

# St Simon Stock Catholic Church, Ashford South

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## PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)**

10.30am Mass (First Holy Communion children and their families)  
1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite  
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Feria**

11.30am Funeral Mass of Martin Paul Conroy RIP

#### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, St. Colomba, Abbot**

10.00am Mass

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Feria**

6.05pm Recitation of Holy Rosary  
6.30pm Mass (Regina Ejebe RIP) followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

#### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, St. Barnabas, Apostle, Memorial**

10.00am Mass

#### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (A), Solemnity**

10.00am Mass (The wellbeing of Margie Keeling) followed by Adoration until 11am

7.00pm Solemn Mass

#### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial**

10.00am Mass (Thanksgiving for the 80th birthday of Dr. Andrew Bella)

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026, Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

10.30am 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 celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Feast of Corpus Christi. In today's Gospel Jesus said, "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." Jesus further said, "Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." St. Paul says as we read in the second reading, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. "All these tell us the importance of receiving the body and blood of Jesus in the sacramental form, i.e. we live because of Him. In the first reading we are reminded about manna. God fed the Israelites with manna in order to make them know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Amen

**TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** - We will today celebrate the Feast of our Lord with procession and benediction after mass. We welcome our children who celebrated their First Communion last Saturday to help us in leading the procession and honoring the Lord by their witness to receiving him. Let us all join in the procession and celebrate that sacrament by which we are made one with God and citizens of heaven.

**MARTIN PAUL CONROY RIP** - please pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Paul Conroy who has recently died and whose funeral will take place here on Monday morning. We pray too for all his family that they be given peace and consolation at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

**MASS INTENTIONS** - You can ask the Parish Priest to offer Mass for a specific intention of yours. It could be for yourself or your family, a friend in need, a deceased relative, our community or the wider world or a private intention. Simply fill in a Mass Offering envelope and either give it to Fr. Jose or place it in the collection bag.

**JUNE, THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART** - Is traditionally given to devotions to the Sacred Heart of our Lord - the Heart that loved so much so that we could all go to heaven. Please pray the Litany to the Sacred Heart showing love and gratitude to the Heart that has given us heaven.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE** - this Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be the usual 10.00am morning Mass followed by Adoration until 11.00am and a Solemn Mass at 7.00pm.

**MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL LETTER** in which he has taken up the legacy of his predecessor, writing a social encyclical which addresses one of the principal challenges of the contemporary age: artificial intelligence. *Magnifica humanitas* offers powerful insights into the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, recognising a profound epochal shift. It places the dignity of the human person at the centre as the criteria for guiding technical progress. Copies of the letter in booklet form are available via CTS priced at £6.95 each. If you would like a copy please order through the repository (shop). Thank you.

**READERS FOR WEEKDAY MASSES** - reading at weekday Masses is currently done on an ad hoc basis but we are looking to formulate a rota so that this ministry does not fall on the shoulders of just a few. If you would like to offer to read at any of the weekday Masses, please give your name to Fr. Jose. Training will be given.

**COLLECTIONS** - Last week - £732.21 (£100 Gift Aid + £424.21 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:

Tricia Coppin,  
George McQuillan,  
Agnes Perinpanayagam,  
Raymond Trumpfheller,  
Gerard Quinn,  
Pulkeria Msoka,  
Susannah John,  
Emma Broad,  
Peter Vokes,  
Dorothy Wiseman,  
Francesca Baker,  
Frankie Lanzino,  
Maria McCarthy,  
Zita Wilkinson,  
Marie Columb  
Maureen Woods  
Beryl Swaffer  
Guy Beresford  
John Butcher  
Terry Kemp  
Cathy Gravina  
Peter Wraight  
Steve Hudson  
Baby Oliver