

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 11th December, 2011 [Year B]

Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

Remembering especially our preparations for Christmas

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. 316 **Hark! A herald voice is calling**

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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [61:1-2.10-11]
I exult for joy in the Lord.

Responsorial text: Luke 1

My soul rejoices in my God [x2 when sung]

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians [5:16-24] *May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! [x2 at 10.30]

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [1:6-8 19-28]
There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

Hymn 644 **Tell out my soul**

Communion antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

After Communion the Second Collection is **to help with our flowers at Christmas** [choral music during the collection]

Closing hymn: 849 **This little light of mine** [v2 & chorus]

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret N. Ebite RIP (anniv)
	12.15pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Kitty & Paddy O'Shea RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Maurice & Hannah Wynne RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Catherine & Joseph Lonergan RIP
Thursday	None	The church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
	<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	For the people of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Peter Veerapen RIP
	12.15pm	John Arye RIP

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Monday with Rosary and Benediction at noon

Please note there are CD's on sale for Mary's Meals at the front of the church by the Sacred Heart Statue. For every £10 we raise we help provide a meal a day for a child for a whole year.

Toiletries and handmade cards are on sale in the Parish Hall after the Family Mass to help raise funds for the charity Children with Cancer.

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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 **£506.37** for the running of the parish and **£412.67** 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 pause and remember that Advent is a time of joy; hence the change in 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. On Monday we revealed the **Passover Lamb**, pointing us to God's provision and the sacrifice of Jesus, followed by the **Ten Commandments**, reminding us how God's greatest Commandment of Love should be written on our hearts. The **Trumpet** that Joshua used to bring down the walls of Jericho and the **Pitchers** used by Gideon to shelter the light that guided his people both remind us of stories of God's guidance and provision and a **Crown** represents how Samuel anointed David as King – a forerunner of Christ, the King of Kings. This Saturday 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, and, on Sunday, 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 and worshipped them in place of God.

In our day so many things can take the place of God, not least our material comfort. Each Advent as a Parish we take time to think of the needs of others and this year we are seeking donations to support people coming home from prison. Please see overleaf for more details of this important work.

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>10.30am</u>	<u>12.15am</u>	
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
01 Jan	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer

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

FLOWERS: 23 Dec decoration of the church at 7pm

31 Dec T. Dempsey, O. Adelekan, T. Donoghue
07 Jan S. Hayes, C. Baker & M-M. Ovonlen [Epiphany]
14 Jan R. Ebite, E. Karim, J. McDonagh & M. Ellis [*Gaudete*]
21 Jan J. Sharland, N. Sesay, M. McElhone

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

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
11 Dec 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

18 Dec P. Hutchinson, M. Gonzy
01 Jan K. Gernon, L. Ungaretti
08 Jan R. Ebite, B. Kealy
15 Jan 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 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

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 : Victoria Hunt

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

22 Jan Jonah 3:1-5.10 Psalm 24
3 Sun OT 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

John Fraser : Bieneosa Ebite : Lydia Ungaretti

News this week:

This year our Christmas Appeal is to help our local Probation Office by providing food parcels for ex-offenders on very low incomes so they can have a little extra help and support at Christmas. Probation officers work directly with offenders to tackle the causes of their offending behaviour, enabling them to turn their lives around and rehabilitate them back into the community. Please box up **non-perishable** items of food so that our church can show the gospel values of care that can turn wayward lives around. Please bring your donations to all our Masses next week.

There will be another opportunity to purchase toiletries and handmade cards after the Family Mass this weekend to help raise funds for **Children with Cancer** in honour of Matthias, a young lad we know who sadly does not have long to live. Please keep Matthias and his family in your prayers. Thank you.

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.