

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 13th January, 2013

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord [Year C]

Remembering especially the needs of the Parish

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. 297 **God's Spirit is in my heart** v 1-2

Entrance Antiphon: **After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [40:1-5,9-11]
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.

Responsorial Psalm [103] The Psalm is said this week:
Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

A reading from St Paul's letter to Titus [2:11-14,3:4-7] *He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [3:15-16,21-22]
While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

Hymn no: 797 **Have you heard the raindrops...**

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 Maintenance**.

Communion antiphon:

Behold this is the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Closing Hymn no. 240 **Do not be afraid** v1 & 5

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Frances Fraser RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Louis Neville RIP
	12.15pm	For the people of the parish
Monday	9.15am	Betty Lee RIP
Tuesday	9.15am	Bridie Power
Wednesday	9.15am	Mike Wilkinson
Thursday	none	There is no service today
Friday	9.15am	Helen O'Toole
	<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Nellie Murphy
Sunday	10.30am	For the people of the parish
	12.15pm	Thanksgiving: Gannon family

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Monday with Benediction, St. Jude Novena and Rosary at noon until 12.45pm.

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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. **£493.89** for the charitable work of the Parish and **£425.78** 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.*

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and reach the formal end of the Christmas season with a short four weeks of 'Ordinary Time' before we embark on our journey through Lent. The giving of gifts at Christmas and the spirit of generosity we can enter into at that time should remind us of God's ultimate gift to us: the gift of his own Son. Today, so soon after celebrating the birth of the infant Jesus, we focus on the action of the adult Jesus, who goes down into the River Jordan and sanctifies the life-giving water as a preparation for our own baptism.

The Advent prayer guide we used as a Parish reminded us "At our baptism our parents and godparents were asked: 'What do you ask of God's Church?' The response is 'Faith!' Our faith is initially immature and imperfect but by God's grace over the years it can deepen and grow. "The Spirit helps us in our weakness and faith teaches us that God works for the good of all those who love him. Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift. We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal and most precious gift" (Catechism §1216)."

The source of such a gift is God's love. At our baptism we are fully immersed in this love and brought into the greatest blessing of our lives. Even though most of us are baptised as babies we received every spiritual blessing in this sacrament: 'so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life' (Romans 6:4). As we strive to co-operate with the Spirit on our journey through life our thoughts, our affections, and our actions are slowly transformed and purified so that we grow more and more like Christ each day...

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PARISH MINISTRIES:

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

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
03 Mar	Children's Mass	10 Mar	St Mary
17 Mar	St Anne	24 Mar	Children's Mass

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

HOLY COMMUNION	6pm	10.30am	12.15am
20 Jan	M. Esmonde	D. Abebrese	T. Ofogu

27 Jan	M. Gonzy	T. Donoghue	R. Green
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03 Feb	C. Menezes	D. Karim	E. Maria
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COORDINATORS – READERS: D Abebrese **MUSIC:** L. Clarke

FLOWERS:

19 Jan	J. Sharland, N. Sesay, M. McElhone
26 Jan	R. Ebite, E. Karim & J. McDonagh
02 Feb	T. Dempsey, O. Adelekan, T. Donoghue & A. Mensah
09 Feb	S. Hayes, C. Baker & M-M. Ovonlen

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

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
24 Feb	Grant & Abebrese families
03 Mar	Murphy & Brown families
10 Mar	Herbert & Clark 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	20 Jan	Leyman & Karim
	27 Jan	Ebite & Kealy
	03 Feb	J & M Sullivan
	10 Feb	Merceica & _____
	17 Feb	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

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

03 Feb Jeremiah 1:4-19 Psalm 70
4 Sun OT 1 Corinthians 12:31ff Luke 4: 21-30
Paula Wynne : Tony Murphy : Victoria Leyman

10 Feb Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 137
5 Sun OT 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11
Francesca Campbell : Malusa Kilonda : Chris Watts

13 Feb Ash Wednesday volunteers needed: see Fr. Adrian

17 Feb Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 90
Lent 1 Romans: 10:8-13 Luke 4: 1-13
Feasey Family : Louise Walton : Ron Leyman

24 Feb Genesis 15:5-18 Psalm 26
Lent 2 Philippians 3:17-4.1 Luke 9: 28-36
Dias-Hudspeth family : Abebrese Family : Alan Quinn

... Our baptism draws us to the heart of the Trinity but, as members of the Body of Christ, we are called to draw closer to one another as well, helping each other to grow in faith and support one another in our journey to God – that is no ordinary task! As we enter into 'Ordinary Time' and our memories of Christmas fade, let us remember the gifts we received at baptism, gifts that last and see us through our journey of faith - from our first infant steps to our adult ones, just as we see Christ move from manger to manhood in today's feast. With my prayers as ever, God bless, *Fr. Adrian.*

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.

SEARCHING FOR MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH?

The next meeting of our **Faith Enquiry Group** for those who want to learn more or learn anew about our Catholic faith **will be held in the Undercroft** (by the Parish Hall) **on Tuesday 15 January at 7.30pm.** **All are welcome** to join us for an informal presentation about our Christian faith over a cup of tea or coffee, so do please come along and join us.

Our next booklet in the **Doorway to Faith** series is available to buy in the porch. The cost is subsidised by the Parish so each booklet is available for £1. As a New Year's resolution, even if you didn't follow the first booklet, you can start following the series now. Part Two (Jan 14 to May 31) focuses on the Catechism's teaching on Prayer. Each daily reflection is packed with scripture, Vatican II documents, cross references to the Catechism, quotes from the saints and the Fathers of the Church and a summary of this life giving teaching to help us in our journey of faith.

