarians and vegans, but you can also bring your own picnic or savoury food to share. As is usual at this event, we also request people to bring cakes/desserts to share. There will also be a plant stall and hopefully there will be lots of plants to buy to stock up your gardens/greenhouses, so don't forget to bring some money. Of course we will need people to volunteer to help with the running of this and a sign-up form is now at the back of the church on the disabled toilet door. Fr Joseph

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Parish News

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH TUES 7PM TO 9PM

Please contact Tanya or Josie to make an appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

From 10.00 – 13.00 approx. Courses will be on 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.

SILENT AUCTION – FINAL EVER LEEDS CASTLE SUMMER CONCERT

For your opportunity to attend this end of an era concert on 11th July, please put your bid in an envelope marked Silent Auction and the winner will be announced on the Parish Feastday. Tickets are worth £120 for 2 front row seats, so please send in bids of not less than £50. Don't miss your chance to bid.

MISSIO & MILL HILL MISSIONARIES MASS ON 6TH JUNE AT 11AM

We will be hosting this diocesan event open to all red box supporters and parishioners for Mass, followed by lunch and sharing of mission work.

UCM FRAUD PREVENTION TALK

The Ladies of UCM invite all Parishioners to our next meeting on Tuesday May 5th at 7.30 in Emmaus Hall. We have a talk from PC Sophie Day about Fraud Prevention. There will be refreshments afterwards. It should be a very informative evening.'

PLANT STALL – CALLING ALL OUR GARDENERS

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

MISSIO BOXES

Empty boxes will on the bookcase to be collected 3rd/4th May

SCOUT OPEN DAY SATURDAY 2ND MAY 12 NOON TO 4PM

Join our Scout Group for an afternoon of free fun activities and an opportunity to find out all about Squirrels (4 - 6 yrs), Beavers (6 - 8 yrs), Cubs (8 - 10.5 yrs), Scouts (10.5 - 14 yrs) and Explorers (14 - 18 yrs). All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult, please. Everyone welcome.

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES 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

5/4/26: 1st Coll GA £67, Non-GA £288.59 2nd Coll Dev. Fund £100.51

Community Events

Sun 26 Apr	2 nd Collection for Priest Training Fund Liturgy Committee Meeting in Parish Office at 12.15pm
Mon 27 Apr	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 28 Apr	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 29 Apr	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 30 Apr	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 1 May	Confirmation Class at 6.30pm
Sat 2 May	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office Scouts Open Day on Parish Field 12noon to 4pm
Sun 3 May	2 nd Collection FHC Flowers
Mon 4 May	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 5 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 6 May	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 7 May	Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts in the hall 4.30pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 8 May	Confirmation Class at 6.30pm
Sat 9 May	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office followed by Social in the parish Hall at 11am.
Sun 10 May	2 nd Collection for FHC Flowers CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD 12.30PM

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.