

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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Mass Times and Intention

Sunday 17th March 2019

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

10.00am Mass John Kelly RIP

3.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass

6.00pm Adoration

6.30pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Thursday 21st Feria

9.30 Mass Holy Souls

Friday 22nd Feria

9.30am Mass Holy Souls

Followed by all day Adoration

Monday 18th Feria

9.30am Mass Holy Souls

Saturday 23rd Feria

10.00am Mass Linda Moran RIP - 1st anniversary

Tuesday 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Mass Holy Souls

Sunday 24th March 2019

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

10.00am Mass Special Intention for Sara John

Wednesday 20th Feria

11.30am Stations of the Cross with St. Simon's School children

6.15pm Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Mass Catherine Lista RIP

Gift Aid envelope boxes. Please collect your new Gift Aid envelope boxes which are on the table in the church entrance - but do not use them until Sunday 7th April 2019.

Stations of the Cross - will now be at 6.15pm on Wednesday's followed immediately by Mass.

A message from Fr. Benedict Kiely: Dear parishioners of St. Simon Stock! Many thanks for the generous donation to my charity (£236.88), Nasaren.org, from your crib collection this last Christmas, which I received last week. It will assist me in my work helping the persecuted Christians in the Middle East, especially in Iraq and Syria. I will be returning to Iraq at the end of May, having just been there in January. Many thanks again! God bless!

Pope Francis' Lenten message: The theme chosen this year is: "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19) To read the full message see noticeboard.

'Walk with me' - Parish Lent groups: Monday's of Lent at 6.30pm until 7.30pm. The Junior group, for children aged up to Yr. 6, will meet in the church hall, and the Adult group will meet in the Presbytery.. All are welcome. Please come along to share and deepen in faith and be part of this time of preparation for Easter.

The Benedictine Sisters "Come and See" weekend: at Minster Abbey, near Ramsgate, on 12th-14th April. This weekend gives young women an opportunity to learn about and have an experience of the contemplative life. There will be time to meet and talk with the Benedictine Sisters in a relaxed environment and to join them in their work and prayer. To find out more visit the website: www.minsterabbeynuns.org

World Youth Day at Home: World Youth Day comes home to the UK between Friday 7th - Sunday 9th June 2019 at Alton Towers. The organisers have arranged an array of inspiring speakers, uplifting worship, prayer and lots of fun! The festival is aimed at young people aged 15 - 25 years. For more information go to: <https://wydathome.weebly.com/>

Protect Parent's Rights: give parents the right to withdraw their children from 'Relationship Education' which is about a child's social and moral development. This part of a child's education should take place mainly in the family, and not in the classroom. These new subjects mean the Government will decide what children should learn about marriage, family, personal relationships and social values. Parents will be forced into second place when imparting their beliefs and values on these important matters to their children. Please fill in a card from the table in the church entrance and send to The Secretary of State for Education calling for parental rights to be protected.

Collections: Last week: £536.91 (Gift Aid £169.50 + Plate £197.41 + £170 Direct Debit. Thank you.) 2nd Collection last Sunday: Building and Maintenance: £65.71. 2nd Collection today: Building and Maintenance. 2nd Collection next Sunday: Building and Maintenance.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection 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 into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

CONFESSIONS

Saturday and Sunday: 9.30-9.50am.
 And on call

CHURCH CLEANING

22nd Suzi, 29th Irene/Zita,
 5th April Jenny, 12th Lydia

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Merrick Boston, Ronald Salmon, June O'Driscoll, Tom Flinnigan, John Wilson, Noela Thiebauld, John Gray, Francesca Baker, Trevor Lane, Triela Coppin, Josephine Diffley, Baby Sebastian, Fred Ward, Lino Debono, Michelle Giordimaina, Lisa Moran, Ft. Kevin St. Aubyn.

Dates for your diary

Lent Courses - Mondays
 of Lent at 6.30pm

Lent Stations of the Cross
 - Wednesdays of Lent at 6.15pm

Parish Penitential Service
 (Confessions)

Saturday 13th April at 10.00am followed by Mass at 11.00am