

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 13th September 2026, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Education Day

10.30am Mass (Jean Boruki RIP)

1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite

NO EVENING MASS

Monday 14th September, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast

10.00am Mass

Tuesday 15th September, Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial

10.00am Mass (Birthday thanksgiving Christabel John)

Wednesday 16th September, St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6.10pm Recitation of Holy Rosary

6.30pm Mass (George Bava Kulangara RIP) followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 17th September, St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

10.00am Mass (Private Intention)

Friday 18th September, St. Edith of Kemsing

10.00am Mass (Our Lady's intercessions) followed by Adoration until 11.00am

Saturday 19th September, St. Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

10.00am Mass

Sunday 20th September 2026, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Home Mission Sunday (Evangelii Gaudium)

10.30am Mass (Baker Family Intentions)

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 responsorial psalm reminds us, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy." It is this nature of the Lord that urges Him to forgive. Jesus teaches us a very good lesson about our behaviour towards others, especially to those who do to us something wrong. We have to forgive them. There is no limit for forgiveness. It is an act of love. The parable of the wicked servant who did not forgive his fellow servant is a good warning to us about the need to forgive others because we have received forgiveness from the Lord several times. Let us practise this forgiveness in our family, workplace, community and also in all our relationships. Thus, we will be fulfilling the commandment of the Lord to love one another. Amen.

TODAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY - and the second collection is for the Catholic Education Service (CES) which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The CES negotiates and advises on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic Education and also provides assistance for school transport.

A pastoral letter on the occasion of Education Sunday from Archbishop of Southwark the Most Rev. John Wilson, is available on the noticeboard for all to read and also on the diocesan website, rcaos.org.uk/diocese/archbishop-john-wilson

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - for those who have registered for this year's programme the first meeting for parents and children will be **Saturday 26th September promptly at 10.30am immediately following morning Mass which parents and children should attend.**

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) SUNDAY NEXT WEEK - next week's second collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the Gospel in our own country, by enabling a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

MARRIAGE HELP - Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. **Bookings close 18th Sept.** www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983

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 your parents to talk to Fr. Jose.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2026 SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER - we have just entered the Season of Creation and traditionally in England at this time Churches up and down the land give thanks to God for the success of the harvest as the farmers bring in the crops. We are going to celebrate **Harvest Thanksgiving** at all Masses on **27th September**. We take this opportunity to invite parishioners to make offerings and donations of dry goods - packaged and canned - and to bring them to church on that day where a table in the foyer will set up to receive them and after Mass they will be blessed. They will then be distributed to those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. We would kindly ask you not to donate fresh food, for obvious reasons.

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £425.21 (£101.91 Gift Aid + £115.30 loose plate and contactless + £208 standing order). Thank you. Second Collection this week - Catholic Education. Second Collection next week - Home Mission.

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