

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p><b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)</b>  <b>Annual Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians</b>                  10.00am Mass (Tom Finnegan RIP)                  6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)</p>	<p><b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, The Ascension of the Lord (B) Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation</b>                  10.00am Mass                  11.30am Funeral Mass of Michael John Wildman</p>
<p><b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Feria</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May, St. Mathias, Apostle, Feast</b>                  10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Feria</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Feria</b>                  10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord</b>                  6.30pm Mass (Holy Souls)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)</b>  <b>World Communications Day</b>                  10.00am Mass (For the wellbeing of Noel Devereux)                  6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)</p>

**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.

**THIS THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** - a Holyday of Obligation. There will be an additional Mass on Thursday at 10am. The 6.30pm Mass on Wednesday 12th May will be a Vigil Mass of Holyday and will fulfil your obligation.

**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.

**TODAY IS THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS** - this Day of Prayer - promoted by the French charitable organization, L'Oeuvre d'Orient and its UK counterpart, Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) in partnership with the Congregation for Oriental Churches - will offer Eastern and Western Christians an opportunity to be united in prayer during the time of Easter. We pray that the hope which Pope Francis brought on his recent visit to Iraq will spread across the region to enable Eastern Christians to continue their steadfast witness to Jesus Christ. To learn more: 'like' FACECharityUK on Facebook OR visit their website [www.facecharity.org](http://www.facecharity.org)

**FUNDRAISER FOR PAX CHRISTI** - In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun. Please go to their website [www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/) for details on how you can sponsor them

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** - which 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.

## CHURCH CLEANING

15<sup>th</sup> May

Emeka/Alice

22<sup>nd</sup> May

Mary Connors

29<sup>th</sup> May

Irene/Zita

## 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