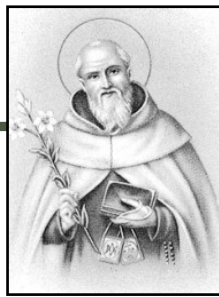


St Simon Stock Catholic Church



The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ 20th May 2012

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Our 25th Anniversary

It is only natural to celebrate milestone and achievements. We hold in special regard those around us who celebrate years of long service at work, we love to celebrate grandly birthdays marking different phases in life. We rejoice with our families when they celebrate wedding anniversaries, again when they represent a significant number. We celebrate our loved ones, but indirectly we are celebrating that awesome power of love. Love, which has helped people through joys and tears, love that has remained despite the odds, love that has proven itself to remain strong and permanent. It is no different for a parish.

At this time we remember all who contributed to the founding of the parish. We remember all those who worked hard to build the parish community here. We thank God for sending us worthy pastors who worked hard to establish the church here and to tend to the needs of the flock. We rejoice to have a wonderful lively parish. Thanks to all of you and above all thanks be to God for his providence and help to keep us going all this time. Let us then celebrate and give thanks to God. Happy Anniversary! *Fr. Neil*

COLLECTIONS:

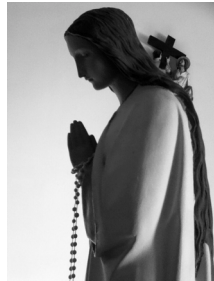
Last week: £ 515.67 (Gift Aid £163.26 + Plate £252.41 + £99 Direct Debit) Thank you.

2nd Anniversary Fund: £165.90 2nd Collection today: *World Communications Day*

2nd Collection next Sunday: *Catholic Trust for England and Wales*

Parish Mission Mon 21st to Fri 25th of May

The parish mission will take place this week. Please see the mission leaflet for more details and the posters available. Each day there will be talks from 6:00 – 6:30pm, Adoration from 6:30 – 7:00pm, and Mass at 7:00pm. There will be refreshments after mass. Please try to come for all or part of the mission week. It is a great way to prepare for the celebrations and to thank God for the many blessings given to us.



Gift Aid Boxes

These are now ready for collection from the foyer. If your details have changed please let us know. If you would like to donate by the gift aid scheme please speak to Fr Neil.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Fr. Gus, Maria Stoican, Kathleen Racine, Susie Van Hooth Alkerna (nee Boston), Sheila Salmon, Mrs Roach, Helen Donohue, Veronica Webb, Janet Coombes, Pulkeria Msoka, June O'Driscoll, WM, Bee Kay, Pam Fennel, John Salmon, Angela Cunningham, Adrian Cunningham, Ann Pullen, Baby Convey, Anthony Bartolo, Anne Verrine, Sheila Bates, Margaret Walmesley, Helen D., Melissa Kiely and Cathy.

(Names of those who need our prayers can be placed in the box in the church foyer.)

Deanery Quiz

Will take place at the Retreat Hall, of the parish in Herne Bay on Saturday 26 May at 7.30 pm. Teams of 6 - 8; bring own food and drink. Light refreshments provided. £5 per head, all proceeds going to Deanery SVP. Please let Shirley Hook know if you like to take part.

Mass Times And Intentions

Sunday 20th The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ (B)

World Communications Day

10.00am Mass [Intention of Gertrude Roach]

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Evening Prayer.

6.00pm Mass [For the people of the parish]

Monday 21st SS Christopher of Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs

6:00pm Talk - Fr Michael Woodgate

6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Mass [Int. Of Leona Bull]

Tuesday 22nd St. Rita of Cascia, religious

6:00pm Talk – Fr Roger Nesbitt

6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Mass [Thomas and Margaret Collins]

Wednesday 23rd

6:00pm Talk – Fr Mark White

6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Mass [Herbert Ashdown RIP]

Thursday 24th

6:00pm Talk – Fr Peter Geldard

6:30pm Adoration with Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm Mass [Gary Natella RIP]

Friday 25th St. Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church

6:00pm Talk – Fr John Slater

6:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Mass [Terry Smith RIP]

Saturday 26th St. Philip Neri, priest, memorial

11.30am 25th Anniversary of the parish celebration Mass

Sunday 27th Pentecost, Whit Sunday (B)

10.00am Mass [Patricia Manktelow RIP]

12.15pm Mass [Latin 1962 Missal]

3.30pm Mass in Polish

5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Evening Prayer.

6.00pm Mass [For the people of the parish]

CONFESSION TIMES

Weekdays: before or after Mass upon request.

Saturday: 10.30am; Sundays: 9:30-9:50am

CHURCH CLEANING

25th Kilda, June 1st Agnes, 8th Jenny, 15th Sue

Congratulations to our First Communicants.



Tisharra, Anna, Jessica, Alice, Malcolm, Audley, Martina, and Victoria, who Made their First Comunion yesterday. Please keep them all in your prayers.

COFFEE MORNING TODAY



There will be a coffee morning organised by the Divine Mercy Prayer group today. All are welcome to tea/coffee in the hall, after the 10:00am mass.

Happy 25th Anniversary! Thanks be to God!