

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 18th March, 2012 [Year B]
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Remembering especially Mother's Day

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. 576 **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!**

Entrance Antiphon: **Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

A reading from the book of Chronicles [36:14-16.19-23]
The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Responsorial Psalm [136] Sung at all our Masses
Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you.

A reading from the Ephesians [2:4-10] *You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.*

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.**

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour...

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [3:14-21]
God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:
Hymn no. 439 **Longing for light** (*repeated at Communion*)

Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. We are running a trial of taking the 1st and 2nd collections one after the other to give time for sharing God's gifts and space for reflection and prayer after Holy Communion. The 2nd Collection this week is to help with the **Parish Easter flowers**. Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon: **Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.**

Closing Hymn: 202 **Colours of day**

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	Anthony Esmonde RIP (anniv)
Sunday 10.30am	Mary Kelleher RIP
12.15pm	Valerie Quinn
Monday 9.00am	Sr. Lily: in thanksgiving
Tuesday 9.00am	John McAllister: Requiem
Wednesday 9.00am	Peter Veerapen RIP (anniv)
Thursday None	The church is closed today
Friday 9.00am	Albert Paton RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday 6.00pm	Patrick Walsh RIP
Sunday 10.30am	Canon Richard Quinlan RIP
12.15pm	For the people of the Parish

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Monday with Benediction, St. Jude Novena and the Stations of the Cross at noon.

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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 **£463.65** for the running of the parish and **£339.47** for our 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.*

A weekend of celebrations...

With the opportunity of celebrating sporting events and both St Patrick's and Mother's Day this weekend it's a special time for families to be together. Yet, at the very heart of all the individual celebrations is how we form one family in Christ. Like any family we have our struggles and strengths, symbolised, rather comically in a topical card that pictures St Patrick 'driving the snakes out of Ireland' with the saint seated at the wheel of a family car with the brood in the back crying out the all-too familiar phrases of 'Are we nearly there yet?', 'I'm feeling ill' and the urgent cry of 'I have to go...!' Such phrases, as well as "Why?...Because..." are common cries in any family, as any mother or father knows. Although our natural parents may delay responding, **there's no question, cry or prayer that goes unheeded by the Lord.** On this day, when we especially remember the love and care our mothers can bring us, let us also remember our spiritual Mother, the Church. Through our baptism we are brought into the family of the Church and into its maternal care. Just as in any family we can have our ups and downs in life; we can have joys and difficulties in faith. That is why the Church is called 'The Pilgrim People of God'. We are on a journey of faith that allows us to discover, question and learn, just as children do in any family. Our readings at Mass show some of that journey and questioning through the experience of Israel's exile and seeming abandonment by God. Such experience is turned into a symbol for us all of how, often at our lowest, we are lifted up and built up into the very Temple of God: to the heart of the Father, through his Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.



PARISH MINISTRIES:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY [*Helpers are grouped in four teams*]

25 Mar	St Mary	01 Apr	Children's Mass
08 Apr	Children's Mass	15 Apr	Children's Mass
22 Apr	St Anne	29 Apr	St Simon
06 May	Children's Mass	13 May	St Jude
20 May	St Mary	27 May	St Anne

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15am

25 Mar	C. Menezes	S. Smith	R. Green
		D. Abebrese	

01 Apr	E/M. O'Keeffe	T. Donoghue	E. Maria
		N. Kalimira	

08 Apr **Volunteers are needed: please see Fr. Adrian and sign up on the board in the Sacristy.**

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

FLOWERS:

25 Mar	There are no flowers during Lent
31 Mar	Palm Sunday – Desert garden
07 Apr	All volunteers at 9am please for Easter flowers

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

25 Mar	Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji families
01 Apr	Karim family
08 Apr	Feasey & Van Spall families [NB Easter Sunday]
15 Apr	Grant & Abebrese families
22 Apr	Murphy & Brown families.
29 Apr	Herbert, Clark & Donnelly families
06 May	Hayes, Knoop & Okaro 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

25 Mar	K. Gernon, L. Ungaretti
01 Apr	R. Ebite, B. Kealy
15 Apr	A. Abel, J. Sullivan
22 Apr	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, M. Ryan, K Gernon & L Ungaretti **GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite

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

READERS

25 Mar	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 50
Lent 5	Hebrews 5:7-9	John 12:20-33
	Paula Wynne : Smith Family : Chris Watts	

01 Apr	Isaiah 50:4-7	Psalm 21
Palm Sun	Philippians 2:6-11	Mark 14: 1-15:47
	Francesca Campbell : Louise Walton : Lydia Ungaretti	

08 Apr	Acts 10:34.37-43	Psalm 117
Easter Sun	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20: 1-9
	Volunteers are needed: please see Fr. Adrian	

15 Apr	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 117
Divine	1 John 5:1-6	John 20:19-31
Mercy	Feasey Family : Abebrese Family: Ron Leyman	

22 Apr	Acts 3:13-15.17-19	Psalm 4
Easter 3	1 John 2: 1-5	Luke 24: 35-48
	John Fraser : Dias-Hudspeth Family : Alan Quinn	

29 Apr	Acts 4:8-12	Psalm 117
Easter 4	John 3:1-2	John 10: 11-18
	Paul Hutchinson : Bieneosa Ebite : Victoria Hunt	

News this week:

Please keep May 20 free in your diary as we are planning a sponsored walk in Brockwell Park...

As we continue Lent, fasting and abstinence can be a bit of a chore without the strength we can get from spending a little extra time each day in **prayer**, even if this is just resting in the silence of the Lord and letting the Lord's pace bring a touch of stillness and comfort to the soul. As last year, families and individuals are invited to use the **Family Reconciliation** sheet at home (see overleaf) or to join us each Monday for **Benediction, Novena and the Stations of the Cross**. Not everyone is able to join us then but, if you are free, do please consider joining us in **prayer before the Blessed Sacrament**. If this is not possible, you might like to try the web links below. The first gives the Stations of the Cross for children and the second link is a general version for adults...

<http://www.cptryon.org/prayer/child/stations/index.html>

<http://www.cptryon.org/xpipassio/stations/index.html>

Please see the posters around the church for details of our DVD discussion series **during the Mondays of Lent**: join us in the **Parish Hall from 7.30–8.30 pm**. All are welcome and it will be a relaxed way of getting to know more about our Christian faith, so feel free to invite friends along who may wonder what being Catholic means. We look forward to seeing you.

Please take home a **Family Reconciliation** sheet which invites us to celebrate with family or friends (and even by ourselves) a simple service of prayer and reflection during Lent. This activity asks us to focus on our hands in prayer, to draw around the shape of our hand and to write prayers on the cut-out. As last year we will gather up all our different-sized hands on Palm Sunday to use in our Easter services.

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

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.