

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 20th December, 2009

4th Sunday of Advent 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. 503 **O come, O come Emmanuel**

Entrance Antiphon: **Let the clouds rain down the
Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.**

*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 Micah [5:1-4]
Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm [79]

**God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews [10:5-10]
Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A read from the holy Gospel according to Luke [1:39-44] *Why
should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

At the preparation of the altar and the gifts:
Hymn no. 343 **Holy Virgin by God's Decree**

Communion antiphon:
**The Virgin is with child, and shall bear a son,
and she shall call him Emmanuel.**

The second collection today is for Parish Maintenance

Music during collection: As the angel has said...

Closing hymn no. 646 **The Angel Gabriel**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	For the people of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Sandra Mayes RIP
	12.15pm	Nick Giglio RIP
		James Sullivan RIP (anniv)
Monday	9.15am	Richard Colaco RIP
Tuesday	9.15am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.15am	Intention of Donor
<u>Christmas Eve</u>	6.00pm	Peter Veerapen RIP
11.30 Carols, Mass 12am		Intention of Donor
<u>Christmas Day</u>	10.30am	Shirley & Francis D'Souza
<u>St Stephen's</u>	10.00am	For our Altar Servers
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Mikallef family RIP
Sunday	10.30am	For the people of the Parish
	12.15pm	Catherine Lonergan 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.

£487.14 For the running of the Parish

£403.93 For the maintenance programme

*These sums include £379.00 given in **Gift Aid**
envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate
by Banker's Order direct into the parish account.*

Our Jesse Tree symbols this week began with the **Tears** of Jeremiah, signifying his grief at how God's people had turned from the Lord; with Habakkuk's **Watchtower**, symbolising his waiting upon the Lord's coming; with Nehemiah's **Wall** around Jerusalem to keep it holy (a sad reference to how today's wall around Jerusalem keeps people out). Next we had our first reference to the New Testament, with a **Scallop Shell** symbolising John's baptism and our own Christian journey of pilgrimage as we await the Lord's return. The **White Lily** on Saturday symbolises the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal; with Sunday's symbol representing the **Motherhood** of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. The next symbol represents how Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, used a **Writing Tablet**, to proclaim the name of his son John, as he had been initially unable to believe in the Lord's plan of salvation whereby John would herald the Lord's coming. Even as an infant John the Baptist heralded the Lord, as we hear in our Gospel today how John leaped in his mother's womb on hearing Mary's greeting and this Sunday, during our Communion music, we hear a modern take on the Angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary:

She contemplates can an angel really know her fate?
And when he shared this child that she bears is the Son of God.
'Cause she's been told that Salvation through her will unfold.
So now before she's even wed, thoughts running through her
head, by God she will be led. It's as the angel has said.
And through it all He'll offer her protection
A lot of love and direction. He's with her all along,
She'll follow his call wherever this may take her,
It's never going to shake her, God's with her through it all.
He won't forsake her, it's as the angel has said...

PARISH MINISTRIES:

LITTLE CHURCH 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

20 Dec M. Gonzy E. Karim R. Maria
27 Dec K. Maher B. Monk R. Green
3 Jan M. Esmonde P. Sirr J. La'val

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

23 Dec 10am All teams please for our Christmas decoration

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

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
24 Jan Karim Family

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

1st & 5th week: P Sirr, M Gonzy
2nd week: K Gernon, L. Ungaretti
3rd week: R Ebite, B Kealy
4th 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 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED PLEASE

TO HELP AS READERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND WELCOMERS FOR ALL OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES: PLEASE SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE SACRISTY

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 Ungaretti

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**

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

31 Jan Jeremiah 1:4-5 Psalm 70
Sun 4 1 Corinthians 12:31 Luke 4:21-30
John Burbage: Sirr Family: Lydia Ungaretti

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 were 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.**