

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th October 2026, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Day of prayer for Prisoners and their families

8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Mass (Ray Pickett RIP) followed by recitation of the rosary
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish) followed by recitation of the rosary

Monday 12th October, St. Wilfred, Bishop
No Mass

Tuesday 13th October, St. Edward the Confessor, King, Feast
10.00am Mass followed by recitation of the rosary

Wednesday 14th October, St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
6.30pm Mass (Kathleen Brosnahan RIP) followed by Rosary and Adoration

Thursday 15th October St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
9.30am St. Simon's School Yr. 6 Class
Mass followed by recitation of the rosary

Friday 16th October, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
10.00am Mass (The wellbeing of Zofia Shawe) followed by recitation of the rosary and Adoration

Saturday 17th October, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
10.00am Mass for the sick (Derek McQuillan RIP) followed by recitation of the rosary
10.40am First Holy Communion class

Sunday 18th October 2026, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
World Mission Sunday - day of prayer for the Evangelisation of the world.
8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Mass (50th birthday thanksgiving for Chizoba Kingsley Ihejirika) followed by recitation of the rosary
1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish) followed by recitation of the rosary

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE - Dear family members and friends: Jesus is using a very familiar and attractive parable about people being chosen for the Kingdom of Heaven. The parable says that those who were invited were not ready to come saying some excuses. Some even attacked those were sent to remind them about the wedding feast. Finally, the king asked the servants to invite from among those who were not chosen earlier. There also was a problem: one who entered was without wedding garment and he was thrown out. In today's first reading from the Book of Isaiah, we see the mountain of the Lord with a great feast and the people were waiting for the Lord. In both cases it is the Lord our God who is the host and He invites all of us to His banquet ie. the Holy Eucharist. It is not enough that we accept the invitation, but we have to be well prepared for that making ourselves worthy to be received in to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS TODAY - following the morning Mass there will be refreshments available in the hall.

TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY the national Catholic day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. The second collection is for PACT the national Catholic prison charity. To gift aid your offering please use one of the envelopes on the table.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE SICK NEXT SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER AT 10.00AM - the day before the feast of St Luke the Evangelist, the patron saint of the sick. If you or anyone you know of is sick or infirm, please consider bringing them along to this Mass. If you need a lift or if you are able to give a lift to a person who is sick, please let Fr. Jose know.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE 2026 - If you would like us to include the faithful departed of your family or friends who have died **since last All Souls day** in this year's Book of Remembrance please write the name and date of death, in block capitals, on a piece of paper and hand in to Fr. Jose or Thereza, or send in an email to the parish office (email address above). Names must be received before noon on **Thursday 29th October**. Their names will be read out at the All Souls Day Mass on Monday 2nd November.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - The red printed envelopes are now available on the newsletter table for you to put in the names of deceased relatives and friends whom you would like to be remembered during November. If you would like a Mass said during November please place your Mass offering in the envelope so that a Mass may be offered either for those whose names you have submitted or for Holy Souls in general. The names will be placed in a basket in front of the altar during November.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR MISSIO - Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in it's entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in the countries where the Church is new, young or poor. The money goes directly to the bishops in the mission territories: local church helping local church. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please use one of the red envelopes on the newsletter table.

COLLECTIONS - COLLECTIONS - Last week - £445.50 (£27 Gift Aid + £210.50 loose plate and contactless + £208 standing order). Thank you. Second collection today - PACT Prisoners' Sunday. Second collection next week - Missio for World Mission Sunday.

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