

# St Simon Stock Catholic Church, Ashford South

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## PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)**

**World Communications Sunday**

10.30am Mass

1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite

6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, St. John I, Pope and Martyr**

No Mass

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, St. Dunstan, Bishop**

10.00am Mass (Mary Baker RIP)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

6.05pm Recitation of Holy Rosary

6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration until

7.30pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, St. Christopher of Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

10.00am Mass

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

10.00am Mass (Baker family intentions)

followed by Adoration until 11am

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Feria**

10.00am Mass

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Pentecost Sunday (A)**

**Day of Prayer for the church**

10.30am International Mass

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, Today we listen to the Priestly prayer of Jesus. First of Jesus glorifies the Father and prays to glorify Him because He had manifested the name of the Father. Thus, Jesus glorified the Father on earth by accomplishing the work given to Him. Jesus also prays for all those who believed in Him as they continue to live in the world. He accepts all of them as His own and as such they are of the Father also. Jesus reveals that intimate relation between the Father, Jesus and those who believe in Him. In today's second reading Peter refers to this relation as even to share in the suffering of Jesus and be glad. The Apostles continued this relation after the ascension of Jesus by devoting themselves in prayer together with Mary and others as we hear in the first reading. Let us try to glorify the Father by accomplishing the work given to us and being one with Jesus in prayer. Amen

**LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY TO THE CHURCH** - Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will. Find out more: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy) or pick up one of the leaflets on the newsletter table.

**ROSARY IN MAY** - the month of May is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady and so there will be daily Recitation of the Rosary, each evening, in front of the Grotto; on Wednesday's and Sunday's at 6.05pm prior to the evening Mass and on all other days at 7.00pm. Please try to come to support this parish devotion.

**NEXT SUNDAY PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS 10.30AM** - Just a week to go! Thank you to all those who have already offered their help. **We still need volunteers to help set up tables and chairs in the hall on Saturday evening.** If you are able to help with this or would like to volunteer to sing please see Titus, Mark or Rufina after Mass. If you would like to supply food or drink for the shared table in the church hall after Mass, please put your name on the sheet on the noticeboard or just turn up with your dish on the day. We hope as many members as possible of our parish family will be able to be present and look forward to being able to celebrate together.

**THE ANNUAL MAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY - MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
We close Mary's month of May, the month particularly dedicated to our Marian devotion, by celebrating together on the solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church. The rosary will be recited at 6.30pm with solemn Mass at 7.00pm concluding with an outdoor procession of Our Lady. All are welcome.

**MISSIO AND THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES** invite all Red Box supporters and the wider Diocesan community to come together for an important event in 2026 at St Simon Stock Church, Bleakwood Rd, Walderslade, Kent ME5 0NF, Saturday 6 June at 11am. Join Fr Joseph Donkor (Missio Diocesan Director for Southwark) and the Mill Hill Missionaries for Mass, followed by lunch and sharing of mission work. The Mission Masses are an opportunity to hear about how missionaries share the Gospel throughout the world and how we can be missionary disciples in our own parishes. Everyone is welcome.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY COLLECTION TODAY** - this collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

**COLLECTIONS** - Last week - £324.96 (£24 Gift Aid + £300.96 loose plate and machine + £208 standing order). 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,  
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  
Guy Beresford  
Maria Lanzino  
John Butcher  
Terry Kemp  
Cathy Gravina  
Peter Wraight  
Steve Hudson  
Baby Oliver