

This Sun (13th Sep) Readings

1st Reading – Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm – 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12

2nd Reading - Romans 14:7-9

Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

Intentions

6pm Mary Angela Takaendisa RIP

9am People of the Parish

11am Thanksgiving for Lynn Sande and family

Hymns for 11am Mass: 209, 285, 585, 730, 499, 478

Ent Antiphon Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Psalm: *The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

Gospel Acc: Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Com. How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Mon 10am Exultation of the Holy Cross

Tue 10am Our Lady of Sorrows

Wed 10am Saint Cornelius and Cyprian

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am FERIA

Fri 8pm Saint Joseph of Cupertino

Birthday Blessings/Wellbeing for Kenneth O'Connell

Martin Diddams RIP

Intentions of Chris and Minnie Jones

Malachy Barry RIP

Michael Kyne RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (20th Sep) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm – Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18.

2nd Reading – Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Intentions

6pm Alex Clay RIP

9am Ted Searle RIP

11am 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: Rosalind Mackay, William Strong, Harry Lee, Myra Gutteridge, John Brown, Shelia Gordon, Adele Temple, Mairead Smith, Peter Charles Nash, Patricia Nicolas, Betty Heels Melva McCarthy, Malachy Barry, Shelia Worsfold, Ivy Simpson, Mary Allen, Roger Kilby, Mary McArdle, Mary Watkins, Edward Searle and Gerard Kelly. 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. August Winners: 1st £50.00 – Violet Guezeneq 2nd £25.00 Helen Burgess

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

13th September 2026

24th Sunday Year A



This is the QR Code for First Collections for your convenience and flexibility. Please scan to donate. You can still donate using the gift aid envelopes or the contactless machines in the church lobby (please insert your card in this one) and the hall, or just by putting money in

the offertory bag.

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits”. Welcome to everyone. New to the Parish? Welcome. Please, introduce yourself to the Clergy after Mass and fill out a registration form from the back of the Church.

This Education Day, we express our sincere gratitude to all the staff and governors of our two primary schools, St Thomas More and St Benedict Primary Schools, for your commitment and service. Thank you for all that you do, often quietly and unseen, for the children and families entrusted to your care and for the mission of Catholic education. May our young people be able to encounter the Gospel through the way we teach, lead, encourage, forgive and care for them. Our aim is to promote Catholic education and also strengthen the partnership between our parish, family and schools.

Please note that the Youth Mass in October is now on 4th at 11am. Also, for all ages and for all interest, there's something for everyone in the parish – pick a copy of the questionnaire about the parish asking about your preferences in relation to social and fundraising events for the future and complete it. This shall be returned within one week (or complete it online). You can also scan the QR code to access the online version (see next page). The chair of PPC, and the clergy will like to meet all groups, societies and committee Leads on Tuesday 22nd September at 6:30pm in the parish office. This is to discuss the welcome Mass for new parishioners in October 18.

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St Thomas More

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Parish News

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

Please call the office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

From 10.00 – 13.00 approx. The next course will be on 17th October. If you would like your child to be baptised please let the office know that you will be attending.

NEW RCIA COURSE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Do you or anyone you know want to explore the Catholic Faith further or become a full member of the Catholic Church? Join us this year as we embark on another RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), where we will journey with you in faith exploration, as you get to know Jesus on a personal level, through scripture, witness and the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more info please email the parish office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parishioners are invited to apply to join the PPC, who work with Father Joseph in a variety of areas of Parish Life, bringing together representatives from Finance, Liturgy, Fundraising, UCM, Knights of St Columbia, Youth, Legion of Mary, together with other areas of our Parish. For further info, please speak with Fr Joseph, Dcn Martin or James Carmichael. From 22nd/23rd August, and each week thereafter for 4 weeks, this note will appear in the weekly newsletter. A box will be in the foyer to allow anyone who wishes to apply to place their expression of interest. Closing date: 20th September. Should there be more applicants than places available, then a ballot will take place.

MEDWAY FOODBANK CHAMPIONS

Medway Foodbank would like us to continue to donate spreads for the next few weeks, but would also like us to donate individual small packets of crisps/x 6 bags/x 12 bags of crisps. Thank you again St Simon's Champions!

COLLECTIONS

30/8/26 1st Coll GA £187, Non-GA £192.29; 2nd Coll G/A £0, Non-G/A £120.60 (Mission).

Scan the QR code to access the online version of the questionnaire -Social & fundraising.



Community Events

Sun 13 Sep	2 ND Collection for Catholic Education Service 9 am First Holy Communion Mass of Commitment 11am First Holy Communion Mass of Commitment
Mon 14 Sep	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 15 Sep	Evening Prayer at 6pm
Wed 16 Sep	Adoration 2pm to 10pm
Thu 17 Sep	Adult Choir practice 8pm-9pm
Sat 19 Sep	Legion of Mary 10am in the parish office
Sun 20 Sep	2nd Collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
Mon 21Sep	Rosary on Zoom at 6 pm
Tue 22 Sep	Evening Prayer at 6pm PPC Chairperson & Clergy meet leaders of groups, societies and committees planning for welcome Mass 6:30pm
Wed 23 Sep	Adoration 2pm to 10pm
Thu 24 Sep	Adult Choir practice 8pm – 9pm
Sat 26 Sep	Legion of Mary 10am in the parish office
Sun 27th	Second collection McMillian Cancer

Confirmation 2027

We will be starting our next Confirmation Programme soon. Our first session will be on Friday 6th of November at 6:30 pm. Parents are asked to attend the first session, which will be largely an information evening about the course. The remaining sessions will be for our Candidates only. Our Confirmation Mass will be on the Feast of Pentecost (Sunday 16th May) next year at 11:00. Our meetings will be on Friday evenings at 6:30 during term time, with extended breaks for Christmas and Easter. Young people in Year 9 and above are invited to contact the parish for an application form. Please return application forms by the weekend of 24th/25th October. Please note:

Applicants must be **in school Year 9 or above**. It must be the applicant themselves that applies. You are required to attend all the sessions on the programme. You must have made your First Holy Communion. You will be required to provide a copy of your Baptism Certificate (or proof of Baptism)

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+