

## This 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

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 8, 39, 951, 513, 215, 248**

**Ent Antiphon** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Psalm response** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**Gospel Acc:** Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

**Com. Anti** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Thu 10am The Ascension of the Lord

8pm

Fri 8pm St John Stone

Wellbeing of Anastasia O'Connell

Michael Kyne RIP

Wencila & Siegfried Da Silva on their Wedding Anniversary

The People of the Parish

Intentions and Wellbeing of Val Galliers

Matthew Rocco RIP

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

## Next Sun (17<sup>th</sup> May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 1: 12-14

Psalm –27

2nd Reading –1 Peter 4: 13-16

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

## Intentions

6pm Pasqualina Scaleria RIP

10am Rita Rough RIP

## 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: David Kelleher, Anna Hodgson, Enda White, Liz Connell, Richard Rowntree, Bernard Hull, Richard de Verteuil, Montague Bryant, Keith Coburn, Kathleen Horne, Rob. 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

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## Intentions

6pm David Wright RIP

9am The Wellbeing of Les & Kim Boulton

11am The People of the Parish



Parish Of St Simon Stock



10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

Please welcome Fr Denis Bukenya who will be saying our 6pm Mass this weekend.

For our pilgrimage to Aylesford after 11am Mass this Sunday 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.

You are 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 are displayed on the church main door.

Please remember that our Parish Feast day celebrations are next Sunday after 10AM MASS (THERE IS NO 9AM MASS AND NO 11AM MASS) We will be holding our usual sponsored walk, **and forms are available in the lobby so please take one and get your family and friends to sponsor you to raise much needed funds for the parish.** There is also 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. Fr Joseph

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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 Feast day. 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.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES IN AUGUST**

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be making a presentation regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August. The presentation will be at 7pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May following the Vigil Mass at 6pm at English Martyrs RC Church in Strood. The venue is the Parish Hall. There is plenty of parking in the school playground adjacent to the church and Parish Hall. Tea and coffee will be available. If you are at all interested in this pilgrimage do not miss this opportunity to learn more.

### **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 Feast day celebrations on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please bring all your plants to church before the 10am Mass. Thank you.

### **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 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**

03/5/26: 1<sup>st</sup> Coll GA £100, Non-GA £246.71 2<sup>ND</sup> Coll £32.90 First Communion Flowers

## Community Events

Sun 10 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for First Holy Communion Flowers CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD 12.30PM
Mon 11 May	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 12 May	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm 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 Feast of the Ascension Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 10am and 8pm
Fri 15 May	First Communion Mass Rehearsal at 5pm in Church Confirmation Class at 6.30pm
Sat 16 May	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office First Holy Communion Mass at 2pm
Sun 17 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll for World Communications PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS AFTER 10AM MASS
Mon 18 May	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Keeping the Fires Burning at 7.30pm in the Hall
Tue 19 May	Funeral of Neil Woolcock at 12 Noon Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 20 May	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 21 May	Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts in the hall 4.30pm to 9pm Adult Choir at 8pm in the church
Fri 22 May	Confirmation Class at 6.30pm
Sat 23 May	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
Sun 24 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll for the Development Fund CONFIRMATION MASS AT 11AM

### 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.