

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 4th December, 2011 [Year B]
Second Sunday of Advent

Remembering especially the needs of the Parish

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Please join in with the words below in bold and follow the prayers of the Mass in the laminated guide.

Hymn no. 716 **We have a dream...** [verses 3-6]

Entrance Antiphon: **O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [40: 1-5.9-11]
Prepare a way for the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: [84]

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

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter [3: 8-14]
We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! [x2 at 10.30]
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [1:1-8]
Make his paths straight.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

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

Communion antiphon:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

After Communion the Second Collection is for the **Parish Refurbishment Fund** [choral music during the collection]

Closing hymn: 381 **I will enter his gates**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Jim Dempsey RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Helen O'Toole
	12.15pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	John Neelan RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Mary Whelan
Wednesday	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer & Rosary</i>
Thursday	None	The church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
	<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret N. Ebite RIP (anniv)
	12.15pm	For the people of the Parish

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Monday with Rosary and Benediction at noon followed by our lunch to raise funds for CAFOD & Mary's Meals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop John Jukes OFM Conv who died on 21st November 2011

His Requiem Mass will be held at St George's Cathedral on Tuesday, 6th December, at 12 noon. May he rest in peace.

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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 **£436.75** for the running of the parish and **£290.51** 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.*

Over the course of the week we placed the first symbols of our **Jesse Tree**: a **fruit** representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to remind us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin; **Noah's ark**, reminding us of God's covenant to save his people and a **field of stars**, showing that we are God's children in fulfilment of his promise to Abraham. The **ram** represents the sacrifice Abraham made to God and stands as a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son, Jesus, the Lamb of God. **Jacob's ladder** serves as a reminder that Heaven and Earth are united in God's care and at the Vigil Mass Joseph's sacks of **grain** represent God's provision, even in the most difficult of times. On Sunday the **burning bush** represents the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls each and every one of us, even in days like today. If you'd like to produce your own version of the Jesse Tree to craft and make at home please see Fr. Adrian for details.

I was able to thank all those people who helped to prepare for, manage and attend our Autumn Fair last week but could only guess that we'd be nearing last year's total of £1700. I am pleased to say that, with the addition of some extra donations after the Fair, we have been able to raise **£2177.89** so a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who helped in any way on the day and to those who donated raffle and tombola prizes. **To continue to help raise funds for Mary's Meals and Children with Cancer** there will be another opportunity to purchase toiletries and Christmas Cards after our Masses this weekend.

Thank you and God bless, *Fr Adrian*

PARISH MINISTRIES:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHILDREN'S LITURGY has begun again for all children aged 6 and under, with those aged 7 and above staying in the church. If you haven't registered your child for our children's group please see Fr. Adrian.

[Hall key-holders: Dias-Hudspeth, Karim & Murphy Families]

	<u>6pm</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>12.15am</u>
11 Dec	M Esmonde P. Hutchinson	D. Karim S. Smith D. Abebrese	T. Ofogu R. Green
18 Dec	M. Gonzy C. Menezes	B. Beech T. Donoghue N. Kalimira	R. Green J. La'val
25 Dec	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer

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

FLOWERS: 03 Dec. & 17 Dec. - no flowers

11 Dec R. Ebite, E. Karim, J. McDonagh & M. Ellis [*Gaudete*]

23 Dec **flower-arranging & decoration of the church at 7pm**

31 Dec T. Dempsey, O. Adelekan, T. Donoghue

07 Jan S. Hayes, C. Baker & M-M. Ovonlen [Epiphany]

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

11 Dec Karim family **Please note changes to dates**

18 Dec Feasey & Van Spall families

25 Dec & 01 Jan No refreshments on these two dates

08 Jan Grant & Abebrese families

15 Jan Murphy families

22 Jan Herbert, Clark & Donnelly families

29 Jan Hayes, Knoop & Okaro families

05 Feb Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji families

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

11 Dec A. Abel, J. Sullivan

18 Dec P. Hutchinson, M. Gonzy

01 Jan K. Gernon, L. Ungaretti

08 Jan R. Ebite, B. Kealy

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, M. Ryan, K Gernon & L Ungaretti **GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite

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

READERS

11 Dec Isaiah 61:2 Psalm 1ff

Advent 3 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8

John Fraser : Bernard family : Lydia Ungaretti

18 Dec Isaiah 61:2 Psalm 1ff

Advent 4 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Paul Hutchinson : Louise Watson : Alan Quinn

25 Dec Isaiah 62:11-12 Psalm 96

Christmas Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

See sign-up sheet in the sacristy to volunteer please

01 Jan Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 66

BVM Galatians:4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

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08 Jan Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 71

Epiphany Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12

Dominic Van Spall: Diana Abebrese : Ron Leyman

15 Jan 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 Psalm 39

2 Sun OT 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 John1:35-42

Paula Wynne: Dias-Hudspeth family : Chris Watts

News this week:

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; however, as the parish is closed on Thursdays, a special Votive Mass for Our Blessed Mother will be celebrated at our Parish Mass at 9.15 am this Friday. At this Mass we especially welcome members of our parish family who have children not yet at school and encourage them to invite other young families to join them for refreshments in the Parish Hall from 9.45-11.30am.

As we announced a couple of weeks ago, our **parish reconciliation service**, with music and readings by our First Holy Communion Group, is being held on **Saturday 10th December**. This hour-long service, with other local priests attending, will begin at **4.45pm** and **all are welcome to attend**.

From 7.30-9.30pm there will be a pre-baptism meeting in the Parish Office on Monday 12th and a discussion on the basics of Catholic faith on Tuesday 20th: see Fr. Adrian for further details.

Do please consider joining us to help with the festive flowers and decoration of the church from 7-9pm on Friday 23rd December. All are welcome.

Fr. Adrian warmly invites you to the fourth annual pre-Christmas celebration

in the Parish Hall on Friday 16th December from 7.30 – 9.30pm. All members of the parish are welcome to come along and join in some festive-fun and refreshments.



Thank you, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week is for our Parish Refurbishment Fund.** 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

Please give what you can to the parish collections as we receive less money each week than is budgeted for our needs. To help meet our costs please give the equivalent of at least one hour of your weekly income and consider if you are able to help join one of our 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. To give by credit/debit card please go online and visit our JustGiving page <http://www.justgiving.com/StSimon-and-StJude> To give by phone text **JUDE 77 £10** (for example) to the number **70070**. You'll receive a text back with a link to how you can Gift Aid to boost your donation at no extra cost. Thank you for all your support and for considering making a donation this way. God bless.