

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) Laetare Sunday Mother's Day (Margaret Armstrong RIP)	Thursday 26th March Feria (Philip Major RIP)
Monday 23rd March Feria (Holy Souls)	Friday 27th March Feria (Deceased relatives and friends of Maria)
Tuesday 24th March Feria (People of the parish)	Saturday 28th March Feria (Maria and Giuseppe Panza RIP)
Wednesday 25th March The Annunciation of The Lord (In thanksgiving)	Sunday 29th March Fifth Sunday of Lent (A) (Donal Sullivan)

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MASS AT ST. SIMON'S - Following the national guidance of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, there will be no public celebration of Mass in this church until further notice. The church will be open, whenever possible, individual private prayer also, where possible, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. At all times social distancing must be observed while in the church, and on entering and leaving it. Please ensure that your hands are sanitised and that the bench that you sit on is wiped down with the wipes provided before you leave.

DURING THIS PERIOD - Fr. Hans will continue to celebrate Mass, without the faithful, on a daily basis. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church. A resource for making a Spiritual Communion can be found on the parish website and Facebook page.

MASS INTENTIONS - you can make Mass Intention offerings as usual, and they will continue to be put in the newsletter. Please use one of the brown envelopes in the basket on the newsletter table and give the envelope to Fr. Hans by ringing the presbytery bell.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS FROM ST. TERESA'S - Fr. Peter has set up a channel as a temporary attempt to help those who are affected by Covid-19, and will continue broadcasting until we can all come back to a normal routines. For broadcast and more information go to: <https://st-teresas-ashford.org.uk/live-stream/>. Information about the live-streaming of the celebration of Mass from other parishes in the Archdiocese is

available on the diocesan website and on the parish website and Facebook page.

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY 29TH MARCH - Our planned procession and blessing in front of the grotto has been cancelled along with the gathering in the hall afterwards. Canon John O'Toole will visit us at a later date.

As our country, along with those across the world, prepare to manage the COVID-19 virus outbreak, it is important to note how this affects The Re-dedication of England as Mary's Dowry. The COVID-19 pandemic is an example of why The Re-dedication is so important at this moment. In this time of fear and uncertainty, it is of the greatest importance for us to place ourselves under the protection and guidance of Christ through Mary, Our Mother.

The Bishops of England and Wales have advised that we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches, which means that public Masses are not being celebrated until further notice. Do feel encouraged to make your personal act of prayer at home at 12 noon. If circumstances mean that we cannot make The Re-dedication together in our communities, we will still be united in our prayer! You can download the Re-dedication prayers at www.behold2020.com or find them on the parish website/Facebook page.

WEEKLY OFFERING - even though Masses are suspended the parish still has bills to pay, i.e. heating and lighting, council tax, water bills etc. so your weekly offerings are still very important. The easiest way to continue to give is by setting up a Standing Order with your bank. All you need to do is email the church so that a form can be emailed to you. Thank you for your continued

CONFESSIONS

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

CHURCH CLEANING

28th March Lydia
4th April Irene/Zita
11th April Kilda
18th April Suzi

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Merrick Boston, Ronald Salmon, June O'Driscoll, Noela Thiebaud, John Gray, Francesca Baker, Trevor Lane, Tricia Coppin, Sebastian Burrell, Fred Ward, Lino Debono, Lisa Moran, Noreen Kelleher, Joan Hazell, Rita Coombs, Brenda Gatt.

financial support.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard 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, thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen