

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 29th November, 2009

1st Sunday of Advent [Year C]

Remembering especially our Diocesan Cathedral

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Please join in with the words below in bold.
You can also follow the prayers of the Mass
in the guide at each seat.

Hymn no. 307 **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

Entrance Antiphon: **To you, my God, I lift my soul,
I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not
let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits
for you is ever put to shame.**

*There is no Gloria now until Christmas to denote the
change of season and to mark our preparation in Advent.*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah [33:14-16]
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

Responsorial Psalm [24]

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

A reading from first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians
[3:12-4:2] *May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when
Christ comes.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [21:25-28]
Your liberation is near at hand.

At the preparation of the altar and the gifts:
Hymn no. 234 **Dear Lord and Father**

Communion antiphon: **The Lord will shower his gifts,
and our land will yield its fruit.**

The second collection today is for St George's Cathedral

Hymn during collection no.331 **He who would valiant be**
Closing hymn no. 604 **Seek ye first**

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	Peter Boyle RIP
Sunday 10.30am	For the people of the parish
12.15pm	Bertie La'Val RIP
Monday 9.15am	Sr. Lily's wellbeing
Tuesday 9.15am	Donal Maher [9 th anniv.]
Wednesday 9.15am	Mary Simmons
Thursday 9.15am	The church is closed today
Friday 9.15am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 6.00pm	Jaime Conceicao RIP
Sunday 10.30am	For the people of the parish
12.15pm	Kitty McCadden RIP

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Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 10.30am & 12.15pm

Weekday Mass:

Morning Prayer at 9.00am with Mass at 9.15 am,
but please check the Mass Intention List for details.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays after Mass from 9.45am ending with
Rosary, Benediction and St Jude Novena at noon.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.30 – 5.55 pm and by arrangement.

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please phone Fr Adrian to make an appointment.

Collections

Thank you, for our collections last week, we raised.

£598.31 For the running of the Parish

£322.65 For the Parish Maintenance programme

*These sums include £322.50 given in Gift Aid
envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate
by Banker's Order direct into the parish account.*

Advent is here... Christmas is coming!

As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles and the tree on the sanctuary. However, at this stage it's not a Christmas tree. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth. Until Christmas the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, through the use of picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us.

The nativity celebrates the coming of the King of Kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "**A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit.**" Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in Matthew chapter one, the Messiah, Jesus, is traced from the line of King David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus. The use of Jesse Trees date back to the middle ages; indeed, some ancient cathedrals have Jesse Tree designs in their stained glass windows. We'll make do with the tree we have though because, once we get nearer to the Nativity, we'll be able to decorate it as a Christmas tree. Until then each day we'll add another Bible symbol that builds up the story of Jesus and the story of our Jesse Tree. God bless, Fr Adrian.

PARISH MINISTRIES:

LITTLE CHURCH

29 Nov	Poulter family	06 Dec	Children's Mass
13 Dec	Prior family	20 Dec	Abebrese family
27 Dec	Andrée family	03 Jan	Children's Mass
10 Jan	Bernard family	17 Jan	Dias-Hudspeth family
24 Jan	Grant family	31 Jan	Karim family

[Hall key-holders: Hudspeth & Karim Family]

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

29 Nov	P.Hutchinson	D. Abebrese	R.Green
6 Dec	K. Maher	T. Donoghue	J. La'val
13 Dec	M. Esmonde	E.Karim	R.Maria

Please note: If you are unable to make a particular Sunday please exchange with another Extraordinary Minister.

COORDINATORS – READERS: D Abebrese **MUSIC:** L. Clarke

FLOWERS

12 Dec JSharland, S. Hayes, N. Sesay, C. Lysaght
[Gaudete Sunday]

13 Dec. Christmas flowers discussion after 10.30 Mass in the hall with Fr. Adrian - All teams please attend if possible.

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

29 Nov	T & A Court, M & A Knoop & S. Hayes
6 Dec	F Campbell & O Adelekan
13 Dec	Karim Family
20 Dec	Eastman Family
27 Dec	S Herbert & L Clarke
31 Jan	D Feasey & D Van Spall

