

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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: Be Still For the Presence of The Lord (165)*

Entrance Antiphon:

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [6:1-7]  
*They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.*

Responsorial Psalm [32]

**May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter [2:4-9]  
*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me."  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [14:1-12]  
*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

*Hymn: All That I Am (122)*

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

Communion antiphon:

**I am the true vine and you are the branches,  
says the Lord. Whoever remains in me,  
and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

*Communion Hymn: This Is My Body (681)*

*Closing Hymn: Shine, Jesus Shine (453)*

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	FHC 6.00pm	John & Mary McElligott RIP For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Dec'd of the Kelleher family Kitty Maher RIP
Monday	9.00am	Melchor Gadingan RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Barbara Nazareth RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Sr. Christine Gomes RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Kitty O'Shea RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	For the People of the Parish Salvatorie RIP

**On Monday please join us for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Morning Prayer and Mass, with Rosary and our St Jude Novena at noon.**

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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:

**£389.93** For the running of the Parish

**£124.80** For Ecclesiastical Education

**£70.50** 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.*

## REFLECTION

Jesus is the Way by which we travel to the fullness of God. He does not say, "I have a way" but "I am the Way." This is not an easy saying. Only when we are united with him can we reach the Father, because he and the Father are one. We are not speaking about the unknown God of the Greeks or the invisible God of the Jews: we are speaking about the God who has made himself known in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the face of God, the heart of God, the Word of God. God is inseparable from Jesus as the Father is inseparable from the Son. "No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too." Jesus is the Truth. He not only speaks the truth, but the fullness of truth is found in him alone. This is the answer to Pilate's question, "what is the truth?" The truth is not some abstract system of thought but is embodied in the particular person of Jesus. The truth is not a theory, it is a person. Jesus is the truth about God as he is the truth about humanity. The one who walked the roads of Palestine and with sinners, is God's gift of his true self to us. As God looked to Jesus to reveal his true self, we look to Jesus to reveal God. He is the only true icon of God. Jesus is the life. As John announced at the beginning of his Gospel: "Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him (1:3-4). We are because of Jesus. Our very life is his gift. This is why we regard life as sacred from its beginning to its end. We see it not as an accident of fate but as a unique gift of God.

The Gospel message is that no one is regarded as a mistake but clothes us with unique dignity. Jesus is the Life and we all have our life in Him. Jesus trusts his followers down the ages to face the confusion and complexity of the world with the guidance of the Holy

## 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

18 May **St. Anne** 25 May **St. Simon**  
01 Jun **Family Mass** 08 Jun **St. Jude**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm	10.30am	12.15pm
25 May S Smith	Karim, Abreu, Abebrese	R Green
01 Jun M O' Keeffe	Kalimira, Donoghue, Hayes	E. Maria
08 Jun M Esmonde	Karim, O'Keeffe, Abreu	R Maria
15 Jun E O'Keeffe	Abebrese, Donoghue, Hayes	T Ofogu

COORDINATORS – READERS: D Abebrese MUSIC: L. Clarke

### FLOWERS: N.B.

24 May J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone  
31 May E. Karim, J. McDonagh & C. Baker  
07 Jun T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & A. Mensah

### REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

18 May Murphy, & Lehane families  
25 May Parents of the First Holy Communion Children  
01 Jun Hayes, Knoop & Okaro families  
08 Jun Soto, Carrea & Rodriguez families  
15 Jun Campbell, Adelekan, Adeniji families  
22 Jun Karim Family

**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

18 May. Ebite & Kealy 25 May. Hutchinson & Jones  
01 Jun. Sullivan & Sullivan 08 Jun. Karim & Merceica

### 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

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 Ebite: Chris Watts**

15 Jun Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 Psalm Daniel 3  
Holy Trinity Corinthians 13: 11-13 John 3:16-18  
**Dias-Hudspeth Family: Malusa Kilonda: Ron Leyman**

22 Jun Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 Psalm 147  
Corpus Christi Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58  
**Teresa Dempsey: Rosemarie Anderson: Alan Quinn**

29 Jun Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 33  
Sts. Peter & Paul Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 Matthew 16:13-19  
**Paul Hutchinson: Rosemarie Anderson: Victoria Leyman**

Spirit. That is why He does not leave answers to everything. There is still a lot of working out to be done. Looking to Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life, does not actually solve every question effortlessly. But Jesus knew that! Clearly He wants us to put our faith to work.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

**Congratulations to all our children who received their First Holy communion yesterday Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014. On behalf of the Parish and myself I would like to say thank you to our Catechist Teresa Dempsey, Helpers, and Parents who have all guided these children through to making their First Holy Communion.**

**We as a parish are indebted to them, especially our catechist Teresa Dempsey, for her continuous hard work and good spirit. Without her this day would not have been possible.**

**Thank you once again.**

**Fr. Habte**

**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.

### Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord':

Diocesan Evangelization Conferences: As the Archbishop indicated in his recent Pastoral Letter, there will be three one-day conferences - one in each Area - for clergy, religious and laity. Parish Priests have received a letter from the Archbishop asking them to attend the day along with other clergy and several parishioners. To assist with catering etc, please return the Registration Form enclosed with the letter to the CCF (not Archbishop's House). The aim is that having reflected on the Papal Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* and having discussed ways of evangelizing, the parishioners who attend will return to their parishes to form the nucleus of a parish evangelization team. Each day begins at 11:30am registration and coffee, for a 12:00 noon start, and ends with Mass at 4:00pm. There is no charge, and Lunch will be provided. South-East London Area: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, at St. Mathew's academy, Blackheath

**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

**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 this, otherwise, they will be held responsible.**

**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.