

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th April 2021 Second Sunday of Easter (B)

Divine Mercy Sunday

10.00am Mass (Derek McQuillan RIP - 1st anniversary)

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

Monday 12th April Feria

Tuesday 13th April St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday 14th April Feria

6.30pm Mass (Patrick Diffley RIP)

Thursday 15th April Feria

Friday 16th April Feria

Saturday 17th April Feria

10.00am Mass (Lisa Moran RIP)

Sunday 18th April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter (B)

10.00am Mass (Oswald Conn RIP)

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.

Thank you for your co-operation with the Holy Week services. Although we had to make some special arrangements it was lovely to have people in Church as last year the churches were all closed, and we had to watch over the internet. Thank to all of those who have helped with the preparation and decoration of the church; to the servers, sacristans, stewards and church cleaners, flower arrangers (the lilies are making the church spell glorious), those who provided music and singing, and anyone who helped in any way to make this year's Masses so special. My special thanks goes to those who gave their expertise and time to stream all the Masses to the church hall so that many more could take part in our Easter celebrations. May the Risen Lord bless you all.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2021 - classes for this year's Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place on Sunday 31st October, commence on **Saturday 12th 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 - 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.

MISSION BOXES - Many thanks to everyone who has a red box; we collected £244.77 for 2020 and a special thank you has come from the Missio at Mill Hill as they realise what a difficult year it was for everyone. The Missio newsletter for Spring 2021 can be found on the stand in the church foyer along with some bookmarks.

EASTER OFFERING - YOUR PERSONAL GIFT TO FR. HANS: There is still time to give your Easter Offering if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so. 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.) The collection at Easter forms an important supplement, enabling him to meet personal expenses such as dental and optician's bills, clothing, holiday etc. and to 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". **You will find green Easter Offering envelopes in the basket on the table in the church foyer.**

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 8th May. Please email Elizabeth Partridge at: 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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY - 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.

COLLECTIONS - Easter Donation - £324. Good Friday Collection for Holy Places of Jerusalem - £63.28. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING

17th April

Irene/Zita

24th April

Emeka Ebenebe

1st May

Mary Conners

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.