

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th August 2026, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Mass (In thanksgiving for First Holy Communion - Thandiwe Amanor)
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

Monday 31st August, St. Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne
No Mass

Tuesday 1st September, St. Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest and Martyr
10.00am Mass

Wednesday 2nd September, Feria
6.10pm Recitation of Holy Rosary
6.30pm Mass RIP followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 3rd September, St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, Feast
10.00am Mass

Friday 4th September, St. Cuthbert, Bishop First Friday
10.00am Mass followed by Adoration until noon
7.00pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite & Adoration

Saturday 5th September, St. Teresa of Calcutta First Saturday
9.30 am Rosary
10.00am Mass (Gerald Black RIP)
7.00pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite & Adoration

Sunday 6th September 2026, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
10.30am Mass (In thanksgiving for First Holy Communion Marcel and Nikola)
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 Gospel two very important messages are given: 1} Jesus speaks about his passion, death and resurrection. 2} Jesus speaks about what one must do in order to follow him. Jesus very openly says what is going to happen to him. He did not want to hide anything from the disciples. Humanly speaking the leaders will talk about all gains to motivate and influence the followers. But Jesus did not want to mislead the disciples. Again, He says to all who want to follow him to take up the cross and follow him. There is no short cut to follow him, but wholeheartedly accept all the life experiences, with prime importance to the soul. Let the question resound in our ears and heart: "What shall a man give in return for his soul?" Amen

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

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £481.82 (£74.05 Gift Aid + £ 199.77 loose plate + £208 standing order). Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES LAST DAY TODAY FOR REGISTRATION- 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 taking place in 2027, please ask for a registration form after Mass.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2025 LAST DAY TODAY FOR REGISTRATION - 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 for receiving Confirmation in 2027 please ask for a form after Mass.

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS 5TH - 13TH SEPTEMBER - The Syro Malabar Community is having a week-long celebration of the main Feast from September 5th to September 13th. On 5th September there will be Holy Mass and Adoration from 7.00pm. On Sunday 6th there will be flag hoisting and Holy Mass at 1.30pm. There will be Holy Mass each evening at 7pm on Monday 7th until Friday 11th. Feast Celebration of the Exaltation of Holy Cross on 12th September. Hearty welcome to all to join the Holy Mass at 10.30 am (Syro Malabar Malayalam), procession and agape meal. Holy Mass at 1.30pm on Sunday 13th September. All are welcome. your prayers are requested for a blessed celebration. There will be no evening Mass on 13th September.

WEE-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. 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR TEAM OF ALTAR SERVERS? - We are looking to recruit some new servers from among those young people who have already made their first holy communion to join the team who serve at Sunday Mass and at other Masses throughout the year. If you feel that you can undertake this commitment please ask

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
Baby Oliver
Emma Baker
Christabel John,
Mark Pickett
Jeff Delavega