

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th October 2026, Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Dedication Festival

10.30am Mass (Mrs. Pat Callow RIP) followed by recitation of the rosary
2.00pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish) followed by recitation of the rosary

Monday 26th October, SS. Chad and Ched, Bishops
No Mass

Tuesday 27th October, Feria
10.00am Mass followed by recitation of the rosary

Wednesday 28th October, SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast
6.30pm Mass followed by rosary and Adoration

Thursday 29th October Feria
10.00am Mass followed by recitation of the rosary

Friday 30th October, Feria
10.00am Mass (God's help for Zofia Shawe) followed by recitation of the rosary and Adoration

Saturday 31st October, The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Mass followed by recitation of the rosary
10.40am First Holy Communion class
3.00pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite

Sunday 1st November 2026, All Saints
10.30am Mass (Michael and Maria Zaldak RIP)
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE - Dear family members and friends: We have learned that the ten commandments can be summarised into two: Love your God and love your neighbour. In today's Gospel Jesus underlines this in an answer to the question, 'which is the great commandment in the Law?' The greatest commandment is, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." That means loving God requires our whole being. It places God at the absolute centre of life and authority. Second one is, "you shall love your neighbour as yourself." Genuine love for God cannot be separated from how we treat people around us. The care for others should be just as the care and respect we have to ourselves. These two commandments are the basis of the entire scripture. If love is missing then the scripture loses its purpose. Law and Prophets represent the Old Testament and Jesus has come to fulfil the scripture with new commandment of love sacrificing oneself for others. Amen.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL TODAY - the anniversary of the Consecration of our Parish Church. Both Masses today will be of the Solemnity of the anniversary of Consecration.

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 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.

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. 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.

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.

ADMISSION TO ST. SIMON OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION 2027 - applications for admission to St Simon's School in September 2027 will be considered very shortly. Any Parents/Legal Guardians with a child whose date of birth falls between **1st September 2022** and **31st August 2023** should make an application no later than **Friday 15th January 2027**. Please see noticeboard for details on how to apply and for dates for parents/guardians to tour the school.

COLLECTIONS - COLLECTIONS - Last week - £587.24 (£49.02 Gift Aid + £330.22 loose plate and contactless + £208 standing order). Second collection - Missio 132.58. Thank you.

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