

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 30th March 2014

4th Sunday of Lent [Year A]

Remembering especially "Our 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: Colours of The Day (202)

Entrance Antiphon:

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

A reading from Samuel [16:1.6-7.10-13]

David is anointed king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm [22]

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians [5:8-14]

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour...

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [9:1-41]

He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

Hymn: Christ Be Our Light (439)

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 Parish Refurbishment Programme.** Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.**

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body (538)

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (168)

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Jimmy O'Brien RIP
	12.15pm	Robert O'Shea RIP
Monday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.00am	Holy souls
Wednesday	9.00am	Jim Parle RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Maurice Wynne RIP
Sunday	10.30am	For the People of the Parish
	12.15pm	Shaista Zahir RIP

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Morning Prayer on Monday. During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at noon.

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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 Father Habte to make an appointment.

Collections

Thank you: our collections last week raised:

£375.43 for the running of the Parish

£288.17 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.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST) – Sunday 30th March

The clocks will go forward by one hour, so please remember to change them in good time.

POPE FRANCIS, in his letter,

Evangelii Gaudium or Gospel of Joy,127

"There is a kind of preaching which falls to each of us as a daily responsibility. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our neighbours or complete strangers. This is the informal preaching, which takes place in the middle of a conversation... Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."

REFLECTION

In today's first reading Prophet Samuel is commissioned by God to choose a successor to King Saul. He is sent to Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint one of his eight sons as the future king. Samuel is impressed by the eldest son and presumes that this young man of great height will be God's choice. The prophet learns: "God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart". In today's Gospel we have another example of God's choice, one which confuses the religious leaders of the day: a blind beggar comes to see the light in Jesus, both physically and spiritually. Unlike people Jesus did not presume that the blind man's affliction is a result of sin, but sees him as one who displays the work of God and point to who Jesus really is. Both stories speak to us of God's choices who sees the heart. The two stories also point beyond themselves to the reality of the divine. God has elected us to display his works. In our baptism we have been chosen to point to Jesus by the witness of our Christian lives.

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

30 Mar **Family Mass** 06 Apr **St. Mary**
13 Apr **St Anne** 20 Apr **St. Simon**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

30 Mar P Hutchinson Kalimira, Karim & Karim R. Maria
06 Apr M O' Keeffe Abebrese, Abreu, Donoghue T. Ofogu
13 Apr M Esmonde O'Keeffe, Hayes, Karim R.Green

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

FLOWERS: N.B. 19 April flowers for Easter

All teams to be available where possible.

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

23 Mar Grant & Abebrese families
30 Mar Murphy, & Lehane families
06 Apr Hayes, Knoop & Okaro families
13 Apr Campbell, Adlekan & Adjeniji families
20 Apr Karim family
27 Apr Herbert & Clark families
04 May 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 ☺

COLLECTION COUNTERS

30 Mar As Advised 06 Apr. Sullivan & Sullivan
13 Apr. Karim & Mercica 20 Apr. 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

30 Mar Samuel 16:1-6,7,10-13 Psalm 22
Lent 4 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Van Spall Family: Bieneosa Ebite: Chris Watts

06 Apr Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 129
Lent 5 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

Paula Wynne: Tony Murphy: Ron Leyman

13 Apr Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21
Palm Sun Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Volunteers Needed

20 Apr Acts 10:34,37-43 Psalm 117
Easter Sun Colossians 3:1-4 John 20: 1-9

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27 April Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 117
Easter 2 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Francesca Campbell: Diana Abebrese: Alan Quinn

04 May Acts 2:14,22-23 Psalm 15
Easter 3 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Dias-Hudspeth Family: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE – 2nd April 7.30pm

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and reconciliation. We will have a joint parish penitential service with St. Matthew's parish.

To be held at St. Matthew's (West Norwood).

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SERVICES

At the back of the church there are sign-up sheets for our Holy Week and Easter services.

Please sign-up if you are willing to help. Thank you.

ALTER SERVERS TRAINING – 5th & 12th April

There will be two training sessions for all servers (existing and new), on 5th and 12th April at 10.30am in the church, with particular focus on preparing for Holy Week. More details to follow soon.

If you have made your first Holy Communion and would like to be an alter server, please see Father Habte or Isabel Abebrese after Mass.

ALTER SERVERS – Note for Parents

Please ensure your children will be in the church at least 30 minutes before mass.

CAFOD Fast Day Donation: £335.35

A Big Thank You to all for your kind generosity. The needy certainly keep us in their prayer.

WANTED – For our Parishioner

If anyone has or knows of a two bedroom house or flat to rent. Please contact Paul on 07886 006905. Thank you.

Mothing Sunday Coffee morning after the 10:30

Mass: let us pray for all spiritual and biological Mothers. It was originally a time when people returned to the church where they were baptized or where they attended services when they were children. That allowed families reunion as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. Now people visit and take gifts to their mothers. Traditionally, people observed a fast during Lent: from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. During the Lenten Fast, people did not eat sweet, rich foods or meat, but the fast was lifted slightly on Mothering Sunday and many people prepared a Simnel cake to eat with their family on this day. Our spiritual and biological Mothers deserve our gratitude; may God bless and protect them always. We thank those who donate cakes for the refreshment. All welcome to the parish hall.

REQIIM MASS AND FUNERAL FOR KITTY MAHER

For anyone hoping to be there the Funeral is to be held on Tuesday 8th April at 10.30am.

VACANCIES

St. Vincent de Paul Soc. & St Philomena School

Please see the notice board at the back of the church for full details.

CELEBRATION OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

For those celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ anniversary this year. If you have not done so already please add your details to the form in the porch. So that you can be invited to attend a special Mass at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 21st June.

THANK YOU, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection, loose cash 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.