

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st November 2026, All Saints

10.30am Mass (Michael and Maria Zaldak RIP)

6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

Monday 2nd November, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

5.30pm Confirmation Class

7.00pm Solemn Mass (All Holy Souls)

Tuesday 3rd November, St. Winefride, Virgin

10.00am Mass (Deceased relatives of Margaret Eldridge)

Wednesday 4th November, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial

6.05pm Recitation of the rosary

6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 5th November, Feria

9.15am St. Simon's School Yr. 4 Mass

10.30am Funeral Service for Zdzislaw Myskiewicz RIP

Friday 6th November, Feria

First Friday

10.00am Mass (Turano family RIP) followed by Adoration until noon.

Saturday 7th November, The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. George, Feast First Saturday

10.00am Mass (Russell Barton RIP – 5th anniversary)

10.35am First Holy Communion lesson

Sunday 8th November 2026, Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Remembrance Day

8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite

10.30am Solemn Requiem Mass for the fallen (Francesco, Michael and Michelle Lanzino RIP)

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 we celebrate the All Saints Day. The Gospel passage of today says who are the people who are blessed. Jesus speaks about eight situations when people can be counted as blessed. The saints are those who have realised in their life what Jesus had told. When we say All Saints Day it does not simply mean those Canonised Saints. We remember all those who have received reward in heaven. In today's responsorial psalm we have recited, "Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord." Saints are those who have sought the face of the Lord. The first reading of today reminds us that the saints are those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Let the blood of Jesus purify us and make us pure and blessed. Amen.

TOMORROW IS ALL SOULS DAY - There will be Solemn Mass for the Holy Souls at **7pm**. On this day we gather to remember and to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, all those whom we have loved and lost and see no longer. The names of our family and friends who have died since last All Souls day, contained in the parish Book of Remembrance, will be read out at this Mass. The book will stay on the Sanctuary throughout November.

NEXT SUNDAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - where we remember those who have died in all armed conflicts. There will be a Solemn Mass of Requiem for the fallen at the 10.30am Mass where we will hold our annual Act of Remembrance. The 6.30pm Mass will be of Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

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. To have 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.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2026. Every gift is welcome. If you wish to gift aid your offering, and are not in the parish gift aid scheme, please use one of the envelopes provided on the newsletter table.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF OUR PARISH - 21st January 2027 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the parish of St. Simon of England (Stock) as a separate Ashford parish. We will be holding a week of celebrations starting **Sunday 17th January** culminating with a celebratory evening Mass on **Sunday 24th January** presided over by Bishop Paul Hendricks and followed by a reception in the hall. Please mark the dates in your diary and look out for announcements about the programme of events for the week.

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £585.80 (£49.47 Gift Aid + £328.33 loose plate and contactless + £208 standing order). Thank you. Second collection next Sunday – Archbishop's Appeal.

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
Fr. Mark White
Pope Leo
Louise & Wiktor