Please note: If you are unable to make a particular Sunday please exchange with another group so that we can continue to offer refreshments after the Family Mass. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING

Will everyone who's able to help clean please stay behind after the Tuesday morning Mass. Thank you.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

1 st & 5 th week:	P Sirr, M Gonzy
2 nd week:	K Gernon, L. Ungaretti
3 rd week:	R Ebite, B Kealy
4 th week:	A Abel, J Sullivan

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline advice 0800 1111

Local Advisor: Teresa Dempsey 020 8670 7565
Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

SACRISTANS R Green, P. Hutchinson, J Mifsud,
M. Abreu, K Gernon & L Ungaretti

OTHER FAITHS P Sirr **GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite, M Gonzy

WEBSITE A Agbueze, B Chivers, T Duffy,
M Knoop, J Kyaluzi, S McCorry

READERS –

6 Dec Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 125
Advent 2 Philippians 1:3-6.8-11 Luke 3: 1-6

Paul Hutchinson: Smith family: Lydia Ungaretti

13Dec Zephaniah -3.14-18 Psalm 12
Advent 3 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3: 10-18

Paula Wynne: Bieneosa Ebite: Alan Quinn

20 Dec Micah 5: 1-46: Psalm 79
Advent 4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44

Campbell Family: Feasey Family: Richard Hilliard

SEE SEPARATE SHEET FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

27 Dec Samuel 1:20-22.24-28 Psalm 83
Holy Family 1John 3:1-2.21-24 Luke 2:41-52

John Burbage: Dias-Hudspeth Family: Alan Quinn

3 Jan Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71
Epiphany Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12

John Fraser: Abebrese Family: Lydia Ungarett

10 Jan Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11 Psalm 103
Baptism of Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7 Luke 3: 15-16.21-22
Our Lord **Paul Hutchinson: Bernard family: Chris Watts**

News this week

CALLING ALL SINGERS – please note we rehearse the music for each Family Mass at 10am. If you'd like to come along and sing please join us, as it would be great to have a choir ready for Christmas.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: we're having our **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** in the church on Saturday 12 December from 12-1pm, followed by our **CHRISTMAS PARTY** with a **Family Prize Quiz** in the Hall from 1-3pm: all are welcome, see you there!

A PRACTICAL WAY OF CARING AT CHRISTMAS is to help a person in need by providing them with a token of care: a gift, given at Christmas to remind us of the presence of Christ and his call to love one another and care for those in need. This year our parish has teamed up with a charity in London that provides day care for the elderly. Please consider spending around £5 on present that you think an elderly gentleman or lady might need, such as a brush and comb set, toiletries, handkerchiefs, socks, etc. Please wrap your present and clearly label it 'for a gentleman', 'for a lady', with perhaps even a personal message. A box will be available near the Sacred Heart for you to put your presents in but please do so by Sunday 13 December. Thank you.

HOSPITALITY IS A WELCOME GIFT Our parish should be a place of welcome for all and a place where people can feel at home. It's a joy to celebrate our diversity as we gather together at the weekend, each with our own gifts and strengths, but for people who are new or are unfamiliar with the parish, the characteristics of our church can be quite different: where are the hymn books? Why is there no organist? What happens at Little Church? Where's the Crying Chapel? We can make our church feel even more welcoming by greeting people at the door and helping them with practical matters, such as showing people to a seat when the church seems crowded, letting them know where the loo is, for example. Such a team of Welcomers would be a great addition to each Mass so I'm asking this weekend for people to volunteer to help with this important ministry of hospitality and welcome: please see me after Mass if you can help in any way. Thank you.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Please remember that there is a file in the porch where you can request prayers for those in need: the sick and housebound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we do them.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH COLLECTION

Please give what you can to the parish collections each week, as more money is spent in the upkeep of the church than we receive. If you can, please give upwards of one hour of your weekly income and please consider if you're able to help join one of the parish groups, e.g. counters, cleaners, refreshment team, etc. If you are a UK tax payer please also consider setting up a Gift Aid payment direct to the church bank account. Thank you for your generosity. **A proportion of our first collection goes directly to support the work of our Diocese, with all monies raised in our second collection going to the particular cause each week. Thank you.**

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