

## This 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 Scamera RIP

10am Rita Rough RIP



# Parish Of St Simon Stock



17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 477, 585, 72, 602**

Ent Antiphon O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken:  
Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Psalm response *I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.*

Gospel Acc: Alleluia, alleluia. *I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.*

*I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.*

Com. Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

12 Noon

Wed 10am Feria

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

Birthday Blessings Chibuzor Nwodoh

Wellbeing of Margaret Whitworth

**Funeral of Neil Woolcock**

Private Intention

Martin Diddams RIP

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

## Next Sun (24<sup>th</sup> May) Readings

1st Reading – Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm –104

2nd Reading –1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

## Intentions

6pm Alex Clay RIP

9am Pat & Roger Massey RIP

**11am Confirmation Mass**

## 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: Jess Cavanagh, Ian Hall, Harry Pulter, John Molloy, Edith Dwyer, John Kerrigan, Leonard Wilkins, Patrick Alvares, Julie Clark, Peggy Rambajunsingh, Frank Egan and Derek Butler. 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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**I begin by offering sincere congratulations to the 11 children who received Jesus for the first time this weekend – Oluwatise & Oluwateniayo Adigun, Maison Doyle, Callum McCarthy, Ralph Sceats, Rayelle St. Ange, Milena Bryla, Julia Gostkowska, Nicholas Fryca, Bridget Tongola and Nicole Ezenwa. We thank their parents and their catechists for helping them on their journey to Reconciliation and Holy Communion.**

**Also, very many thanks to the organisers (Joe and Martin Smith) of our very successful and enjoyable pilgrimage to Aylesford with holy hour and evening prayer in the Relic Chapel.**

In his high-priestly prayer, we hear the good news that our self-giving becomes one with the self-giving of Jesus. In the joy of this undreamed-of communion with the sacrifice of Christ, we offer our prayer of thanks and praise. It is our privilege to celebrate the Feast of St Simon Stock. In that sign of hope, we place all our trust that Easter's victory is love.

**Please join us for our Parish Feast day celebrations** after Sunday Mass this weekend. We will be holding our usual sponsored walk from 11.15am and we have barbeques catering for **meat eaters, vegetarians and vegans, but you can also bring your own picnic or savoury food to share.** There will also be **cakes/desserts and bring some money to buy plants for your gardens/greenhouses**

Finally, 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, finishing on 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the church. Details are displayed on the church main 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

No drop in sessions this week.

### 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 this Sunday. 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. All red box holders have received an invitation, but all parishioners are also welcome.

### 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

If you are bringing plants for the Plant stall please bring them to church before the 10am Mass on Sunday.

### 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

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

### 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 17 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll for World Communications <b>PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS AFTER 10AM MASS</b> Pentecost Novena at 7pm
Mon 18 May	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Pentecost Novena at 7pm
Tue 19 May	Funeral of Neil Woolcock at 12 Noon Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Pentecost Novena at 7pm
Wed 20 May	<b>ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM</b>
Thu 21 May	Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts in the hall 4.30pm to 9pm Pentecost Novena at 7pm Adult Choir at 8pm in the church
Fri 22 May	<b>Confirmation Class at 6.30pm</b>
Sat 23 May	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office Pentecost Novena at 7pm
Sun 24 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll for the Development Fund <b>CONFIRMATION MASS AT 11AM</b>
Mon 25 May	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 26 May	Funeral of Neil Woolcock at 12 Noon Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm
Wed 27 May	<b>ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM</b>
Thu 28 May	Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts in the hall 4.30pm to 9pm Adult Choir at 8pm in the church
Fri 29 May	<b>Rehearsal for First Communion Mass at 5pm</b>
Sat 30 May	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office <b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS AT 2PM</b>
Sun 31 May	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll

### 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