St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd November 2026, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)
World 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)

Monday 23rd November, St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr
No Mass

Tuesday 24th November, St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial
10.00am Mass (Deceased Clergy of the Canterbury and Thanet Deaneries)

Wednesday 25th November, St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
6.05pm Recitation of the rosary
6.30pm Mass (Michael Eccleston RIP) followed by Adoration until 7.30pm

Thursday 26th November, Feria
10.00am Mass (Deceased members of the Msoka family)

Friday 27th November, Feria
10.00am Mass (Thanksgiving on the 40th anniversary of Juliet and Roger Wilson) followed by Adoration until 11am

Saturday 28th November, The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Mass (Deceased parents of John and Mary Barton)
10..40am First Holy Communion lesson

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Sunday 29th November 2026, First Sunday of Advent (B)
8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite
10.30am Mass (Deceased family and friends of the Crook family)
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: In today's Communion Antiphon we say, "The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace." Today we specially remember Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Feast of Christ the King. He is the king of peace and at the same time He is also a judge as we read in today's Gospel. The Son of Man will come in His glory and will sit on the glorious throne to judge all the people. To the righteous He will give eternal life and to the wicked ones eternal punishment. The criteria for His judgement is that of doing good to the needy seeing Jesus Himself in those who are needy: As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." Amen

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.

'WALK WITH ME' a Journey of Prayer booklet for Advent 2026 are available in the shop priced at £1.50 each. There are also free Advent activity calendars for the children.

THE REPOSITORY (shop) has Christmas stock, Advent calendars and candles, Christmas cards, Cribs, Calendars for 2027 and lots more; please do come in and have a look. Payments can be made by cash or card

TODAY IS WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - on the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates World 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 will support the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which helps young people encounter Christ, grow in authentic friendship, and be equipped for mission in the Church and the world.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Our 2026 **Advent Appeal second collections** will be for **The Southwark, Arundel and Brighton Brethren CIO,** a long standing Roman Catholic charity that provides financial support to Catholic Priests across the two dioceses that are poor, sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm. It provides grants for the urgent and immediate needs of serving priests and also includes help for sick and retired priests. Your donation will help make sure our sick and retired priests are well cared for after many years of service to the Lord and His people.

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.

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 - £454.06 (£72.05 Gift Aid + £174.01 loose plate and contactless + £208 standing order). Thank you. Second collection today - Catholic Youth Services. Second collection next Sunday - Advent Appeal.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8th December - Feast of Immaculate Conception - Solemn Mass at 7pm.

Wednesday 16th December starting at 2.30pm - decoration of church and erection of crib ready for Christmas Season.

Friday 18th December at 7pm - Parish Advent Carol Service

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, Jordan Keane Jeff Delavega Fr. Mark White, Louise & Wiktor, Charles M.