

## This Sun (3<sup>rd</sup> May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 6: 1-7

Psalm –33

2nd Reading –1 Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

## Intentions

6pm In Thanksgiving (Zinyuke Family)

9am Francis, Martin & Burgess Families RIP

11am The People of the Parish

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 4, 859, 703, 585, 862, 891**

**Ent Antiphon** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Psalm response** *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.*

**Gospel Acc:** Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

**No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.**

**Com. Anti:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

**Mon 10am English Martyrs**

**Tue 10am Feria**

1.30pm

Marian Mass at St Benedict's School

**Wed 10am Feria**

Liturgy of the Word

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

**Thu 10am Feria**

Liturgy of the Word

**Fri 8pm Feria**

Liturgy of the Word

Roger Guezenec RIP

Pasqualina Scalera RIP

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm**

## Next Sun (10<sup>th</sup> May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm –66

2nd Reading –1 Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

## Intentions

6pm David Wright RIP

9am The Wellbeing of Les & Kim Boulton

11am The People of the Parish

## Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Neil Woolcock, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Phyllis Hollingsworth, William McCormick, Albert Byrne, Winifred Brook, Winifred Hicks, Hannah Harris, Maria Fulgoni, Violet Secular, Lawrence Ward, James Mesher, Pasqualina Petraglia, Stanislawa Bielec and Margaret Howlett. 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. April Winners: £100 No. 273 Katie & Pio Paoli £50.00 No. 249 Chris Smith £25.00 No. 258 Sandra Rocco

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



Parish Of St Simon Stock



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter A

Wishing you all a happy new month of May, which is the month of Mary and the Rosary, so don't forget to pray your Rosary for peace in the world. You are also invited to join the Pentecost Novena for 9 special nights of talks and prayer for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life. Starting on 14<sup>th</sup> May to 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the church. Details will be displayed on the church main door next weekend. **Please note, I will be away on pilgrimage in Lourdes from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May and will remember you all in my prayers.**

**At our Parish Feast day celebrations on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 is a sponsor form on the little table in the lobby for people to sponsor me as I will be doing the walk too.

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.

**Also for our pilgrimage to Aylesford next Sunday at 12.30pm, if you are walking please bring appropriate clothing (it currently looks like it will be dry but this could change) and appropriate footwear (walking boots etc). Also remember to bring water with you.** Fr Joseph

**Safeguarding Sunday 2026.** Sunday 3 May is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at [rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday](http://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday)

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**Please note: Parish Office is located in the new church extension**

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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 11<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> May

### **MISSIO BOXES**

Empty boxes will on the bookcase to be collected this weekend

### **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/>

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP (BY APPOINTMENT)**

We usually meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the hall. If you would like to come along on 12<sup>th</sup> May cx please email the church and we will put you in touch with one of the members of the group to discuss arrangements for attending.

### **COLLECTIONS**

12/4/26: 1<sup>st</sup> Coll GA £158, Non-GA £169.69

19/4/26 1<sup>st</sup> Coll GA £67, Non-GA £288.59 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll £100.51 Development Fund

26/4/26 1<sup>st</sup> Coll GA £92, Non-GA £187.87 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll £162.50 Priests Training Fund

## Community Events

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| Sun 3 May  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection First Holy Communion Flowers  |
| Mon 4 May  | Rosary on Zoom at 6pm  |
| Tue 5 May  | Outdoor Mass at St Benedict's at 1.30pm<br>Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm<br>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<br>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 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for First Holy Communion Flowers<br>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS<br>PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD 12.30PM |
| Mon 11 May | Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm<br>Rosary on Zoom at 6pm   |
| Tue 12 May | Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm<br>Bereavement Support Group at 7pm (by appointment)   |
| Wed 13 May | ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM  |
| Thu 14 May | Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts in the hall 4.30pm to 9pm<br>Feast of the Ascension Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 10am and 8pm            |
| Fri 15 May | First Communion Mass Rehearsal at 5pm in Church<br>Confirmation Class at 6.30pm  |
| Sat 16 May | Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office<br>First Holy Communion Mass at 2pm  |
| Sun 17 May | PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS AFTER 10AM MASS  |

### 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.