

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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Mass Times and Intention

Sunday 31st March 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Lætare Sunday

Mothering Sunday

10.00am Mass Emily Rumjan RIP

12.30pm Latin Mass

3.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass

6.00pm Adoration

6.30pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Monday 1st April Feria

9.30am Mass Holy Souls

5.00pm Reception of body of Mary

Josephine Diffley RIP

Tuesday 2nd Feria

1.30pm Requiem Mass Mary Josephine

Diffley RIP

Wednesday 3rd Feria

6.15pm Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Mass Catarina Stevens RIP

Thursday 4th Feria

9.30 Mass Thomas Leslie Dwyer RIP

Friday 5th Feria

First Friday

9.30am Mass St. Simon's School end of term Mass

Followed by all day Adoration

Saturday 6th Feria

10.00am Mass Holy Souls

Sunday 7th April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

10.00am Mass Mrs. Chinamma & M. K. Yohannan RIP

3.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass

6.00pm Adoration

6.30pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Today is Mothering Sunday and the school choir will be with us to lead the singing. There will be a blessing of all Mothers at the end of Mass.

CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal: Please support next week's second collection for this appeal. Vital humanitarian aid is needed for the millions of people made homeless and the priority is to reach the most vulnerable with food and clean water, basic shelter and hygiene kits. CAFOD's expert, Gabriel, working with the Church in Mozambique at this time, tells us: "We know that Idai has wiped out crops and livestock, damaged water supplies and wrecked sanitation facilities, leaving vulnerable families even more exposed. With the support and generosity of the Catholic community, we can reach the people who really need urgent emergency aid."

Lenten Penitential Service (Confessions): will take place on Saturday 13th April at 10.00am followed by Mass at 11.00am. There will be visiting priests available to hear confessions. So please come along to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

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.

Walk with me' - Parish Lent groups: continue Monday at 6.30pm until 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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

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. 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.

Lost Property: please check the basket of lost property on the table in the church entrance to see if anything is yours. Anything not claimed will soon be disposed of as many items have been there a long time.

Collections: Last week: £492.71 (Gift Aid £199.21+ Plate £133.50 + £160 Direct Debit. Thank you.) 2nd Collection last Sunday: Building and Maintenance: £68.22. 2nd Collection today: Building and Maintenance. 2nd Collection next Sunday: CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal.

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

5th April Jenny,

12th Lydia, 19th Suzi,

26th Irene/Zita

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Merrick Boston, Ronald Salmon, June O'Driscoll, Tom Finnigan, John Wilson, Noela Thiebault, John Gray, Francesca Baker, Trevor Lane, Tricia Coppin, Baby Sebastian, Fred Ward, Lino Debono, Michelle Giordimaina, Lisa Moran, Fr. Kevin St. Aubyn.

Dates for your diary

Palm Sunday - 14th April

Holy Thursday - 18th April

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday - 19th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - 20th April

12.00pm Blessing of Food

8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - 21st April