

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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)

Monday 21st September, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast

No Mass
7.00pm Confirmation class and meeting for parents

Tuesday 22nd September, Feria

10.00am Mass

Wednesday 23rd September, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest, Memorial

6.10pm Recitation of Holy Rosary
6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 24th September, Our Lady of Walsingham, Feast

10.00am Mass
6.30pm recitation of the Holy Rosary
7.00pm Solemn Mass (Michael and Maria Zaldak RIP)

Friday 25th September, Feria

10.00am Mass followed by Adoration until 11.00am

Saturday 26th September, SS. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

10.00am Mass
10.30am First Holy Communion class and meeting for parents

Sunday 27th September 2026, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
World day of prayer for migrants and refugees

10.30am Harvest thanksgiving Mass (Anna Falzon RIP - 1st anniversary)
1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Harvest thanksgiving Mass (People of the parish)

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE - Dear family members and friends: Today's Gospel is actually an invitation for us to discover our identity and also our value as human beings. It is also an answer to the so called disparity in the earnings of different people. One important thing we should have in mind is the value God gives us out of His generosity. As in the parable the landowner calls the labourers on his own will and plan. Each one has to recognize his role and part in the work and at the same time respect others also recognising their role and part they do. Ultimately at the end of our life we will be given the reward according to our deeds and out of God's generosity. Amen

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) SUNDAY - today'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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES START TOMORROW AT 7.PM - for those who have registered for this year's confirmation programme. This initial session is entitled - Getting Started and a timetable and resources will be given out during this session as well as explaining the programme. The sessions will take place in the presbytery. Please ensure you arrive promptly so that the classes can start on time. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES START NEXT SATURDAY - 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 please.**

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - Thursday is the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. There will be the usual morning Mass at 10am and Solemn Mass at 7pm preceded by recitation of the holy rosary at 6.30pm.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2026 NEXT SUNDAY - having 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 NEXT SUNDAY.** 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 - £393.25 (£76.88 Gift Aid + £219.20 loose plate and contactless + £208 standing order). Second Collection - Catholic Education £97.17. Thank you. Second Collection this 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