

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 8th December 2013**

**2nd Sunday of Advent** [Year A]

Remembering especially Bible Sunday

**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 only: O come, O come Emmanuel (503)*

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..**

A reading from the second book of Isaiah [11:1-10]  
*He judges the wretched with integrity.*

Responsorial Psalm [71]

**In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

A reading from the letter to the Philippians [1:3-6.8-11]  
*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 Matthew [3:1-12]  
*Repent, for the kingdom is heaven is close at hand.*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

*Hymn: As the Deer (142)*

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. **Second collection this week is for the Parish Refurbishment.**

Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

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

*Communion Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace (470)*

*Closing Hymn: Rejoice in the Lord always (590)*

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret Ebite RIP (anniv)
	12.15pm	Holy Souls
Monday	9.00am	Cyriac Gomes RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Sr. Christine Gomes RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Sr. Isobel Gomes RIP
Thursday	none	There is no service today
Friday	9.00am	Alphonse de souza RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Welfare of Teresa Malluzzo
Sunday	10.30am	Inez Williams RIP
	12.15pm	For the People of the Parish

**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 note. No Exposition on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

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<http://www.justgiving.com/StSimon-and-StJude>

Archdiocesan website: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://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 Father Habte to make an appointment.

## Collections

Thank you: our collections last week raised:

**£477.79** for the running of the Parish,

**£149.91** Our Cathedral

**£107.00** 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.*

## Reminder: 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.

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 to 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

**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

**Flower Ladies.** There is a meeting next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the parish hall, after the 10.30 mass, so that the flower arrangements for Christmas can be discussed fully.

Please remember that the second collection next week is for our Christmas flowers so that the Church can be decorated and look as beautiful as it has in the past.

Thank you

**A note for your diary.** There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December. The mass will be at the normal time on 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by reconciliation/confession, and at 10am on 30<sup>th</sup> December. There are sheets at the back of the church with our full Christmas programme of events.

### 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

08 Dec **St Mary** 15 Dec **St Anne**  
22 Dec **St Simon** 29 Dec **Children's Mass**  
05 Jan **Children's Mass** 12 Jan **St Jude**

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

#### HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15am

08 Dec M. Esmonde M. O'Keefe E. Maria  
15 Dec P. Hutchinson S. Smith R. Maria  
22 Dec C. Menezes D. Abebrese T. Ofogu

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)

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  
19 Jan 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

08 Dec Karim & Merceica 15 Dec Sullivan & Sullivan  
22 Dec Ebite & Kealy 29 Dec Hutchinson & Jones

#### 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

**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 St. 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: Victoria Leyman**

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

**12 Jan** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm 28  
Baptism of Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17  
the Lord **Van Spall Family : Bieneosa Ebite: Ron Leyman**

### 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.

#### RECONCILIATION.

Fr. Habte has arranged for that on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, after mass he will be available to hear the confession of anyone who can come.

We should all take the opportunity to make a full confession especially now as we are preparing celebrate the birth of our Lord. If however this time is not convenient, then, please remember that Fr. is always available to hear confession before Mass on Saturdays or by appointment. **Thank you**

**Volunteers Needed.** Anyone who has not signed-up yet as a helper for any of our Christmas masses, or, who is willing to help with painting the lobby, there are sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

A big **thank you** to everyone who has given their time, and worked so hard to help with our clean-up.

**Next weekend**, as usual we will have the Christmas posters produced by the Knights of St Columba for parishioners to put in our windows.

Donations will be used, to offset the cost of printing and, to help to fund the many charities the Knights support.

#### Job vacancy at SPUC

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) would like to recruit a full-time Income Supervisor/Deputy IT Manager, to assist in the maintenance of its membership and fundraising database. For anyone who is interested, or would like an application pack, please see [www.Spuc.org.uk](http://www.Spuc.org.uk) or contact - Patrick Kingman, SPUC, Unit B, 3 Whitachre Mews, London SE11 4AB. Tel: 020 7820 312.

**Please also see** the posters on the board regarding the job vacancies at Coloma and Laleham Lea schools.

Thank you.

**THANK YOU**, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection, loose cash, next week is for our Christmas flowers**, 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](http://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.