

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 27th April 2014

2nd Sunday of Easter [Year A]

Remembering especially "Our Families"

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Please follow the prayers of the Mass in the laminated guide or hymn book.

Entrance Hymn: At the name of Jesus (147 Vs. 1-3 only)

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:42-47]

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

Responsorial Psalm [117]

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter [1:3-9]

In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [20:19-31]

Eight days later, Jesus came.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

Hymn: In bread we bring you, Lord (362)

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 St. George's Cathedral** Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Communion Hymn: Peace is flowing like a river (572)

Closing Hymn: This joyful Eastertide (686)

| Mass details | Intentions |
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| Saturday 6.00pm | Carmen & George Glew RIP |
| Sunday 10.30am | For the People of the Parish |
| 12.15pm | Valerie Quinn RIP <i>FM</i> |
| Monday 9.00am | Bridie Power RIP |
| Tuesday 9.00am | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday 9.00am | Kitty Maher RIP |
| Thursday No Mass | Church is closed today |
| Friday 9.00am | Doreen & Mike Wilkinson RIP |
| Next weekend | Next Saturday & Sunday |
| Saturday 6.00pm | Jack Lonergan RIP |
| Sunday 10.30am | Dec'd of The Hays Family |
| 12.15pm | For the People of the Parish |

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

REFLECTION

During Jesus' public ministry the disciples could not see for themselves the whole truth about Jesus: they came to that truth only after the resurrection when they received from Jesus the Spirit of truth. When the disciples received the Spirit of truth, they became the first witnesses who could testify from their experience to the truth about Jesus. What happens when there are no more eye witnesses who knew Jesus at first-hand? How can the church speak about Jesus in a compelling way when no one can see him? This is precisely the problem that the evangelist John faces in today's Gospel. The apostle Thomas is absent when Jesus appears to the others and he cannot believe that Jesus is risen because he cannot see him. This is a story for everyone who was not present with the disciples on Easter evening – and that obviously includes ourselves. Today's Gospel builds a bridge between those who saw Jesus and those who do not: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". That is a blessing directed at us: we who believe in Jesus, without seeing him. We know from experience that it is not easy to believe in someone we cannot see for ourselves. But we also know that many people who did see Jesus did not believe in him. Seeing does not necessarily lead to believing. The apostles have a unique place in the Church because they saw Jesus and believed in him, and they were commissioned to share their faith with others. Without the apostles' seeing and believing there would be no Christian faith. That is why, as we pray in the creed, one of the marks of the Church is that it is "apostolic". We have no experience of the physical presence of Jesus, but our understanding of him is linked through time – through all the previous generations of Christians – back to the apostles themselves. The Spirit is the life of the Church, the power which keeps the memory of Jesus alive and enables each of us to have a living relationship with God. So the sentiments expressed in the First Letter of Peter are addressed to us: "You did not see him, yet you loved him". The fact that we are gathered here today is a sign of our belief and a declaration of our love. Future generations depend on us to hand on what we have received so that they too can have life through the name of Jesus. If we all do that, people will continue

to be blessed by him and have life through him forever.

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

27 Apr **St. Jude** 04 May **Family Mass**

11 May **St. Mary** 18 May **St. Anne**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

04 May M O' Keeffe Kalimira, Karim, Abreu E. Maria

11 May P Hutchinson Abebrese, Donoghue, Hayes R Maria

18 May C Menezes Kalimira, Karim, O'Keeffe T Ofogu

25 May S Smith Karim, Abreu, Abebrese R Green

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

FLOWERS: N.B.

03 May J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone

10 May E. Karim, J. McDonagh & C. Baker

17 May T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & A. Mensah

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

27 Apr Herbert & Clarke families

04 May Feasey & Van Spall families

11 May Grant & Abebrese families

18 May Murphy, & Lehane families

25 May Hayes, Knoop & Okaro families

01 Jun Soto, Carrea & Rodriguez 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

27 Apr. Hutchinson & Jones

04 May. Sullivan & Sullivan 11 May. Karim & Mercica

18 May. Ebite & Kealy 25 May. 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

04 May Acts 2:14,22-33 Psalm 15

Easter 3 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Dias-Hudspeth Family: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman

11 May Acts 2:14,36-41 Psalm 22

Easter 4 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

Teresa Dempsey: Malusa Kilonda: Chris Watts

18 May Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 32

Easter 5 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

Paul Hutchinson: Rosemarie Anderson: Ron Leyman

25 May Acts 8:5-8,14-17 Psalm 65

Easter 6 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

Dominic Van Spall: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn

01 Jun Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 46

Ascension Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Paula Wynne: Diana Abebrese: Victoria Leyman

08 Jun Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103

Pentecost Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

Francesca Campbell: Bieneosa Ebit: Alan Quinn

The Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated today. The faithful have a Duty of honouring Divine Mercy. The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. "The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter Dives in misericordia, n. 7).

EASTER OFFERING

A Big Thank you: It was a joy to see many people coming for the Easter ceremonies. I would like to say thank you to all individuals and groups who helped in many ways. I would like to thank especially for your generous Easter Offerings. May God bless you abundantly

Fr. Habte will be doing Easter visitations and house blessings. Those who wish to be visited, please arrange a suitable time. If you know of any elderly members of St. Simon and St. Jude's parish who are housebound and who wish to receive the sacraments, please inform Fr. Habte.

First Holy Communion candidates will meet next week Saturday 3rd May 2014 at 10.30am.

Diocesan Second collection this weekend is for the maintenance of St. George's cathedral.

Next Weekend We will have a Mission Appeal by the Silesians of Don Bosco, by Fr, Joe Brown.

Please be generous

29th April: - the fest of St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

The Month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God

1st May the Feast of St. Joseph the worker.

Pampered Chef:- Sunday the 18th May at 11:45, we will have pampered chef as a small parish fund raising event in our parish hall. Pampered Chef sells high quality kitchen utensils and cookware

GIFT AIDED OFFERINGS

For anyone who pays any offerings using Gift Aid is reminded of the following:

That all donors should have paid UK income tax and/or Capital Gains tax of at least an amount equal to the funds being reclaimed on their Gift Aid donations during the last Tax Year. If anyone has not paid sufficient tax, please inform the parish office in writing so that the Gift Aid team can take the appropriate action. Everyone has a duty to check to see that sufficient tax has been paid, otherwise, they will be held responsible.

NOTE FOR PARENTS OF ALTAR SERVERS

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

Alter Servers' Rally On Monday, at: Aylesford Priory.

JOB VACANCIES. There are details on the noticeboard of a couple of vacancies with SPUC.

THANK YOU, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection, loose cash next week is for the Bon Bosco Missions** 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.