

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th March 2026, Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Laetare Sunday

Mothering Sunday

10.30am Mass (Jerry Fernando RIP)

1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite

6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

Monday 16th March, Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 17th March, St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Feast

10.00am Mass

Wednesday 18th March, Feria

6.00pm - Rosary

6.20pm - Stations of the Cross

7.00pm - Mass

Thursday 19th March, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity

10.00am Mass

6.20pm Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Solemn Mass

Friday 20th March, Feria

10.00am Mass (David Eldridge RIP)

followed by Adoration until 11am

Saturday 21st March, Feria

9.20am Stations of the Cross

10.00am Mass (For God's protection and guidance on Chibueze Anoliefo & family)

2.30pm Baptism preparation session

Sunday 22nd March 2026, Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

10.30am Mass (For God's protection and guidance on Chibueze Anoliefo & family)

1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

RE-DECORATION CONTRIBUTIONS - Should you wish to contribute towards the cost of the refurbishments please put your donation in one of the collection bags in an envelope, clearly marked 'church redecoration', or use the tab on the contactless machine. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION - SATURDAY 21st MARCH AT 2.30PM - There will be a baptism preparation session for those parents who wish to have their child baptised in this parish. Whether you have already started the process and have filled out a request form, or have yet to do so, please do come along. Please email the parish office (ashfordsouth@rcaos.org.uk) to let us know that you are going to attend so that we might have sufficient resources prepared.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND CONFESSIONS - will take place on Saturday 28th March. There will be Stations of the Cross at 9.20am with Mass at 10.00am followed by confessions. Do try to come along to make your Lenten confession in preparation for Easter.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES - a sheet with the Mass times for Holy week and Easter is available on the newsletter table. Please take one.

REPOSITORY (SHOP) - Our repository shop has lovely cards for St. Patrick's Day and for Easter and cards for other occasions. Easter candles, prayer books and bibles, rosaries, statues and many other devotional items. Why not pop in and take a look after Mass.

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £523.55 (£37.70 Gift Aid + £277.85 loose plate and machine + £208 standing order). Church redecoration fund £1117. Thank you. Second collection next week - Poor parishes

CONFESSIONS

After 10am Mass Saturday and on request

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for:
Francesca Baker,
Emma Baker,
Tricia Coppin,
Luke Fellowes,
George McQuillan,
Agnes
Perinpanayagam,
Raymond
Trumpfheller,
Kitty O'Mahoney,
Gerard Quinn,
Pulkeria Msoka,
Susannah John,
Emma Broad,
Peter Vokes,
Dorothy Wiseman,
Ken Gwam
Frankie Lanzino,
Maria McCarthy,
Zita Wilkinson,
Marie Columb
Maureen Woods
Beryl Swaffer
Frances
Fr. Jose
Guy Beresford
Maria Lanzino
Mark Pickett
John Butcher
Terry Kemp

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Annunciation of the Lord

25th March

Lent Confessions

Saturday 28th March

Palm Sunday 29th March

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

Good Friday 3rd April

Easter Vigil 4th April

Easter Sunday 5th April

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safe-guard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast down to hell Satan and all other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE: Dear family members and friends: We are on the fourth Sunday of lent. This Sunday is also called Laetare Sunday because it is a time of joy breaking through in the midst of preparation and penance. Today's Scripture passages lead us to an experience of joy. The first reading speaks about the selection and anointing of David as the king of Israel. That shows the concern of God for His people. The Psalm declares that the Lord is my shepherd and there is nothing I shall want. The second reading reminds us to walk as children of light and do what is pleasing to God. The Gospel reveals Jesus as the light of the world who gives real sight as he healed the blind man. The Communion antiphon proclaims: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God. Let this lent be a time to wash our eyes, see God more clearly and have real faith in Him. Amen.

Church Redecoration: We are happy that our Church has a new look after the re-decoration works. Thanks to all who have contributed towards it. Special thanks to all who have put their efforts in cleaning the church and re-arranging it after the painting works. God bless them all.