This Sun (8th Nov) Readings

1st Reading – Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm – Ps 63
2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13

Intentions

6pm Birthday blessings for Concettina Rocco
9am wellbeing of Les and Kim Boulton
11am People of the Parish

Hymns for 11am Mass: 568, 478, 585, 72, 485, 691

Ent Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
Psalm: ***For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.***
Gospel Acc: Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia
Com Ant: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Mon 10am Dedication of the Lateran Basilica — Liturgy of the Word
Tue 10am St Leo the Great Pope — Liturgy of the Word
Wed 10am St Martin of Tours — Liturgy of the Word

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

Thu 10am Feria — Liturgy of the Word
Fri 8pm Feria — Liturgy of the Word

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sun (15th Nov) Readings

1st Reading – Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm – Ps: 128
2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Intentions

6pm Emmanuel Onwuka RIP
9am People of the Parish
11am Wellbeing of Pope Leo

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Nicholas Ibe, John Doody, Luisa Begne' Fint, Mary Collins, Abel Castelino, Frances O'Reilly, John Elsbury, Terence Gordon, Brian Clare, Breda D'Silva, Edith Dexter, Thelma Asprey, Fr Joe Candy, Teresa Smart, Paul Cross and John William Woodward. 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. October Winners: £50.00 – 170 Leonard Bradshaw £25.00 – 151 Lydia Burchell

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

8th November 2026 — **32nd Sunday Yr 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.

Please welcome Fr Michael who will be saying all the Masses this weekend.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 21ST NOVEMBER 2026

ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO and we are DESPERATE for your donations of luxury food items for our Christmas Hampers, unwanted unopened gifts, bottles for the Bottle Tombola and good quality toys for the Toy Stall. We have had a few donations but NOT ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO HOLD THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Please leave your donations in the box in the parish hall. We will also need volunteers to help on the day and a list is on the disabled toilet door for people to sign up. We also need cakes for the cake stall. SO PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DONATE NOW.

Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection Sat 7th / Sun 8th November

This funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2026. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or:

- Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity of heart.

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Parish News

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

No drop-in sessions until 24th November. I am on annual leave until Fri 20th Nov. For emergency sick calls, ring Josie on 07915601076/the parish office or email Deacon Martin on martinsmith@rcaos.org.uk

CONFIRMATION 2027

every Friday 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE SAT 28TH NOVEMBER AT 5.15PM

Please help us to start off the Season of Advent by joining us for our candlelit carol service before the First Mass of Advent at 6pm Mass. All welcome. In accordance with health & safety guidelines please bring only battery powered lamps /torches.

UCM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFTING!

As Promised the UCM Ladies have planned Christmas Crafting sessions for the Children. We are holding two sessions on Saturday 28th November from 12.00-14.00 and 14.00-16.00 in the Parish Hall. The cost is £2.50 for each child. Refreshments will be available. You will be asked to stay with your child and join in the fun. Please book with Pat on 01634 956896.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a meeting in the Parish Hall at 1pm on Tuesday 10th November.

YOUNG ADULT MASS IN KENT

For those aged 18-35, on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The first Mass will be celebrated by Fr Stephen Trafford on **Sunday 15 November at 6pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 63 West Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 1AN.

DAY BY DAY BOOKS

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

VERTICAL BLINDS FREE TO ANYONE.

Various sizes. Please call Jim Carmichael on 07434 870402.

COLLECTIONS

25/10/26: 1st Coll GA £87, Non-GA £193.89

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 8th Nov	**Second Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal**
Mon 9th Nov	**Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm** Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA in parish office 8pm -9pm
Tue 10th Nov	Bereavement Support Group at 1pm in the Parish Hall at 1pm Evening Prayer at 6pm
Wed 11th Nov	**Adoration 2pm to 10pm**
Thu 12th Nov	**Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts in the hall 4.30pm to 9pm** Adult Choir practice 8pm-9pm
Fri 13th Nov	Confirmation class at 6.30pm in Parish hall
Sat 14th Nov	Legion of Mary 10am in the parish office
Sun 15th Nov	**2nd Collection for the Development Fund** **Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass**
Mon 16th Nov	**Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm** **Rosary on Zoom at 6 pm** Keeping the fires burning in Parish Hall 7.30pm RCIA Parish Office 8pm to 9pm
Tue 17th Nov	**Evening Prayer at 6pm**
Wed 18th Nov	**Adoration 2pm to 10pm**
Thu 19th Nov	**Squirrels, Beavers & Scouts in the hall 4.30pm to 9pm** Adult Choir practice 8pm – 9pm
Sat 21st Nov	Legion of Mary 10am in the parish office **Christmas Fayre 11am - 3pm**
Sun 22nd Nov	**Second Collection for the Catholic youth service** Planned Giving Drive at all weekend Masses

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