

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

10.00am Mass (For those training for the Priesthood or Religious Life)

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Feria**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Feria**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, St. Louis**

**Grignon de Montfort, Priest**

6.30pm Mass (Mary Kelly RIP)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe, Feast**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April, St. Pius V, Pope**

10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, St. Joseph the Worker.**

10.00am Mass (Lisa Moran RIP)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)**

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

**PLEASE BOOK FOR SUNDAY MASS - it is essential that everyone should please book a place to attend the morning Mass** or, alternatively if you are able, come to the evening Mass at 6.30pm which is currently much quieter. Booking information is on the parish website and our parish Facebook page (St. Simon Stock - Catholic Church, South Ashford). For those who do not have internet you can call the parish office on Thursday or Friday morning between 10am and noon so that a place may be booked for you. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** You can ask the Parish Priest to offer Mass for a specific intention of yours. It could be for: yourself or your family, a friend in need, a deceased relative, our community or the wider world or a private intention. If you indicate a preferred date, the Mass will be offered on or about that preferred date. Simply fill in a Mass Offering envelope and either give it to Fr. Hans or place it in the collection box.

**GIFT AIDERS** - there are still a few Gift Aid envelope boxes for 2021/22 that need to be collected from the table in the church foyer. Should anyone wish to join the parish Gift Aid scheme please ask Fr. Hans or Viv Conn for a form.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2021** - classes for this year's Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, commence on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 11.45am**. Any interested young person in Yr. 7 or above should please get a form from Eileen Conn or Fr. Hans.

## TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

As members of the Church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. The **second collection** will be for the **Priest Training Fund**, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of the Southwark vocations team. Please be generous to this appeal. Your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the Priesthood, choosing to dedicate their lives to Christ and His people throughout Kent and South London. There will be donation envelopes today, on the table in the church entrance, which can be used to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm) or by scanning the QR code on the posters in the church entrance.

**SEEKING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TRAINERS:** The Marriage and Family Life team are seeking volunteers who would be interested in being trained to train others in Bereavement support ministry at parish and deanery level. An introductory meeting will take place remotely, **via zoom** from 10am to 11am, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please email Elizabeth Partridge at: [mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk) to register and receive the zoom meeting joining details. Subsequent online training meetings are planned. Further details will be shared at the introductory meeting.

**STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?** - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend on ... 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July 20-21. Call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 - or Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**COLLECTIONS** - Last Week: Collection - £302.86 (£72.36 loose plate + £43.50 Gift Aid + £187 standing order) Second Collection - Building and Maintenance - - £21.54. Thank you. Second collection this week - Priest's Training Fund.

**EASTER DONATIONS** - I thank you very much for your kind Easter gift to your priest, especially in these difficult financial times, and for your Easter cards. *Fr. Hans*

## CHURCH CLEANING

1<sup>st</sup> May

Mary Conners

8<sup>th</sup> May

Irene/Zita

15<sup>th</sup> May

Emeka

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for

Merrick Boston,  
Ronald Salmon,  
June O'Driscoll,  
Noela Thiebaud,  
Francesca Baker,  
Trevor Lane,  
Tricia Coppin,  
Sebastian Burrell,  
Fred Ward,  
Rita Coombs,  
Luke Fellowes