St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th November 2026, Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
World Day of the Poor
8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Mass (Deceased parents of Juliet and Roger Wilson RIP)
1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

Monday 16th November, St. Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
No Mass
6.30pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday 17th November, St. Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
10.00am Mass (Deceased relatives and friends of Fr. Joe Feeley)

Wednesday 18th November, The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles
6.05pm Recitation of the rosary
6.30pm Mass (George Bava Kulangara RIP) followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 19th November, Feria
9.30am St. Simon's School Yr. 3 Class Mass (Deceased relatives and friends of the McQuillan family)

Friday 20th November, Feria
10.00am Mass (Deceased members of Racine, Hogan and Kennedy families) followed by Adoration until 11am

Saturday 21st November, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial
10.00am Mass (Francesca and Pasquale Intrieri RIP)
10.35am First Holy Communion lesson

Sunday 22nd November 2026, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)
National Youth Day
8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Mass (Deceased relatives and friends of the Wilson family)
6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE - Dear family members and friends: Today's Gospel says about a wealthy man while going on a journey has entrusted the money to his servants and after coming back, he settled the accounts with them. The one who got five talents earned another five talents, he who got two talents earned another two. He who got one talent hid the talent in the ground, The first two were rewarded and the last one was punished. God has given us various talents and of course it is different to different people. Each one has to develop the talents by using them properly. Our ultimate aim should be the kingdom of heaven.

BLESSING OF GRAVES AT BYBROOK TODAY 12.15pm - our remembrance service with blessing of graves will take place today at Bybrook Cemetery, Kennington, **at 12.15pm**. **Please assemble at the cemetery promptly.**

TEA AND COFFEE IN THE HALL AFTER 10.30AM MASS TODAY - All are welcome to come to the hall for refreshments and conversation.

MISSIO RED BOXES - If you have a Missio Red Box can you bring it in for emptying and counting please. You can either leave them in the presbytery or give to Thereza Baker when you next attend. Thank you.

TODAY IS THE 10TH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - Pope Leo XIV, in his message for the World Day of the Poor, invites the Church to an examination of conscience: "Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?" "God shows a preference for the poor: the Lord's words of hope and liberation are addressed first of all to them. The Church, if she wants to be Christ's Church, must be a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and walks poor with the poor, a place where the poor have a privileged place"

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY - next Sunday, on the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community. At the morning Mass children from St. Simon's School will be leading the liturgy. The second collection is for the Catholic Youth Services to support their work in serving the young people of the diocese and beyond. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

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 - Last week - £583.83 (£58 Gift Aid + £317.83 loose plate and contactless + £208 standing order). Thank you. Second collection - Archbishop's Appeal £102.70. Second collection next week - Catholic Youth Services.

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