

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2012**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** [Year C]

Remembering especially our Christmas Appeal

## 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. 503 **O come, O come Emmanuel**

Entrance Antiphon: **Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

A reading from the prophet Micah [5:1-4]  
*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

Responsorial Psalm [79]  
**God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews [10:5-10]  
*Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.*

Gospel Acclamation  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [1:39-45]  
*Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

At the preparation of the altar and the gifts:  
Hymn no. 343 **Holy Virgin by God's Decree**

Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. We take our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Maintenance**.

Communion antiphon:  
**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

There is no closing hymn this week

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	Jack Lonergan & Mary Whelan RIP
Sunday 10.30am	Adeniji family
12.15pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday 6.00pm	For the people of the Parish
Christmas Eve Midnight	Midnight Mass for Holy Souls
Christmas Day 11.00am	Catherine Lonergan RIP
Wednesday 11.00am	Liza Dwyer
Thursday/Friday none	The church is closed
<i>Next week...</i>	<i>Next week's details...</i>
Saturday 6.00pm	Francis Joseph [FM]
Sunday 10.30am	Peter Veerapen RIP
12.15pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> 11.00am	Mike Steer
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> 11.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 11.00am	John Eyeregyba RIP
Thursday/Friday none	The church is closed

**Please note the times of services above. Ordinary service times will resume on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

**Parish Priest: Fr Adrian McKenna-Whyte BTh MSc**  
The Priest's House 5 Hillside Road  
Streatham Hill London SW2 3HL

**Telephone: 020 8678 9051** Twitter @StSimon\_StJude  
Email: fr\_mckenna@btinternet.com  
Parish website: www.streathamhillcatholic.co.uk  
http://www.justgiving.com/StSimon-and-StJude  
Archdiocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

**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 **£440.37** for the charitable work of the Parish and **£357.72** towards the Parish Flowers at Christmas. *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.*

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**Our parish is blessed to have the support of 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 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.** *Please note that any monies given by Direct Debit or Standing Order during Christmas week do not go to Fr. Adrian but directly to support the Parish so please use one of the Christmas Offering envelopes to enable your gift to support Fr. Adrian, thank you.*

Thank you to all those who were able to support our **Annual Charity Appeal this Christmas** by providing food parcels for the families of ex-offenders on extremely low incomes. This is the last collection weekend to allow our gifts to provide a little extra help and support as we delivered our first contribution of parcels on Friday and will be going again on Christmas Eve with this weekend's offerings. **Any donations after today should be taken directly to the Brixton Probation Office at 117-131 Stockwell Road SW9 9TN. Thank you.**

## PARISH MINISTRIES:

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

30 Dec	Children's Mass	06 Jan	Children's Mass
13 Jan	<b>St Simon</b>	20 Jan	<b>St Jude</b>
27 Jan	<b>St Mary</b>	03 Feb	Children's Mass
10 Feb	<b>St Anne</b>	17 Feb	<b>St Simon</b>
24 Feb	<b>St Jude</b>	03 Mar	Children's Mass

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

### HOLY COMMUNION 6pm    10.30am    12.15am

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

06 Jan	E. O'Keeffe	N. Kalimira	R. Green
	M. O'Keeffe	D. Karim	E. Maria

13 Jan	S. Smith	D. Karim	R. Maria
	M. Esmonde	D. Abebrese	T. Ofogu

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

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

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)

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
17 Feb	Feasey & Van Spall 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 ☺

<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	30 Dec	J & M Sullivan	
06 Jan	Merceica & Hendry	13 Jan	Hutchinson & Gonzy
20 Jan	Leyman & Karim	27 Jan	Ebite & 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    **GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite

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

### READERS

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

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

*Volunteer needed : Malusa Kilonda : Alan Quinn*

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

**Feasey Family : Louise Walton : Victoria Leyman**

<b>13 Jan</b>	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**

<b>20 Jan</b>	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 95
2 Sun OT	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	John 2:1-11

**Paul Hutchinson : Neil Buxton : Ron Leyman**

<b>27 Jan</b>	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**

<b>03 Feb</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-19	Psalm 70
4 Sun OT	1 Corinthians 12:31ff	Luke 4: 21-30

**Paula Wynne : Malusa Kilonda : Victoria Leyman**

## News this week:

### *An Advent prayer by Nick Fawcett*

Almighty God,  
you are greater than our minds can fathom,  
higher than our highest thoughts, sovereign over all,  
worthy of praise and honour.  
Forgive us that we sometimes lose our sense of awe  
and wonder in your presence, oblivious to your  
greatness and forgetful of your goodness.  
Speak to us, as you spoke to Mary,  
and help us to catch a new sense of who you are,  
of all you have done,  
and of all you will yet do in our lives.  
Help us to magnify your name, singing your praises  
and telling of your greatness,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A CALL TO SERVE ...** This time three years ago our parish had 21 children serving at Mass and 2 adult helpers. Over the years, as commitments have grown wider and children have grown up, we are now down to only 10 servers, with not all of those serving regularly. At some Masses there are no servers at all. **Serving at Mass is a tremendous way to help the Lord** but a wonderful way to help a child grow in team-work, confidence and self-assurance too. If your child has made their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion please speak to them about becoming an altar server. **As a reminder: all our altar servers are needed at Christmas** so will parents please make sure that you have a look at the rota in the servers' sacristy so that you can assign your child a place in the Christmas serving team. 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.