

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 13th December, 2009

3rd Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete Sunday' [Year C]

Remembering especially the needs of the Parish

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. 541 **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry...**

Entrance Antiphon: **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.**

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

A reading from Zephaniah [3:14-18] *The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.*

Responsorial Psalm [12]

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

A reading from St. Paul to the Philippians [4:4-7]
The Lord is very near.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A read from the holy Gospel according to Luke [3:10-18]
What must we do?

At the preparation of the altar and the gifts:
Hymn no. 316 **Hark a herald voice is calling**

Communion antiphon:
Say to the anxious: be strong and fear not, our God will come to save us.

The second collection today is for the parish maintenance

Hymn during collection no. 438 **Lo he comes with clouds**

Closing hymn no. 453 **Shine, Jesus, shine**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Ronald Knott & Kate Leonard RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Richard Colaco RIP
	12.15pm	John Ryan RIP & Fr C. Ryan
Monday	9.15am	Intention of donor
Tuesday	9.15am	Richard Colaco RIP
Wednesday	9.15am	Holy Souls
Thursday	9.15am	The church is closed today
Friday	9.15am	Intention of donor
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	For the people of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Sandra Hayes RIP
	12.15pm	Nick Giglio RIP
		James Sullivan RIP (anniv)

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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.

£612.50 For the running of the Parish

£323.96 For the provision of flowers at Christmas

These sums include £430.60 given in Gift Aid envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate by Banker's Order direct into the parish account.

The third Sunday of Advent is 'Gaudete Sunday', a time of joy; hence the change of colour in the church today to rose, a symbol of the mix of the purple of penance and preparation and the white of the expectation and joy of Christmas. All creation senses the joy of the Lord's coming: scripture tells how even 'the trees of the wood sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes' [Psalm 96:12]. Our **Jesse Tree** has been 'singing out' this week with the symbols that continue to remind us of the Old Testament stories of salvation in the history of God's people: of the **Trumpet** that Joshua used to bring down the walls of Jericho; the **Pitchers** used by Gideon to shelter the light that guided his people; a **Crown** represents how Samuel anointed David as King – a forerunner of Christ, the King of Kings – and a **Shepherd's Crook** reminds us how David was to look after his people, but represents Jesus as the true Shepherd who seeks and cares for us always. The **Altar** reminds us of the one built by Elijah in worship of the true God, having destroyed the illusions of those who followed idols; the **Tent** reminds us of God's presence even in difficult times, like those of Hezekiah, and the **Ember and Tongs** represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of our sins by the Lord and speak out his word to others. That cleansing power of the Lord is present in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, available each week in our parish. This Saturday we celebrated our parish **Advent Reconciliation Service**, with the children of our First Holy Communion programme making their first reconciliation. Such an event is truly a celebration of joy in the Lord's forgiveness, hence the party we celebrated in the hall afterwards, so a special thanks to all those who helped to prepare and join in our celebration. God bless, Fr Adrian.

PARISH MINISTRIES:

LITTLE CHURCH

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
07 Feb	Children's Mass	14 Feb	McCorry family
21 Feb	McDonagh family	28 Feb	Monk family

[Hall key-holders: Hudspeth & Karim Family]

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

13 Dec	M. Esmonde	D. Karim	E. Maria
20 Dec	M. Gonzy	E. Karim	R. Maria
27 Dec	K. Maher	B. Monk	R. Green

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

13 Dec Would all volunteers please meet with Fr Adrian in the Hall after the 10.30 Mass to plan the Christmas flowers
23 Dec 10am Teams to help with Christmas decoration please

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

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

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

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 Our Lord	Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7	Luke 3: 15-16.21-22

Paul Hutchinson: Bernard family: Chris Watts

17 Jan	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 95
Sun 2	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	John 2:1-11

Paula Wynne: Van Spall family: Richard Hilliard

24 Jan	Nehemiah 8.2-6.8-10	Psalm 18
Sun 3	1 Corinthians 12:12-30	Luke 1:1-4ff

Campbell family: Malusa Kilonda: Alan Quinn

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.

OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES NEED VOLUNTEERS

If you help out at our Masses with Welcoming, Reading or giving Holy Communion, then please consider helping out over our Christmas Masses. There's a Ministry sheet in the sacristy for you to sign or please see Fr Adrian. Thank you.

OUR WELCOME TEAM still needs volunteers to help with this important ministry. The aim is to have an identified team of people that will help at each particular Mass they normally attend by greeting people at the door, handing out newsletters and Gift Aid envelopes and helping latecomers to find a seat. Please see Fr Adrian if you can help in any way and if you've already been given a Stewarding sign-up sheet please return this ASAP. Thank you.

THANK YOU to all those who helped to provide our presents for the day care for the elderly and homeless. Our presents will be collected on Monday in time to provide a welcome gift over the Christmas season. If you have any suggestions of a charity we can provide gifts for next year please write to Fr Adrian with your suggestions. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Thank you for all the ways you support the work of our parish. Fr Adrian does not receive a salary but is supported directly by the donations you give in the Christmas offering which, together with the offering at Easter and any Mass stipends, has to provide his income for the whole year. Offertory envelopes are available in the church porch and can be given in at our Christmas Masses or posted through the letter box. **If you are likely to be away for Christmas please use an offering envelope and place it in the collection or letterbox today to provide a donation that will help support Fr Adrian throughout the year.** Thank you for your generous support.

CHRISTMAS TIMES FOR MASS are provided on a leaflet available in the porch. Please note there is no 12.15 Mass on Christmas Day this year, but our Sundays Masses will be at the normal times.

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.**