

St Simon Stock Catholic Church, Ashford South

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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 19th July 2026, Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Mass (Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion - Divine, Cheryl and Chris Ebelechukwu)

6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

Monday 20th July, St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

No Mass

Tuesday 21st July, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10.00am Mass (God's protection and guidance for Mr. Chibueze Anoliefo and family)

Wednesday 22nd July, St. Mary Magdalene, Feast

6.05pm Recitation of Holy Rosary
6.30pm Mass (God's protection and guidance for Mr. Chibueze Anoliefo and family) followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd July, St. Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe, Feast

10.00am Mass (God's protection and guidance for Mr. Chibueze Anoliefo and family)

Friday 24th July, St. John Boste, Priest and Martyr

10.00am Mass (Anthony Joseph RIP) followed by Adoration until 11.00am

Saturday 25th July, St. James, Apostle, Feast

10.00am Mass (God's protection and guidance for Mr. Chukwuma Ezepue and family)

Sunday 26th July 2026, Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Mass (God's protection and guidance for Mr. Chukwuma Ezepue and family)
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

URGENT SECURITY ALERT - We would like to make you aware of a new type of scam that is now targeting individuals within our parish communities through WhatsApp.

Cyber criminals are increasingly using artificial intelligence (AI) to create convincing videos, voice messages and written communications while impersonating members of the clergy. Their aim is to deceive unsuspecting individuals into believing they are communicating with a priest, bishop, or other Parish representative before requesting money or donations.

We ask that you please remain vigilant and please encourage you to:

- Never assume that a WhatsApp message or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy.
 - Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms.
 - Always verify the identity of the sender by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known telephone number or official email address before responding to any request.
- Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION - SATURDAY 8th AUGUST AT 11.00AM - 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.

SUMMERTIME 2026: 11TH AUGUST - 14TH AUGUST: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £199. For ages 11-15. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of see poster on noticeboard.

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £753.92 (£35 Gift Aid + £570.82 loose plate and machine + £208 standing order. Second collection - Sea Sunday for Stella Maris £69.88. 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 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
John Butcher
Terry Kemp
Cathy Gravina
Peter Wraight
Steve Hudson
Baby Oliver
Emma Baker
Christabel John,
George Bava
Kulangara,
Mark Pickett

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE - Dear family members and friends,

In today's Gospel Jesus says three parables about the kingdom of heaven. The first one is about a man who sowed good seed in his field, but when it grew up weeds also grew up. Jesus gives the explanation saying it is the act of the enemy. That enemy is the devil who sows evil things among the good deeds of the people. It reminds us that in spite of the good deeds we do, the devil is very alert to bring in evil thoughts and evil deeds. Also, we have to be very careful in weeding out also, that means there is the danger of some people being unnecessarily criticised or judged while correcting them. We have the sacramental opportunity to repent ourselves and get rid of all evils from our life. Amen.