

## This 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

**Hymns for 11am Mass: 832, 261, 285, 862, 160,**

**Ent Antiphon** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**Psalm response** *Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Gospel Acc:** Alleluia, alleluia. *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.* Alleluia.

**Com.** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 8pm Feria

Birthday Blessings Helen Jerstice

Health & Wellbeing of Kenneth O'Connell

for parishioners who have been praying for Anastasia O'Connell

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM**

Liturgy of the Word

Tony Conti RIP

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

## Next Sun (31<sup>st</sup> May) Readings

1st Reading – Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9

Psalm –Dan 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56

2nd Reading –2 Corinthians 13: 11-14

Gospel: John 3: 16-18

## Intentions

6pm Wellbeing of Fr Bart Dudek

9am Wellbeing of Les & Kim Boulton

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: Roger Massey, Patricia Hogg, Sidney Randall, Desmond Gribben, Teresa Armstrong, Patrick Long, Bridget Gregory, Dorothy Freeguard, Wayne Hall, Malcolm Bass and Mary Clarke. 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 Alex Clay RIP

9am Pat & Roger Massey RIP

11am Confirmation Mass



Parish Of St Simon Stock

24<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Pentecost Year A

50 days after the Resurrection we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit today. In the words of the psalm, 'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth'.

Many congratulations to our Confirmandi who will be receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit this weekend at 11am Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

As a follow-up from the talks given by Lynn Pearson at Mass over the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of April concerning those of you who contribute to our collection on a weekly basis by direct debit. I firstly want to thank those among you who have increased their collection contribution following Lynn's talk, it really is greatly appreciated. I would ask those of you who were not able to attend mass over that weekend, or are still considering if they are able to review their contribution, to do so, particularly if your direct debit has been in place for some time. Once again thanks to all of you for your continued generosity.

My great appreciation to all the parishioners who helped to make our parish celebrations last weekend so enjoyable. A great time was had by all.

Finally, a big thank you to all the speakers and MCs and all the parishioners who have been attending and have made our Pentecost Novena such a spiritual and uplifting experience. **Fr Joseph**

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## Parish News

### BARBARA MORRISON'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY AFTER 11AM MASS

Please come and join us to celebrate Barbara's special birthday. If you are coming, please bring a plate to share. A list of items to bring is on the disabled toilet door in the church lobby.

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

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This will be celebrated at the 11am Mass on Corpus Christi. The children can wear their First Communion outfits, and we will have a procession round the church with the children scattering petals before the Blessed Sacrament. Can the children also please bring a tinned food item as a gift to be brought up at the offertory for the Foodbank.

### 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.

### 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, so please come and join us.

### SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026

Please put this date in your diaries. Can we please ask for donations of cuddly toys, bottles for the bottle tombola, and good quality toys. NO BRIC-A-BRAC OR BOOKS PLEASE.

### 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

10/5/26: 1<sup>st</sup> Coll GA £85, Non-GA £231.45 2<sup>ND</sup> Coll £66.50 First Communion Flowers  
17/5/26: 1<sup>st</sup> Coll GA £60, Non-GA £215.61 2<sup>ND</sup> Coll £260.18 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 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	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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll for World Communications <b>Barbara Morrison's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash in the Hall at 12.15pm</b>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 2 Jun	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm <b>UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm</b>
Wed 3 Jun	<b>ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM</b>
Thu 4 Jun	Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts in the hall 4.30pm to 9pm Adult Choir at 8pm in the church
Fri 5 Jun	<b>Adoration Team Meeting at 6.45pm in the Parish office</b>
Sat 6 Jun	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office <b>MISSIO MASS AT 11AM FOLLOWED BY LUNCH</b>
Sun 7 Jun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll for the Development Fund <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS</b>

### 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