

This Sun (4th Oct) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm – Ps 80

2nd Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43

Intentions

6pm Brian Mackey RIP

9am Wellbeing of Les and Kim Boulton

11am People of the Parish

Hymns for 11am Mass: 187, 1012, 90, 585, 285, 151, 388

Ent Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Psalm: *The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.*

Gospel Acc: Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia.

Com: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Mon 10am St Faustina Kowalska Thanksgiving for God's blessing on Lutterodt and Simpson families

Tue 10am Feria Gods Guidance, protection, wisdom & blessings for Julia at Uni

Wed 10am Our Lady of the Rosary Edward Chambers RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria Rob and Tina Alston

Fri 8pm St John Henry Newman Jean and Bill McDonald RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Next Sun (11th Oct) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm – Ps 23

2nd Reading – Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Intentions

6pm Billy, Jackie and Charlie Bogyle RIP

9am People of the Parish

11am UCM Anniversary Mass

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially Sheila Ulph (funeral at 1pm Friday 9th October) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: John White, Judith Goodwin, Ivy Johnson, James Wenban, Ann Sparrow, Daniel O'Kelly, Audrey Simmons and Janet Butter. 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. September Winners: 1st £50.00 – April Redding 2nd £25.00 Tricia De Vergori

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

4th October 2026

27th Sunday Year A



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Jesus continues to challenge the leaders of Israel. Adopting the symbol of a vineyard for God's people, he accuses those who have been entrusted to care for it. This has many echoes of the vineyard in the First Reading. Having rebelled against God, they will be replaced. We too have been charged with producing the fruits of the kingdom; is this parable a warning to us as well? Our prayer is that our parish will continue to bear a harvest of faith, community and fellowship. If there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things.

The UCM are holding their Anniversary Mass on Sunday 11th October at 11am to celebrate 34 years as a Foundation in our Parish. We would be delighted if you could join us for the Mass and for a small reception in Emmaus Hall. We have the added pleasure of enrolling yet another new member. So please celebrate with us.'

Fr Joseph Donkor

PARISH HARVEST COLLECTION FOR MEDWAY FOODBANK 2026.

Next weekend Oct 10th/11th we will be having our annual Parish Harvest Collection. You can use the new Shopping List which is inside your newsletter, to donate items that are currently needed in our warehouse. Please put your donations in the red Medway Foodbank Collecting Boxes in the church foyer. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to help others in Medway who find themselves in a time of crisis.

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Parish News

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

Please call the office to make an appointment.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD family fast day was on Friday 2nd October. By giving this Harvest, we can put our faith into action and support communities overseas with access to water, nutritious food and sustainable ways to grow crops, helping children like Tayla in Zimbabwe stay in school. Please take a CAFOD envelope or donate via the CAFOD website. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION 2027

The 1st session will be on Friday 6th Nov at 6:30 pm and parents are asked to attend. 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. Meetings will be on Fridays at 6:30pm 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 Oct. 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 and must have made your First Holy Communion. You must provide a copy of your Baptism Certificate (or proof of Baptism).

YOUTH DAY AT JOHN FISHER SCHOOL 17TH OCT 11.00AM – 5.30PM

Cost £5. For 10 – 14 year olds. This great initiative of the Southwark youth service is a day of prayer, activities including sport, as well as lunch. We commend it to youth in the parish. To book a place turn to the diocesan website: <https://scys.org.uk/youth-under-18/youth-days-10-14-years/> There is a free coach from St. Anselm's Dartford, leaving at 9.30am. Please contact Fr. Stephen Boyle to book/for more details : dartford@rcaos.org.uk.

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.

DAY BY DAY BOOKS

Day by Day books are available from the office and cost £1.20

COLLECTIONS

27/9/26 1st Coll GA £62, Non-GA £230.97; 2nd Coll £60.40 (McMillan Cancer).



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

Community Events

Sun 4 th Oct	2ND collection for CAFOD Fast day 11AM MASS CHILDREN'S LITURGY & YOUTH MASS
Mon 5 th Oct	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Cubs 5.30pm-7pm RCIA in Parish Office 8pm
Tue 6 th Oct	Evening Prayer at 6pm UCM in Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 7 th Oct	Adoration 2pm to 10pm
Thu 8 th Oct	Squirrels, Beavers, Scouts & Explorers 4.30pm-9pm Adult Choir practice 8pm-9pm
Fri 9 Oct	Funeral of Sheila Ulph at 1pm
Sat 10 Oct	Legion of Mary 10am in the parish office 6pm KSC Membership drive
Sun 11 Oct	2nd Collection for Medway Foodbank KSC Membership Drive 9am UCM Anniversary Mass at 11am
Mon 12 Oct	Rosary on Zoom at 6 pm Cubs 5.30pm-7pm Keeping the Fires burning 7.30 in Parish hall RCIA in Parish office 8pm
Tue 13 Oct	Evening Prayer at 6pm UCM meeting in Parish hall 7:30
Wed 14 Oct	Adoration 2pm to 10pm
Thu 15 Oct	Squirrels, Beavers, Scouts & Explorers 4:30pm-9pm Adult Choir practice 8pm – 9pm
Fri 16 Oct	St Thomas More school Harvest Mass at 9.30am
Sat 17 Oct	Legion of Mary 10am in the parish office Baptism Course 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall
Sun 18 Oct	Collection for World Mission Sunday (Missio) WELCOME MASS FOR NEW PARISHIONERS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM

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