

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 12th December, 2010 [Year A]

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Remembering especially the preparations for Christmas

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 laminated guide at each seat.

Hymn **710 We are marching**

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

During Advent there is no Gloria

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [35:1-6]
God himself is coming to save you.

Responsorial Psalm [145]
Come, Lord, and save us.

A reading from the letter of St. James [5:7-10] *Do not lose
heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! [2x at 10.30 Mass]

**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 reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [11:2-11]
*Are you the one who is to come,
or have we got to wait for someone else?*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:
Hymn **503 O come, O come, Emmanuel**

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

After Communion the Second Collection is for the
Christmas flowers during the collection:

Hymn **And can it be**

Closing hymn: **Hallelujah my Father**

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	Ronald Knott & Kate Leonard RIP
Sunday 10.30am	Sr. Lily
12.15pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday 9.00am	Rosaleen Browne RIP
Tuesday 9.00am	Richard Colaco RIP
Wednesday 9.00am	Valerie Clay-Peters
Thursday None	The church is closed today
Friday 9.00am	Sr. Bridgid Brown RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday 6.00pm	For the people of the Parish
Sunday 10.30am	Michael Hayes RIP
12.15pm	James Sullivan (15 th anniv)

**Please note: as there is no heating in the church
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been
cancelled this Monday. Instead, please join us in
saying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary at noon
in your own home. Thank you for your prayers.**

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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
£434.73 for the running of the parish and
£291.79 for the Parish Refurbishment Programme
*These sums include monies given in **Gift Aid**
envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate
by Banker's Order direct into the parish account.*

On the third Sunday of Advent we particularly
remember that Advent prepares us for a time of joy;
with the colour rose acting as a symbol of the mix of
the purple of penance and preparation joined with the
white of the expectation and joy of Christmas. Our
Jesse Tree symbols have continued to remind us of
the Old Testament stories of salvation in the history of
God's people: the **Passover Lamb**, pointing us again
to God's care and the sacrifice that Jesus made for
us; the **Ten Commandments**, reminding us of ways
that bring out the best in us and how we should try to
live our lives, in relation to God and those around us.
Ultimately, God's greatest Commandment of Love
should be written on our hearts, so that we witness, in
action, to God's love. Further symbols of action we
had this week were the **Trumpet** that Joshua used to
bring down the walls of Jericho in response to God's
call; the **Pitchers** used by Gideon to shelter the light
that guided his people; a **Crown** to represent how
Samuel anointed David as King – a forerunner of
Christ, the King of Kings – a **Shepherd's Crook** to
remind us how David was to look after his people, but
which represents Jesus as the true Shepherd who
seeks and cares for us always. The **Altar** this Sunday
represents the altar built by Elijah and reminds us of
the altar of Christ's sacrifice for us. When we come to
the altar it should truly be a moment of reverence at
God's love for us and a moment of joy when we know
God's grace can make us worthy to receive Christ in
the Blessed Sacrament. But let us also remember the
sadness that comes when we separate ourselves
from Communion by our actions. At the beginning of
Advent we had our Parish Reconciliation Service but
if you missed that opportunity please remember that
there will be another opportunity for the Sacrament of
Reconciliation next Saturday from 5.30pm. With my
prayers for God's blessings, as ever, *Fr Adrian*

PARISH MINISTRIES:

LITTLE CHURCH

19 Dec	Helen Pye	26 Dec	Marc Bernard
02 Jan	Children's Mass	09 Jan	Children's Mass

[Hall key-holders: Hudspeth & Karim Families]

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15am

19 Dec	M. Gonzy P. Hutchinson	D. Karim B. Monk S. Smith	J. La'val E. Maria
26 Dec	NB There is no 6pm Mass On Dec. 25th	D. Abebrese T. Donoghue D. Karim	R. Maria T. Ofogu
02 Jan	E. O'Keefe M. O'Keefe	E. Karim B. Monk S. Smith	R. Green J. La'val

CO-ORDINATORS – READERS: D Abebrese **MUSIC:** L. Clarke

FLOWERS:

18 Dec	R. Ebite, E. Karim, J. McDonagh, M. Ellis (no flowers)
22 Dec	10am all available teams to help please
01 Jan	J. Sharland, N. Sesay, N. Tripp
08 Jan	T. Dempsey, O Adelekan, T. Donoghue

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

19 Dec	Murphy Family
26 Dec	S. Herbert & L. Clark
02 Jan	M. & A. Knoop & S. Hayes
09 Jan	F. Campbell, O. Adelekan & J. Adediji
16 Jan	Karim Family
23 Jan	Grant & Abebrese Families
30 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

19 Dec	K Gernon, L. Ungaretti
26 Dec	R. Ebite, B. Kealy – including the collection boxes
02 Jan	A. Abel, J. Sullivan
09 Jan	P. Hutchinson, M. Gonzy

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline advice 0800 1111

Local Advisor: Teresa Dempsey 020 8670 7565

Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

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

GIFT AID J Fraser, R Ebite, M Gonzy

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

READERS

19 Dec	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalm 23
Advent 4	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-24

John Burbage : Abebrese Family : Alan Quinn

26 Dec	Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6ff	Psalm 127
Holy Family	Colossians 3:12-21	Matthew 2:13-15.19-23

No Vigil Mass : Bernard Family : Lydia Ungaretti

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

John Fraser : Van Spall Family : Chris Watts

09 Jan	Isaiah 42:1ff	Psalm 28
Baptism of the Lord	Acts 10:34-38	Matthew 3:13-17

Paul Hutchinson : Malusa Kilonda : Alan Quinn

16 Jan	Isaiah 49:3ff	Psalm 39
Sun 2 OT	1 Corinthians 1:1-3	John 1:29-34

Paula Wynne : Sirr Family : Lydia Ungaretti

23 Jan	Isaiah 8:23ff	Psalm 26
Sun 3 OT	Corinthians 1:10ff	Matthew 4:12-23

Campbell Family : Clare Hensman : Chris Watts

News this week

Flyers are available in the porch outlining the timings of our services over the Christmas period.

Sadly our church heating has been limping along for the last few days. The annual service of the boiler discovered a potential problem that needed a spare part to be ordered but this part has failed before the new part arrived. I've taken the decision that, **as it is far too cold in the church we are going to have to hold our Sunday Masses in the Parish Hall this weekend.** This means that we're going to have to adapt our children's ministry (Little Church), and, although we'll still have tea and coffee after Mass please be aware that we'll need to set up and start the next Mass at 12.15. Thank you for your understanding – it is hoped that "normal service will be resumed as soon as possible". Until the boiler is fixed weekday Mass will be held in the back Sacristy.

Next Saturday, 18 December, we are having a party in our Parish Hall from 7-10pm as a celebration of all the ways we are gifted by God and help share those gifts in the Church.



Please keep the date free and join us after the Vigil Mass on 18 December in the Parish Hall. Some light refreshments and drinks will be available and you're welcome to bring your own contributions to share. The aim is just to have a relaxed, fun evening together, as a parish family so we'll have some music, simple quizzes and maybe even some karaoke!

Thank you, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week helps our Parish Refurbishment Programme** Please remember if you contribute via the Gift Aid scheme to use the envelopes provided at the entrance to the church. To help plan your giving please take enough envelopes home for the month so that you can complete the details of the envelope beforehand and bring them with you to church.

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.