

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** [Year A]

Remembering especially "Our Parish"

## 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:*

Entrance Antiphon:

**We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.**

A reading from the book of Numbers [21:4-9]

*If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.*

Responsorial Psalm [77]

**Never forget the deeds of the Lord.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians [2:6-11]

*He humbled himself, therefore God raised him high*

Gospel Acclamation:

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

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world.**

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [3:13-17]

*The Son of Man must be lifted up.*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

*Hymn:*

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 loose cash, is for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice in aid of the Bishop's Conference Home Missions Team.** Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.**

*Communion Hymn:*

*Closing Hymn:*

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Richard Milhouse Nixon RIP <i>FM</i>
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Thanksgiving O'Keeffe For the People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Dec'd of Jones & Durden Families
Tuesday	9.00am	Sr. Catherine Gomes RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Paul Francis Gomes RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	For the People of the Parish June Sellars 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:

**£678.98** For the running of the Parish

**£416.90** 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** by Fr. Cantalamessa: The glory of the cross provides a reason for celebrating today's Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross. The origin of this feast recalls two events, distant from each other in time. The first is Constantine founding in 325 of two basilicas, one at the site of Golgotha and one over Christ's sepulchre. The other event, in 628, is the Christians victory over the Persians, which led to the recovery of relics of the cross and their triumphal return to Jerusalem. With the passing of time, however, the feast came to take on a new meaning. It became a joyous celebration of the mystery of the cross, which Christ transformed from an instrument of shame and judgment to an instrument of salvation. The readings reflect the latter significance of the feast. The second reading contains the celebrated hymn from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians in which the cross is seen as the cause of Christ's exaltation: He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Gospel too speaks of the cross as a moment in which the Son of Man is lifted up so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. The cross itself creates through reconciliation, peace, glory, security, eternal life. This is the cross that Paul defines as the glory or boast of believers. Today's Solemnity is called the Exaltation of the Cross, because it celebrates precisely this exalted aspect of the Cross. If when we were suffering it was helpful to think of Jesus on the cross in pain so that we could feel closer to him, it is now necessary to think of the cross in a different way. Suppose we have recently lost a loved one, perhaps after months of terrible suffering. It is good not to continue to think of our loved ones as they were then, torturing

## 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

14 Sep **St. Anne** 21 Sep **St. Simon**  
28 Sep **St. Jude** 05 Oct **Family Mass**

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

### HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

14 Sep P Hutchinson Kalimira, Karim, O'Keeffe R Maria  
21 Sep C Menezes Karim, Donoghue, Abebese R Green  
28 Sep E O'Keeffe Kalimira, Hayes, Karim E Maria  
05 Oct M O'Keeffe Donoghue, Abebese, Hayes R Maria  
12 Oct M Esmonde Kalimira, Karim, O'Keeffe R Green

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

### FLOWERS: N.B.

13 Sep T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal  
20 Sep J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone  
27 Sep E. Karim, J. McDonagh & C. Baker

### REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

14 Sep Campbell, Adelekan & Adjenji families  
21 Sep Karim family  
28 Sep Herbert & Clarke families  
05 Oct Feasey & Van Spall families  
12 Oct Grant & Abebese 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

14 Sep. Hutchinson & Jones 21 Sep. Sullivan & Sullivan  
28 Sep. Karim & Merceica 05 Oct. 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, D Karim

**WEBSITE MATERIAL** PP / M. Knoop / T. Duffy / C. Murphy

**VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY** J. Sharland

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Alan Quinn

### READERS

21 Sep Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 144  
Sun 25 Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16

**Paul Hutchinson: Bieneosa Ebite: Ron Leyman**

28 Sep Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 24  
Sun 26 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32  
**Dominic Van Spall: Tony Murphy: Chris Watts**

05 Oct Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 79  
Sun 27 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43  
**Paula Wynne: Diana Abebese: Alan Quinn**

12 Oct Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 22  
Sun 28 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14  
**Francesca Campbell: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman**

19 Oct Isaiah 45:1.4-6 Psalm 95  
Sun 29 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21  
**Dias-Hudspeth Family: Tony Murphy: Amanda Tyler**

26 Oct Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 17  
Sun 30 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40  
**Theresa Dempsey: Diana Abebese: Victoria Leyman**

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ourselves perhaps in our heart and mind, feeding a useless sense of guilt. All of that is over, it does not exist, it is unreal. If we continued in this way, we would only prolong the suffering and keep it alive artificially. Some do not want to move on for years. In their house everything must be kept as it was when their loved ones died. If there are other children in the family, they must adapt themselves to this muffled climate of death, and suffer grave psychological damage. Every display of joy in the house seems to be disrespectful. These are the people who are most in need of discovering the meaning of today's Solemnity: the exaltation of the cross. It is no longer you who carry the cross the cross that carries you; the cross does not crush but exalts you. We must now think of the loved one as he or she is now that everything is finished. Some artists have contemplated as Jesus is now: risen, glorious, happy, and serene, seated on the throne itself of God, with the Father who has wiped away every tear from His eyes and has given Him all power in heaven and on earth. He is no longer in agony and spasms of death. I do not say that we can always command our heart and stop it from hurting over what has happened, but it is necessary to let faith finally prevail. If you do not do this, what use is faith?

**Ministries in the Church:** Those who wish to be involved in different ministries in the Church please let Fr. Habte know. Training will be provided.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

**Fr. Roy Elikowski** is still very ill but feeling a little better. He sends his thanks for all the prayers and best wished offered by the parishioners here. He would also love to hear from anyone who would like to contact him, his number is 07926 397 077. Thank you.

**On Saturday' 27<sup>th</sup> September.** There will be a Parish Music Workshop. Keep this day free, all are welcome.

**Fr. Michael Gibbons RIP.** We have now been advised that the funeral for Fr. Gibbons will be held on Monday 22 September at St. George's Cathedral at 12 noon. Therefore there will be no mass or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament here on that day.

**Please see the notice board in the porch** for details of various job vacancies and for school open days

**Children's' Liturgy and Mass timetable:** Please see the timetable for Children's Mass and Liturgy. Parents are encouraged to help out our Catechists.

**PARISH INTERNATIONAL LUNCH DAY:** - 19th October. Our Parish International Food Festival, where we come together as a community while celebrating our diversity. Please put this day in your diary as it is a very important day in the life of our parish.

Donations are needed, you will find sign-up sheets in the porch for food and drinks. Please write your name if you wish to cook your national food or your speciality. Please say how many people you can cater for.

**THANK YOU**, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week, loose cash, is to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Home Mission Team**, 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.