

# St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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## Mass Times and Intention

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.30am Mass Holy Souls

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feria**

NO MASS

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feria**

6.15pm Stations of the Cross  
7.00pm Mass For the repose of Aloysius Udeh RIP

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.30 Mass Holy Souls

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.30am Mass Holy Souls  
Followed by all day Adoration

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Feria**

10.00am Penitential Service  
11.00am Mass The wellbeing of Noela Thiebaud

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)**

10.00am Mass Mr. Geevarghese Skaria & Mrs. Sosanna Skaria RIP  
12.30pm Latin Mass  
3.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass  
6.00pm Adoration  
6.30pm Mass (People of the Parish)

**Second collection this week - CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai 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. Please give with your usual generosity.

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

**Next Sunday 14th April is Palm Sunday:** The morning Mass will commence with solemn procession from the hall. If you attend morning Mass, please proceed to the hall and collect your palm cross ready for the procession. At the evening Mass we will process from the foyer area.

**Gift Aid envelope boxes:** Please collect your new Gift Aid envelope boxes which are on the table in the church entrance.

**Red Missio Boxes:** raised £324.81 for 2018 many thanks

**The veiling of statues and images:** Is an ancient tradition which captures the holiness and the penitential nature of the Lenten season. All our beautiful images are veiled so that we may pay special attention to the words of the passion being proclaimed. This makes us, to ask God to hurry with his work of redemption. That we may intensely prepare for and have the happiness of Easter. In around about way, to reflect and thank the Lord for his sacrifice and to hunger for heaven. There is barrenness and then there is fullness. The images are veiled from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. The altar is completely stripped after the Mass of the last supper. And then our Lords wonderful weapon against the devil, the cross will be revealed in all its glory on Good Friday. And all the other images are then revealed on Holy Saturday to help us joyfully celebrate Easter. It is like our lives now. God is veiled, we feel barren, but we wait for that time of great joy when we will see him face to face, our hunger will be satisfied, our happiness complete.

**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: £475.50 (Gift Aid £132.00 + Plate £183.50 + £160 Direct Debit. Thank you.) 2nd Collection last Sunday: Building and Maintenance: £88.78. 2nd Collection today: CAFOD Cyclone Ida Appeal. 2nd Collection next Sunday: Flowers for Easter.

### 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

12<sup>th</sup> Lydia, 19<sup>th</sup> Suzi,  
26<sup>th</sup> Irene/Zita,  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Jenny

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Merrick Boston, Ronald Salmon, June O'Driscoll, Tom Finnigan, John Wilson, Noela Thiebaud, 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