

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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Mass Times and Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 12th May World Day of Prayer for Vocations

10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
 12.30pm (Latin 1962 Mass)
 3.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass
 6.00pm Adoration
 6.30pm Mass (Mary Fuller RIP)

Thursday – 16th May St. Simon Stock, Memorial

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)

Friday – 17th May Feria

9.30am Mass (Mary Elizabeth Baker RIP)
 followed by all day Adoration

Saturday – 18th May St. John 1, Pope and Martyr

10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
 11.30am Baptism of Jason Bella

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 19th May

10.00am Mass (Gabriel & Niall McAvine
 RIP)
 3.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass
 6.00pm Adoration
 6.30pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Monday – 13th May Our Lady of Fatima

~~10.00~~am Mass
 9.30

Tuesday – 14th May St. Matthias, Apostle, Feast

NO MASS

Wednesday – 15th May Feria

6.00pm One hour Adoration
 7.00pm Mass (Florence Okonkwo RIP)

Tom Finnegan RIP: Tom's funeral will take place here at St. Simon's on Monday 20th May with Requiem Mass commencing at 9.30am followed by cremation at Charing Crematorium at 10.40am. Please keep Tom's friends and family in your prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration rota: more volunteers are needed to join the team of adorers who keep Jesus company for one hour each week in Eucharistic Adoration. Weekly Adoration is each Friday from 10am to 9pm except on First Friday's when it finishes at 7.45pm for Mass at 8pm. If you can spare one hour a week to join our team please fill in one of the cards you will find in the pew or in the church entrance and hand it in in the Sunday collection or if you would like to know more information please use the contact details on the card.

Divine Mercy House Group: The group extends an invitation to join them at 138 Beaver Road, Ashford on Wednesday 15th May. Arrivals from 10.00am finish approx. 11.30am. Contact Maria Lanzino 625428. All welcome.

St. Simon's Men's Group: are going to visit Fr. Neil in Rochester next Saturday 18th May. Please contact Wiktor Studnicki for details. (wikforstudnicki@gmail.com)

Catholic Newspapers: Some excellent resources and news about the church and family life. The Universe £1.50, The Catholic Times £1.50, The Pilgrim 50p, The Catholic Herald £2.50 and the Sacred Heart Messenger £1.60. Why not take a look?

Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the 2019 World day of Vocations: "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage - July 13th at St George's Cathedral: If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with the Marriage and Family Life Team at mfise@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. The last day to apply is 8th June. Please let them have the location of your parish in the title of your email.

Archdiocese of Southwark Justice and Peace Group: the Spring Assembly takes place next Saturday 18th May 2019 in West Croydon the theme being 'Tackling Poverty in the Diocese'. Please see noticeboard for details.

Collections: Last week: £332.97 (Gift Aid £73.22 + Plate £99.75 + £160 Direct Debit. Thank you.) 2nd Collection last Sunday: Building and Maintenance: £52.87. 2nd Collection today: Ecclesiastical Education. 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

17th Suzi,
 24th Irene/Zita,
 31st Jenny,
 7th June Lydia

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Merrick Boston, Ronald Salmon, June O'Driscoll, John Wilson, Noela Thiebaud, John Gray, Francesca Baker, Trevor Lane, Tricia Coppin, Baby Sebastian, Fred Ward, Lino Debono, Michelle Giordimaina, Lisa Moran, Emma Baker.

Dates for your diary

St. Simon Stock – 16th May
 The Ascension of the Lord – 30th May (Holyday of Obligation)
 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 31st May
 Pentecost - 9th June