

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 1st December 2013

1st Sunday of Advent [Year A]

Remembering especially "World AIDS 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 or hymn book.

Entrance Hymn 10.30: *Holy Virgin By God's Decree* (343)

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

A reading from the second book of Isaiah [2:1-5]

The Lord gathers the nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm [121]

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house."

A reading from the letter to the Romans (13:11-14)

Our salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [24:37-44]

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

Hymn: *How Lovely On The Mountains* (346)

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. **Second collection this week is for our Cathedral.**

Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Communion Hymn: *As I Kneel Before You* (141)

Closing Hymn: *Abba, Abba Father* (94)

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Eileen & Michael O'Keefe
	12.15pm	Rita D'souza RIP
Monday	9.00am	Lucy de Souza's parents RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Sr. Christine Gomez RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Sr. Catherine Gomez RIP
Thursday	none	There is no service today
Friday	9.00am	Aphonse de Souza RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret Ebite RIP (anniv)
	12.15pm	Holy Souls

Please join us on after Morning Prayer and Mass on Monday for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and our St Jude Novena at noon

Please join us afterwards for our shared lunch in aid of Marys Meals

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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 Father Habte to make an appointment.

Collections

Thank you: our collections last week raised:

£344.95 for the running of the Parish,

£159.06 Youth Services

£71.00 for the 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.

LONDON PROBATION TRUST

Once again, as for the past two years, we have had a request from the Lambeth Probation Service to collect non-perishable food for distribution to those in need at Christmas. In the past our parishioners have been very generous in making up boxes for this very worthy cause. There is no limit to the things we can include, but here are a few ideas: Tea, sugar, tinned or packet soup, pasta, rice, biscuits, Christmas cake or pudding. Toiletries including items such as toothpaste, soap, talc etc. as well as small gifts of socks, tights, gloves, scarves and anything suitable for children.

Everyone has felt the impact of price increases in the shops and we have all had to face difficulties, but clearly some people are finding life particularly hard at present and anything we can donate will be used to help others enjoy some Christmas joy with their families. Please be as generous as you can. The boxes will be either delivered to or collected by Lambeth Probation during the week before Christmas.

The "Walk with me" books for Advent are available in the porch at a cost of £1.00. Please put the money in the box to the right of the door as you leave.

Thank you

Last week there was a problem with the computer which resulted in a few errors occurring. Please be assured that this has now been rectified. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Southwark Catholic Youth Service, 7th December 2-4pm.

There is the opportunity to watch the DVD 'Life of Christ', which seeks to explore the foundations of our Catholic Faith. If you are interested, please give your name to Fr. Habte so that he can arrange a place.

PARISH MINISTRIES:

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

24 Nov **St Simon** 01 Dec **St Jude**
08 Dec **St Mary** 15 Dec **St Anne**
22 Dec **St Simon** 29 Dec **Children's Mass**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm	10.30am	12.15am
01 Dec E. O'Keeffe	E. Karim	T. Ofogu
08 Dec M. Esmonde	M O'Keeffe	E. Maria
15 Dec P. Hutchinson	S. Smith	R. Maria

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

FLOWERS: N.B. NO FLOWERS DURING ADVENT

All flower teams for the Christmas flowers

Date to be confirmed

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

01 Dec Herbert & Clark families
08 Dec Hayes, Knoop & Okaro families
15 Dec Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji families
22 Dec Karim family
29 Dec Feasey & Van Spall families
05 Jan Grant & Abebrese families
12 Jan Murphy, Brown & Fourie 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

01 Dec Hutchinson & Jones	08 Dec Karim & Merceica
15 Dec Sullivan & Sullivan	22 Dec 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

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY J. Sharland

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

01 Dec Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 121
Advent 1 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44
Van Spall Family : Malusa Kilonda: Victoria Leyman

08 Dec Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 71
Advent 2 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
Paula Wynne : Tony Murphy: Chris Watts

15 Dec Isaiah 35:1-6,10 Psalm 145
Advent 3 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11
Francesca Campbell : Louise Walton: Ron Leyman

22 Dec Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 23
Advent 4 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24
Dias-Hudspeth's: Diana Abebrese: Alan Quinn

29 Dec Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7, 14-17 Psalm 127
Holy Family Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Teresa Dempsey: Neil Buxton: Derek Green

05 Jan Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71
Epiphany Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1 -12
Paul Hutchinson : Tony Murphy : Victoria Leyman

If you did not see the newsletter for last week, here is a reminder.

Dear parishioners, On 9th November we started the First Holy communion and Reconciliation preparation programme for the year 2014. Thirteen children have been enrolled and I hope that they, with the support of their catechist, parents and the whole parish, they will enjoy their sessions, complete the course and receive the first Holy Communion. In this parish, we are committed to the idea that taking an active part in a child's spiritual formation is the right and dignity of Christian parents. Parents are the "first teachers" of their children in the vision and practice of the Christian way of life. It is in the home that children primarily experience and come to know about God, with the loving care and help of their family members. So that when they are challenged they can be the best people that they can, and when they witness a family's unceasing striving for healing and reconciliation, then children really learn about who God is. Parents are, the "sacrament" of God's presence to their children. Therefore, in all of our sacramental preparation programmes we attempt to nurture a strong partnership between families and the church. Parents are encouraged to take on their central role. The parish and schools assist parents in this task. The church provides the immediate preparation for all sacraments; and the faith journey of our children is further strengthened by the active spiritual assistance of parents to their children.

I thank all our catechists and parents who are helping us for the preparation of the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation as well as Children's Liturgy. I encourage you all to keep up the good work and I invite others to consider in helping out in any way they can.

May God bless us all. *Fr. Habte*

Today is World AIDS Day, when we remember and pray for those afflicted with this terrible disease

THANK YOU, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week is for our parish refurbishment programme** please be generous. Please also 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**, payable to 'St Simon & St Jude RC Church'. Thank you.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Please give what you can to our collections after prayerful reflection on how you can use your Time, Talents and Treasures to help build the work of the Church. 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 consider setting up a Gift Aid payment direct to the church bank account. You can give by credit/debit card online through www.justgiving.com/StSimon-and-StJude To give by phone text **JUDE 77 £10** (for example) to the number **70070**. Thank you for all your support and for considering making a donation this way. God bless.