

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 16th December, 2012

3rd Sunday of Advent [Year C]

Remembering especially our Parish Flower volunteers

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. 316 **Hark a herald voice is calling**

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

There is no Gloria now until Christmas to denote the change of season and to mark our preparation in Advent.

A reading from Zephaniah [3:14-18] *The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.*

Responsorial Psalm [Isaiah 12:6] Sung at 10.30 Mass: Hymn 908
Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians [4:4-7]
The Lord is very near.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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 Luke [3:10-18]
What must we do?

At the preparation of the altar and the gifts:

Hymn no. 438 **Lo he comes with clouds descending**

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 to help towards **our Parish flowers at Christmas.**

Communion antiphon:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

There is no closing hymn this week

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Kelleher family RIP
	12.15pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday	9.15am	Angela O'Neill
Tuesday	9.15am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
Wednesday	9.15am	Guy Debuissou RIP
Thursday	none	The church is closed today
Friday	9.15am	James Sullivan RIP
	<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Jack Lonergan & Mary Whelan RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Adeniji family
	12.15pm	For the people of the Parish

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass this Monday, followed by the Litany of Our Lady and our St Jude Novena until 11am.

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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 **£458.68** for the charitable work of the Parish and **£350.40** 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.*

CALLING ALL SINGERS – please see Fr. Adrian before the Family Mass at 10am to join a group of parishioners who will form a choir leading carols 30 minutes before each of our Christmas Masses.

We will 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 parish children. **Please email Fr. Adrian if you or your child would like to help as we still need a few**

volunteers to ensure we have enough characters. 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 next week. Thank you.



PARISH MINISTRIES:

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

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	24 Feb	St Jude

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15am

23 Dec	S. Smith	D. Karim	R. Green
	M. Esmonde	E. Karim	E. Maria

30 Dec	M. Gonzy	D. Abebrese	R. Maria
	C. Menezes	T. Donoghue	T. Ofogu

06 Jan	E. O'Keeffe	N. Kalimira	R. Maria
	M. O'Keeffe	D. Karim	T. Ofogu

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

FLOWERS: *NB there are no flowers on 23 December*

22 Dec	All teams please prepare for Christmas
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
19 Jan	J. Sharland, N. Sesay, M. McElhone

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

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
10 Feb	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 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	23 Dec	Ebite & Kealy
	30 Dec	J & M Sullivan
	06 Jan	Merceica & Hendry
	13 Jan	Hutchinson & Gonzy
	20 Jan	Leyman & Karim

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

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

Paula Wynne : Bieneosa Ebite : Ron Leyman

There is a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for Christmas volunteers

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

Francesca Campbell : Malusa Kilonda : Alan Quinn

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

Feasey Family : Louise Walton : Victoria Leyman

13 Jan	Isaiah 40:1-5	Psalm 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	Psalm 95
2 Sun OT	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	John 2:1-11

Paul Hutchinson : Neil Buxton : Ron Leyman

27 Jan	Nehemiah 8.2-10	Psalm 18
3 Sun OT	1 Corinthians 12:12-30	Luke 1:1-21

Dominic Van Spall : Bieneosa Ebite : Alan Quinn

News this week:

An Advent reflection by Gerald O'Mahony

During the season of Advent we are not just waiting to celebrate the memory of Christ's first coming, but looking forward and preparing ourselves for his second coming. That too means a joyful occasion, since he is not coming to condemn us, nor to go through the ordeal of bearing our sins all over again, but to save us finally and for ever. All that matters is we should be looking for him when he comes, aware of our own need and of the fact that he is our only hope.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our parish is blessed to have the support our Parish Priest Fr. Adrian and he is very grateful for all the prayers and support that we offer. This is the time of year that we can show that support as our offering at the Christmas collection is our personal gift to him. Some people still believe that all priests in this country are salaried by the diocese or even by the Vatican but that is far from the reality! The people of each parish are directly responsible for having to support the work of the priest so your gifts at Christmas (and Easter) are your way of supporting Fr. Adrian throughout the year. Fr. Adrian serves the Lord in our parish, in schools, in community charities and with the local council and police but is not employed by any of them and receives no salary other than the offering you will give at your Christmas Mass. **Please consider what you can give in relation to your own income and if you'll be away please send Fr. Adrian a Christmas card with your gift so he can thank you.**

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. If writing a cheque, **please make out a separate cheque for each collection**, with cheques payable to 'St Simon & St Jude Catholic Church'.

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 at every Mass.

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.