

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd May 2021, Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) 10.00am Mass (Holy Souls) 6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)	Thursday 6th May, Feria Friday 7th May, Feria 10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
Monday 3rd May, SS. Philip and James, Apostles, Feast	Saturday 8th May, Feria 10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
Tuesday 4th May, The English Martyrs, Feast	Sunday 9th May 2021, Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) World Communications Day 10.00am Mass (Tom Finnegan RIP) 6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)
Wednesday 5th May, Feria 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.

MICHAEL JOHN WILDMAN RIP - please pray for repose of the soul of Michael who died on the 11th April aged 54 years. We pray for his family, and for all those who mourn his passing, that they be given comfort as this sad time. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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.

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.

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.

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 ... 1st - 4th July 20-21. Call or text+44 788 7296983 or+ 44 797 3380443 - or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

- this collection supports with work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, which promotes the Gospel through the media on current issues by providing up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' conference, and trains spokesmen and women.

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.

FLOWER ARRANGERS - We are looking for some more volunteers to join the team of flower arrangers who decorate our church each week. If you are interested please see Eileen Conn.

CHURCH CLEANING

8th May

Irene/Zita

15th May

Emeka/Alice

22nd May

Mary Connors

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,
Emma Baker