

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th October 2026, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Rosary Sunday

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

Monday 5th October, St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin, Memorial

No Mass
6.30pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday 6th October, SS. Bruno, Priest

10.00am Mass followed by recitation of the rosary

Wednesday 7th October, Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial

6.10pm
6.30pm Mass followed by recitation of the rosary and by Adoration

Thursday 8th October Feria

10.00am Mass followed by recitation of the rosary

Friday 9th October, St. John Henry Newman, Priest, Feast

9.30am School Harvest Festival Mass
followed by recitation of the rosary and Adoration

Saturday 10th October, St. Paulinus of York, Bishop

10.00am Mass (Clement Ebenebe RIP)
followed by recitation of the rosary
10.40am First Holy Communion class

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

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE - Dear family members and friends: In today's Gospel we read the parable of the vineyard which was leased to tenants who proved themselves wicked by their unfaithfulness and greed. In the responsorial psalm we proclaim, "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel." In the parable the vineyard is well protected and is with all facilities. This refers to the care the Lord has given to the house of Israel. The tenants are the leaders and elders of Israel who did not listen to the prophets nor to Jesus, the Son. Ultimately this parable refers to all of us who are God's chosen people. He provides everything needed for us and He wants us to produce good fruits being faithful to Him. Let us follow His words and be filled with His grace in order to enjoy the fruits of His Kingdom. Amen.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY - following the morning Mass there will be refreshments available in the hall. Do come and spend a little time in conversation with your fellow parishioners before you go home.

THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER - next Sunday is Rosary Sunday and we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary next Wednesday, a feast to remember many victories and advantages gained by the church in time of fierce persecutions in the 15th Century, through praying the rosary. Let us try to make time in our busy lives to pray the rosary daily.

THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER - RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AFTER EACH MASS - For the whole month of October there will be recitation of the rosary immediately after each Mass. In praying the rosary may it bring us closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY the national Catholic day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. Next Sunday's second collection is for PACT the national Catholic prison charity who support prisoners, people with convictions, and their families.

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.

COLLECTIONS - COLLECTIONS - Last week - £520.88 (£52.50 Gift Aid + £260.38 loose plate and contactless + £208 standing order). Thank you. Second collection next week - PACT Prisoners' 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