

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 21st September 2014

25th Sunday Ordinary Time [Year A]

Remembering especially "The Home Missions"

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:

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them,
and I will be their Lord for ever.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [55:6-9]

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm [144]

The Lord is close to all who call him.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians [1:20-24, 27]

Life to me is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!**

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [20:1-16]

Why be envious because I am generous.

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 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 loose cash, is for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation.** Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

Communion Hymn:

Closing Hymn:

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	For the People of the Parish June Sellers RIP
Monday	9.00am	J Nazareth RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
Wednesday	9.00am	Mary McKiernan RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Sunny Ovia RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Jim Whitehead RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	For the People of the Parish Michael O'Connell RIP

**PLEASE NOTE
MASS ONLY NO EXPOSITION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OR BENEDICTION
ON MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

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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:

£351.80 For the running of the Parish

£116.00 For the Refurbishment Programme

£131.83 For Catholic Assn. for Racial Justice

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. Parents often give advice to their children because they have a rich experience and they can foresee things that children cannot yet see or comprehend, so it is with God who sees and knows all. In the First Reading from Isaiah, we are told to trust in God, whose ways are different than ours because he sees and knows more than we do. We need to seek God out – "Seek the Lord while he may be found" and call upon him to use God's wider lens. The Gospel teaches us what God is like in the parable of the landowner who certainly does not behave in any way like a good employer. God (the landowner) thinks differently than the typical employer. In Jesus' time people trusted employers to know when a job was needed, and instead of employees searching for jobs, the landowners would be doing the searching if there was a job. This particular landowner in the parable is a very generous landowner. But his generosity extends out in ways that are very foreign to contemporary thoughts of fairness, justice and equality. The landowner goes out at noon, at three and at five to offer unemployed persons jobs in his vineyard. Why did the landowner choose to be so generous to the last groups, and only pay the negotiated price to the first who had worked longer and harder, we don't know. But God's ways are not our ways, just as the landowner's ways were not the employees' ways. We are told that there were two types of employers in Jesus' time – employers and patrons. Employers tended to bargain for wages and/or pay the wages agreed upon. Patrons, on the other hand, were gift givers. They treated people like family, though if you had a patron, things were expected of you as well – loyalty, speaking well of the patron and special favours. The landowner in this parable treated the first group like an employer would and the other groups like a patron would. The kingdom of heaven is like that: all are treated fairly and get the same wage; to live with God with joy in his kingdom for eternity. We need to accept God's plan and be pleased with what we are given, knowing that it is just and fair. We should not envy others for what they have, especially when we have what we need. In the second reading Paul talks about God as a patron, not an employer. As much as Paul seems to want to die to be with Christ, he knows that the

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 PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HELP OUT OUR CATECHISTS

21 Sep **St. Simon** 28 Sep **St. Jude**
05 Oct **Family Mass** 12 Oct **St. Mary**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

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

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

FLOWERS: N.B.

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

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

21 Sep Karim family
28 Sep Herbert & Clarke families
05 Oct Feasey & Van Spall families
12 Oct Grant & Abebese families
19 Oct Murphy & Lehane 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 21 Sep. Sullivan & Sullivan
28 Sep. Karim & Merceica 05 Oct. Ebite & Kealy
12 Oct. Hutchinson & Jones 19 Oct. 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, D Karim

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

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY J. Sharland

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

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

02 Nov Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 Psalm 23
All Saints St. John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12
Paul Hutchinson: Bieneosa Ebite: Chris Watts

decision is up to God, who has the larger view. If nothing else, we need to remember that God, like a loving parent, has our good in mind and knows things that we don't know and has the perspective that we don't have. Let us trust in God and in his love as he will do what is best for us. That is the Good News of God's love and patronage we learn about today!

Today is Home Mission Sunday: Supporting outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics. This year's theme is: Evangelisation 'in the heart of the family'. Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who currently is distant from the family of the faith - the parish community. Today the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation. Please pray for and help the Bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics by supporting the second collection. For more information, free resources and to donate online: [#hms14](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14) Thank you for your support and do pick up a free prayer and information card about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church today.

Events. Baptism Preparation: The next preparation class is Tuesday 23rd September at 11.10am

Finance Committee Meeting:- On Tuesday 23rd September at 7:30pm. To be held in the Finance Room.

Fr. Michael Gibbons. Requiem Mass and Funeral will be held at St. George's Cathedral on Monday 22nd September at 12:noon.

Social Events and Fundraising Committee. Meeting. Monday 22nd September at 7:30 pm. To be held in the parish Hall

There will be a Parish Music Workshop on Saturday 27th September. Keep this day free, all are welcome.

Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers & Readers on November 15, from 10.30 am finishing with Mass at 3 pm. Refreshments will be provided but please bring lunch. At Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, SW16. This day is an excellent opportunity to renew your dedication and commitment to this ministry. Please let Fr Habte know if you will be there so that we can provide details of those attending. Thank you

Marriage MOT. Two evenings to explore the Nine Tasks of Marriage and how the Christian faith can help to negotiate them. See fliers in the porch for more information. Thank you

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.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL LUNCH DAY:- 19th October will be 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, we would appreciate if you can mentioned for how many people you can cater.

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.