

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 22nd December 2013**

**4th Sunday of Advent** [Year A]

Remembering especially "Expectant Mothers"

## 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: Holy Virgin by God's decree (343)*

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 second book of Isaiah [7:10-14]  
*The maiden is with child.*

Responsorial Psalm [23]

**Let the Lord enter!  
He is the King of glory.**

A reading from the letter to the Romans [1:1-7]  
*Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The virgin will conceive and give birth of a son and they will  
name him Emmanuel, a name which means  
"God-is-with-us".**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [1:18-24]  
*Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

*Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (376)*

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:

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

*Communion Hymn: This is my body (681)*

*Closing Hymn: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came (646)*

| Mass details        |         | Intentions                        |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday            | 6.00pm  | For the People of the Parish      |
| Sunday              | 10.30am | Michael Hayes RIP                 |
|                     | 12.15pm | Charles & Smarro Griffiths RIP    |
| Monday              | 9.00am  | Thomas Wynne RIP                  |
| Christmas Eve       | 6.00pm  | For the People of the Parish      |
| Christmas Eve       | 11.30pm | The O'Keefe Family                |
| Christmas Day       | 10.30am | Margaret Lonergan RIP Ann         |
| Thursday            | 10.00am | The Holy Souls                    |
| Friday              | 10.00am | Ovia Family                       |
| <i>Next weekend</i> |         | <i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i> |
| Saturday            | 6.00pm  | Inez Williams RIP                 |
| Sunday              | 10.30am | For the People of the Parish      |
|                     | 12.15pm | Francis Joseph RIP FM             |

**Please note.**

**No Exposition on Monday or 30<sup>th</sup> December.**

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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:

**£462.93** for the running of the Parish

**£180.57** our Christmas Flowers

**£111.50** 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.*

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

There is a long tradition of using the Christmas Offering to support the work of our priest in our parish. It is a tangible way of saying thank you for his ministry to us.

**Fr. Habte 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.** As some of you might be away at Christmas we make available the Christmas Offering envelope for you to make your gift before you leave us. Please hand it in via the collecting bags or post it through the letter box of the presbytery. I would like to thank you in Advance for all the support you give. God bless you all!

*Please not that any monies given by Direct Debit or Standing Order during Christmas week do not go to Fr Habte but directly to support the parish so please use one of the Christmas Offering envelopes to enable your gift to support Fr. Habte.*

### Thank you

**We have the Christmas posters** produced by the Knights of St Columba for parishioners to put in our windows at home to proclaim the birth of Our Lord. Please remember to take your copy; donations will be used to offset their cost and, to support the various charities of the Knights.

### Virgo Fidelis Prep. School

We have been asked to advertise some Open Days at Virgo Fidelis. Please also see the notice board for the other job opportunities advertised.

### 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 |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 22 Dec             | St Simon        | 29 Dec             | Children's Mass |
| 05 Jan             | Children's Mass | 12 Jan             | St Jude         |
| 19 Jan             | St Mary         | 26 Jan             | St Anne         |

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

| HOLY COMMUNION |            |             |          |
|----------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| 6pm            | 10.30am    | 12.15am     |          |
| 22 Dec         | C. Menezes | D. Abebrese | T. Ofogu |
| 29 Dec         | M. O'Keefe | T. Donoghue | R. Green |
| 05 Jan         | E. O'Keefe | S. Hayes    | E. 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)

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 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

|        |                  |        |                     |
|--------|------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 22 Dec | Ebite & Kealy    | 29 Dec | Hutchinson & Jones  |
| 05 Jan | Karim & Merceica | 12 Jan | Sullivan & Sullivan |

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

|  |                             |                        |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 3:2-6, 12-14 | 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

19 Jan Isaiah 49:3:5:6 Psalm 39  
2nd OT Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34  
Paula Wynne : Malusa Kilonda: Alan Quinn

26 Jan Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Psalm 26  
3rd OT Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Matthew 4: 12-23  
Francesca Campbell : Louise Walton: Victoria Leyman

### CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS TIMES

At the back of the church there are sheets giving full details of our services during Christmas time.

If you have not taken one already please remember to do so today as some of the service times are different as noted below. The mass will be at the normal time on 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by *reconciliation/confession; this will be a good time to make your confession before Christmas and I encourage to come. This is a most important sacrament as we renew our relationship with God and one another. 'A pure heart create in me, O God, and give me again joy of your help'.*

### NO MORNING MASS ON TUESDAY

#### Christmas Eve Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Children's Mass 6pm [Church open at 5pm]  
Carols at 11.30pm followed by Mass at Midnight

#### Christmas Day

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Mass at 10.30am

Please note there is only one Mass on Christmas Day

#### St. Stephen: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December

Mass will be at 10am

#### St. John, Apostle and Evangelist:

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December

Mass will be at 10am

#### Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December

Please note: Mass will be at the usual times

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December

Mass will be at 10am

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

Mass will be at 10am

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Mass will be at 10am

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

*Please note: The church will be closed*

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Mass will be at 10am

**THANK YOU**, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week is for our parish refurbishments**, 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.

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