

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 9th December, 2012

2nd Sunday of Advent [Year C]

Remembering especially our Diocesan Cathedral

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 or hymn book.

Hymn no. 541 **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

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.**

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 Baruch [5:1-9]

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Responsorial Psalm [125] Sung at 10.30 Mass: Hymn 905

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians [1:4-11]

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**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 Luke [3:1-6]

All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

At the preparation of the altar and the gifts:

Hymn no. 681 **This is my body**

Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. We take our 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 second collection this week is for **our Parish refurbishment programme**. Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

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

There is no closing hymn this week

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Tess McKenna-Whyte RIP (anniv)
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret Ebite RIP (anniv)
	12.15pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday	9.15am	Our Lady: in thanksgiving
Tuesday	9.15am	Emilana Conseja RIP
Wednesday	9.15am	Holy Souls
Thursday	none	The church is closed today
Friday	9.15am	Lydia Ungaretti RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Kelleher family RIP
	12.15pm	For the people of the Parish

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass this Monday, followed by Rosary, Benediction and our St Jude Novena.

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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 see Fr. Adrian to make an appointment.

Collections

Thank you, for our collections last week, we raised **£436.31** for the charitable work of the Parish and **£307.10** for St. George's, our Diocesan Cathedral. *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 BIG THANK YOU to those who purchased rosaries and prayer cards from the Holy Land to help support the McCabe Trust in their work with Christians in Palestine. All the items have been purchased but a few people still have outstanding IOUs so please hand these in ☺

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 our Christmas Masses.

We plan to have a nativity mime at our 6pm Mass for children on Christmas Eve. There won't be any lines to learn as there's a musical backing track but we do need the typical cast of nativity characters from among our children and some volunteer parents to help rehearse and run-through the movement. **Please see Fr. Adrian if you or our child would like to help as a few volunteers have come forward but we do need more help. We will have a run through after the Family Mass on Sunday 23rd and at 5pm on Monday 24th.**

Following tremendous support last year our Annual Appeal this Christmas will again support the work of 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. **Providing support in this way helps ex-offenders to remain ex-offenders so please consider helping if you can.** 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 over the next two weeks. Thank you.

PARISH MINISTRIES:

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

16 Dec	St Mary	23 Dec	St Anne
30 Dec	Children's Mass	06 Jan	Children's Mass
13 Jan	St Simon	20 Jan	St Jude
27 Jan	St Mary	03 Feb	Children's Mass
10 Feb	St Anne	17 Feb	St Simon

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15am

16 Dec	M. Abreu C. Menezes	T. Donoghue N. Kalimira	R. Maria T. Ofogu
23 Dec	S. Smith M. Esmonde	D. Karim E. Karim	R. Green E. Maria
30 Dec	M. Gonzy C. Menezes	D. Abebrese T. Donoghue	R. Maria T. Ofogu

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

FLOWERS: *NB there are no flowers on 2, 9 & 23 December*

15 Dec	J. Sharland, N. Sesay, M. McElhone
23 Dec	All teams please for Christmas flowers
29 Dec	R. Ebite, E. Karim & J. McDonagh
05 Jan	T. Dempsey, O. Adelekan, T. Donoghue & A. Mensah
12 Jan	S. Hayes, C. Baker & M-M. Ovonlen

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

16 Dec	Karim family
23 Dec	Feasey & Van Spall families
30 Dec	Grant & Abebrese families
06 Jan	Murphy & Brown families
13 Jan	Herbert & Clark families
20 Jan	Hayes, Knoop & Okaro families
27 Jan	Donnelly & Lehane families
03 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 is everyone's business: please take litter home with you rather than leaving it in the church as we have only a small group of volunteers who help clean after the Tues. morning Mass. If you see litter please clear it - thank you ☺

COLLECTION COUNTERS	16 Dec	Hunt & Karim
	23 Dec	Ebite & Kealy
	30 Dec	J & M Sullivan
	06 Jan	Merceica & Hendry
	13 Jan	Hutchinson & 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 **GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite

WEBSITE MATERIAL PP / M. Knoop / T. Duffy / C. Murphy

READERS

16 Dec	Zephaniah 3:14-18	Isaiah 12:2-6
Advent 3	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18

Dominic Van Spall : Neil Buxton : Chris Watts

23 Dec	Micah 5:1-4	Psalms 79
Advent 4	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-44

Paula Wynne : Bieneosa Ebite : Ron Leyman

There will be a separate sign-up sheet for Christmas volunteers

30 Dec	Samuel 1:20-28	Psalms 83
Holy Family	1 John 3:1-24	Luke 2:41-52

Francesca Campbell : Malusa Kilonda : Alan Quinn

06 Jan	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalms 71
Epiphany	Ephesians 3:2-6	Matthew 2: 1-12

Feasey Family : Louise Walton : Victoria Hunt

13 Jan	Isaiah 40:1-5	Psalms 103
Baptism of the Lord	Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7	Luke 3: 15-16.21-22

Dias-Hudspeth family : Abebrese Family : Chris Watts

20 Jan	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalms 95
2 Sun OT	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	John 2:1-11

Paul Hutchinson : Abebrese Family : Victoria Hunt

News this week:

HOSPITALITY IS A WELCOME GIFT

Our parish should be a place of welcome for all and a place where people can feel at home. It's a joy to celebrate our diversity as we gather together at the weekend, each with our own gifts and strengths, but for people who are new or are unfamiliar with the parish, the characteristics of our church can be quite different: Where's the Mass setting? Why is there no organist? What happens at Children's Liturgy? Our small team of greeters helps make our church feel even more welcoming by meeting people at the door and helping them with practical matters, such as showing people to a seat when the church seems crowded and letting them know where the loo is, for example. **Thankfully we have a few people who help to welcome but we need more people to volunteer to help with this important ministry of hospitality.** If you can help in this way please see Fr. Adrian after Mass this week.

Thank you, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week is for our flowers at Christmas.** 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. If writing a cheque, **please make out a separate cheque for each collection**, with cheques payable to 'St Simon & St Jude Catholic Church'. Thank you.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK: please remember that there is a list 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 support them with ours.

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.

An Advent Prayer by Nick Fawcett

Lord Jesus Christ, prepare your way in our hearts and make us ready to worship you. Through our praying, thinking, singing and reading cleanse our thoughts, kindle our faith, renew our commitment and increase our love, preparing your way in our lives, so that we might be ready to love you faithfully and serve you more effectively, to the glory of your name. Amen.