

St Simon Stock Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 6th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 10.00am (Div Colgan RIP) 6.30pm Mass	Thursday 10th September Feria No Mass
Monday 7th September Feria No Mass	Friday 11th September Feria No Mass
Tuesday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast No Mass	Saturday 12th September The Most Holy Name of Mary 10.00am Mass (Shirley McKenna RIP)
Wednesday 9th September Feria 10.00am Mass (William Kelly RIP)	Sunday 13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Education Day 10.00am (People of the parish) 6.30pm (Jean Borucki RIP)



THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - on Tuesday the Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said. The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Her birth constitutes the hope and the light of salvation for the whole world and her image is a light for the whole Christian people.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS NEEDED - If you would like to join the stewarding team please see Fr. Hans or email using the information at the top of the page. Thank you.

Please take the newsletter home with you and do not leave in church. Thank you.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND PROTECTION - the wearing of a mask or face covering is now mandatory at all Masses except for those who are exempted for medical reasons. Social distancing applies in our church and please be aware of this when interacting with fellow parishioners and the priest. Please sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the church and follow any instructions given by the volunteer stewards. On entering the church you will be asked to fill in a 'Track and Trace' sheet. This is a government requirement and must be filled in every time you visit the church. Thank you for your co-operation.

MISSIO (RED) BOXES - Would everyone who has a Misso Box (Red Box) please return it to the church for emptying. If you are unable to get to church please ring Eileen Conn on 01233 822526 and it will be collected. Due to the Covid-19 the missions are appealing for your generosity. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS - please put your Mass intentions, using the brown envelopes you will find in the church entrance, in the boxes provided for your weekly offering or, alternatively, email them to the parish email address; your offering for the Mass can be made by bank transfer in this instance.

WEEKLY OFFERING Thank you for your weekly offerings and to those of you who are paying by standing order. Should you wish to set up a standing order please ask for a form. Your continued financial commitment to the running of the parish is greatly appreciated.

CHURCH CLEANING

12th September Suzi
19th September Lydia
26th September Irene/Zita
3rd October Kilda

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

Spiritual Communion

For those occasions when we can't be in our churches, an act of Spiritual Communion can help us keep Christ at the centre of our lives as we worship and pray at home.

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

(St. Alphonsus Liguori)