

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> 10.00am Mass (For the wellbeing of Elsie Tracey) <i>There will be no evening Mass</i>	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April, within the Octave of Easter</b>
<b>The end of the Easter Triduum</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April, within the Octave of Easter</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April, within the Octave of Easter</b>	<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, within the Octave of Easter</b> 10.00am Mass (Lisa Moran RIP)
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, within the Octave of Easter</b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Second Sunday of Easter (B) Divine Mercy Sunday</b> 10.00am Mass (Derek McQuillan RIP - 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary) 6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, within the Octave of Easter</b> 6.30pm Mass (Holy Souls)	

**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.

**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.

**GIFT AIDERS** - please pick up your box of Gift Aid envelopes for 2021/22 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** - is for the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

**THE EASTER COLLECTION - YOUR PERSONAL GIFT TO FR. HANS:** You will find green Easter Offering envelopes in the basket on the table in the church foyer. Your kind offering at Easter - whatever you can manage in these difficult financial times - are your personal gift to the parish priest and are much appreciated. A priest's income is principally whatever he receives from the parish (mainly Mass offerings.) So the collections at Christmas and Easter form an important supplement, enabling him to meet personal expenses such as dental and optician's bills, clothing, holiday etc. Priest must also pay Income Tax on benefits in kind such as food, heat and light, and use of the furniture in the Presbytery. To conform to Inland Revenue regulations, cheques should be made payable to "St. Simon Stock Catholic Church".

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** - The devotion of the Divine Mercy novena is prayed between Good Friday and the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Sunday following Easter, for the mercy of a good life and death. Those praying the novena are asked to say a prayer of special intentions on each of the nine days, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You will find Divine Mercy Chaplet cards on the table in the church foyer and a few other resources on the stand, and there are several online sites where you will find the Novena printed. Let us join together in our homes and pray this Novena, especially pleading for relief from the coronavirus that afflicts the world.

**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.

**COLLECTIONS** - Offerings for March - £1061.91 (£157.96 Gift Aid + £342.95 loose plate + £561 Standing order) Second Collection - Building & Maintenance - £129.80. Thank you.

## CHURCH CLEANING

10<sup>th</sup> April  
Mary Conners  
17<sup>th</sup> April  
Irene/Zita  
24<sup>th</sup> April  
Emeka Ebenebe

## 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.

**He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!**