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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th April 2025, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8.00am Mass in Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Easter Day Mass (Thanksgiving - Emeka and Rufina Ebenebe 40th wedding anniversary)

NO EVENING MASS

Monday 6th April, Monday within the Octave of Easter

1.00pm Mass (Thanksgiving - 40th Wedding anniversary of Emeka and Rufina Ebenebe)

Tuesday 7th April, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am Mass

Wednesday 8th April, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6.05pm Recitation of Holy Rosary
6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 9th April, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am Mass

Friday 10th April, Friday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am Mass followed by Adoration until 11.00am including Divine Mercy prayers

Saturday 11th April, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am Mass (Michael and Maria Zaldak RIP) followed by Divine Mercy prayers

Sunday 12th April 2026, Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

10.30am Mass (Birthday thanksgiving Neso Ebenebe)
1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE - Dear family members and friends, In today's entrance Antiphon we sing, "I have risen, and I am with you still." This is the message of great hope. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we are called to the joy of a new life, a life of great hope and renewal. In today's Gospel we are given the narration of the empty tomb which is a reasonable proof of the resurrection of Jesus, which is otherwise hard to believe for many. It is a unique event ever in the history before and after. St. Paul exhorts us to seek the things that are above because our life is one to appear with the risen Jesus in glory. On this Easter, let us remember that we are not simply to be bound to the earthy things, but are to set our minds on things that are above. Amen.

Wish you all a very Happy Easter with all its blessings.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES are now available in the parish foyer area If you contribute by Gift Aid please collect your new boxes now and start using them from next Sunday. If you donate by standing order, please take your yellow special offering envelopes for your existing number. Thank you for your continued support.

THE EASTER COLLECTION - Your kind offering at Easter - whatever you can manage in these difficult financial times - are your personal gift to Fr. Jose and are much appreciated. A priest's income is principally whatever he receives from the parish (mainly Mass offerings.) The collections at Christmas and Easter form an important supplement, enabling him to meet personal expenses and pay Income Tax on benefits in kind such as food, heat and light, and use of the furniture in the Presbytery. To conform to Inland Revenue regulations, cheques should be made payable to "**St. Simon Stock Catholic Church**". **Please use the green printed envelopes by the newsletters and place in the collection bags. If you would like to Gift Aid your offering, and are not in the Gift Aid scheme, please use one of brown envelopes. You can also give your offering by using the contactless machine.**

GIFT AID SCHEME - If you are a TAX PAYER, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme to your weekly offering and any other donations you make to the parish. The parish can claim back from the HMRC over the financial year 25p for every £1 that you donate at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOU**. The scheme gives the parish much needed extra funds that the Gift Aid Scheme generates - please ask for a form to join or email the parish office and one will be sent to you.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD - Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Saturday 11 April led by Marian Fathers as a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone welcome.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AT ST. ANDREWS CATHOLIC CHURCH, ASHFORD ROAD, TENTERDEN NEXT SUNDAY - you are invited to attend a full hour of devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday starting at 3pm with the veneration of the image followed by Adoration and Rosary and an opportunity for Confession. It finishes with Benediction at 4pm followed by refreshments. This is a great way of showing our love for Jesus during this special season of Eastertide.

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £567.85 (£51.50 Gift Aid + £311.35 loose plate and machine + £208 standing order). Church redecoration fund £201. Second collection - Flowers for Easter £115. Thank you.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard 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

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
Michelle Kelleher
Cathy Gravina
Peter Wraight