

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd August 2026, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

10.30am Mass (Duvie Oji RIP - 3rd anniversary)

1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite

6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

Monday 24th August, St. Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast

No Mass

Tuesday 25th August, St. Louis

10.00am Mass (Birthday thanksgiving - Titus Msoka Jr.)

Wednesday 26th August, Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest

6.10pm Recitation of Holy Rosary

6.30pm Mass RIP followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 27th August, St. Monica, Memorial

No Mass

Friday 28th August, St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial

10.00am Mass followed by Adoration until 11am

Saturday 29th August, The Passion of St. John the Baptist, Memorial

9.30am Mass (Joseph Durojaiye Ajayi RIP on the day of his funeral)

Sunday 30th August 2026, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

10.30am Mass (In thanksgiving for First Holy Communion - Thandiwe Amanor)

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's Gospel is very important for those who believe in Jesus. Jesus asks the disciples what the people say about Him and later He asked what they themselves say about Jesus. The answer that Simon Peter gave was something extraordinary, in the sense, no one else had made such a declaration: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." The comment that Jesus makes is that it is the Father in heaven who has revealed it to him. In order to have real faith we need the revelation of the Father through the Holy Spirit. The basis of our faith is the declaration by Simon Peter and let us try to be strong in our faith. Jesus also confirms the strength of the church saying that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Let us love the church and as a door to the kingdom of heaven. Amen

GEORGE BAVA KULANGARA RIP - please pray for the repose of the soul of George Bava Kulangara, Christabel John's father, who died last Sunday morning after a short illness. We pray also for Christabel, Lijoy and their children, all George's family and all those who mourn George's passing that they be giving comfort at this time of sadness. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH OFFICE - the parish office is closed from today until Tuesday 8th September. The parish email address and answerphone will be monitored but for anything urgent please contact Fr. Jose directly. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - for children in school year 3 and above. If you wish your child to enrol in the classes to prepare for the sacrament of Holy Communion which will take place in 2027, please ask for a registration form after Mass.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2025 - for young people aged 12 and above, and for adults who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. To register your child, or yourself, in the classes in preparation for receiving Confirmation in 2027 please ask for a form after Mass.

PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME - FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN THE GIFT AID SCHEME - can you please let the parish office know if you still require envelopes to put your cash offering in the collecting bag on Sunday as will soon have to order the envelopes for 2027. Thank you.

WEEE-WASTE COLLECTION (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) 9am - 5pm, 5th & 6th September 2026 In collaboration with Ashford Borough Council/Suez, Caritas is collecting all broken/old/unused electrical and electronic waste. This is a great way of helping the environment by cutting down landfill and hazardous waste. Any items with data such as computers, laptops, mobile phones and also TVs/monitors and electric toothbrushes, please drop off at St. Teresa's. A big pink bin will be in the church foyer for electrical waste. A full list of acceptable items on the noticeboard.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PARISH - we are looking for more people to help with the various tasks that take make the parish run smoothly in particular **catechists for the sacramental programmes** (a DBS check will be required), **collectors, counters**, and those who are able to **help with parish events**. If you have some time to spare to volunteer for these roles, or any of the other behind the scenes roles that help the parish run well, please speak to Fr. Jose.

LEONIE BULL RIP - the funeral of Leonie will take place at Charing Crematorium on Monday 24th August at 4.30pm. Please keep Leonie and her family in your prayers.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK - £453.62 (£47 Gift Aid + £198.62 loose plate and contactless + £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
John Butcher
Terry Kemp
Cathy Gravina
Peter Wraight
Steve Hudson
Oliver Witter,
Emma Baker
Christabel John,
Mark Pickett
Jeff Delavega