

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 16th November 2014

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]

Remembering especially "Prisoners and their dependants"

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: 462

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

A reading from the book of proverbs [31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31]
A perfect wife – who can find her?

Responsorial Psalm [127]

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians [5:1-6]
Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [25:14-30]
You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts: Hymn: 601

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:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Communion: 872

Closing: 985

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	St. Padre Pio
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	For the People of the Parish Renne Alphonse RIP
Monday	9.00am	Welfare of St George Precca
Tuesday	9.00am	Jack Clancey RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Frank Allen RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Ben Lobo RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Dec'd of the Mikallef family
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Theresa Mc Elligott RIP Nickie Giglio RIP <i>Anniv</i>

On Monday join us, after Morning Prayer and Mass, 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.

Collections

Thank you: our collections last week raised:

£434.47 For, the running of the Parish

£92.50 For the Refurbishment Programme

£160.95 For the Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Admin.

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 – From today's Gospel parable two important messages stand out: the need to take risks and our attitude towards God. In the parable a man entrusts his property to his servants while he is abroad. He trusts them to use their own initiative and imagination in a commercial venture. The third servant is portrayed as the one who refuses to involve himself in the spirit of the enterprise as he believes that the safest way to handle his talent is to bury it and return it intact to his master. Through this parable Jesus is making a point against the scribes and the Pharisees. Their chief aim was to keep the Law which they had been given exactly as it was – not to change it, not to develop it, not to alter it in any way. In their own phrase their mission was "to build a fence around the Law". Like the man with one talent, the Pharisees are seen to have an investment in keeping things exactly as they were. It is for that stale attitude that Jesus condemns them. In this parable Jesus tells us that there can be no religion without risk, no religion without adventure, no religion without enterprise. Willingness to dare is an essential part of our faith and the kind of attitude that we show towards God, who bestows gifts on us and invites us to reflect how we use our talents. What matters is not what people's talents are, but how they are used in the service of the kingdom. God is presented as a risk taker, one who is forever taking risks in entrusting us with his gifts. He dares us to share a common enterprise. He trusts us to do it in our own way knowing that, if it succeeds, both his will and ours will be done. The first two servants have a completely different attitude to their master than the third. They know their master is expecting them to take a risk to achieve possible advantage. They know that he expects them to lead their lives in trust. The third servant shares none of this, regarding his master as a fierce, exacting man. He is afraid of his master, so he plays out his own fearful attitude by becoming an undertaker to the talent he has received. Instead of rejoicing in his talent, he organises a quiet funeral service. To lose nothing, he risks nothing. The defence of the third servant focuses on the reputed meanness and harshness of

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 OUR CATECHISTS

16 Nov **St. Jude** 23 Nov **St. Mary**
30 Nov **St. Anne** 07 Dec **Family Mass**

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

HOLY COMMUNION	6pm	10.30am	12.15pm
16 Nov	S Smith	Abebrese, Donoghue, Hayes	E Maria
23 Nov	M Esmonde	Kalimira, Karim, O'Keeffe	R Maria
30 Nov	P Hutchinson	Abebrese, Donoghue, Karim	R Green
07 Dec	M O'Keeffe	Karim, Hayes, Kalimira	E Maria
14 Dec	C Menezes	Abebrese, Donoghue, O'Keeffe	R Maria

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

FLOWERS: N.B. No flowers in Advent except for Rose Sunday.

15 Nov T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal

22 Nov J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone

13 Dec E. Karim, J. McDonagh & C. Baker

All flower teams for the Christmas flowers. Date to be confirmed

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

16 Nov Campbell, Adelekan, Adeniji families

23 Nov Karim family

30 Nov Herbert & Clarke families

07 Dec Feasey & Van Spall families

14 Dec Grant & Abebrese families

21 Dec 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 16 Nov. Sullivan & Sullivan
23 Nov. Karim & Merceica 30 Nov. Ebite & Kealy
07 Dec. Hutchinson & Jones 14 Dec. 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

23 Nov Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm 22
Christ Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46
The King ..**Francesca Campbell: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn**

30 Nov Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1,3-8 Psalm 79
Advent 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37
Dias-Hudspeth Family: Diana Abebrese: Amanda Tyler

07 Dec Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Psalm 84
Advent 2 St. Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8
Theresa Dempsey: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman

14 Dec Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 Psalm Luke 1
Advent 3 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28
Paul Hutchinson: Kelly Breslin: Chris Watts

21 Dec Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14-16 Psalm 88
Advent 4 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
Dominic Van Spall: Neala Donnelly: Ron Leyman

28 Dec Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3 Psalm 104
Holy Family Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40
Paula Wynne: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn

the master, not on his own proven lack of enterprise and his own lack of creativity leaning towards the cemetery. He ends up burying part of himself, and we should only bury what is dead. We can ask ourselves how we imagine our God and how we see him influence our attitude and behaviour. Our faith begins with God. God risked his own Son, the talent of his life. He takes a risk with us everyday. It seems only fair that we should return the favour and take a risk with God.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – 2015. Enrolment for the young people of the parish (School Year 8/9 as from January 2014 will take place on Saturday 17th January in the parish hall for all candidates and parents. Application forms with full details are now available in the porch or from the parish office. Please return the completed form to the parish office by Friday 12th December. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2015. Parents will find the Registration Forms at the back of the church to enrol the names of your children for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please fill the application as soon as you can. The forms should be given to the parish office or Fr. Habte. You will then, after approval by Fr. Habte, be contacted by the parish office inviting you and your child to join the First Holy Communion Programme which commences in early January 2015. Thank you.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS/REFERENCE - If you wish to apply to a catholic school, parents usually need a reference from their parish priest. Please call Fr. Habte to make an appointment. Thank you.

IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheet at the back of the church and put them in the box on the sanctuary. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE EVERY MONDAY AT 7.30 PM.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2014 : Featuring an afternoon recital of Hymns and Organ music Hymns sung by our own Soprano Lara Martins (currently singing in the West End) Accompanied by John Wilkins (Organist), will be held on Sunday November 30th at 3:30pm in our Church, followed by refreshment in our parish hall. All proceedings go to our parish and Hillside park 1 O'clock club. Thank you.

PARISH DANCE ON FRIDAY EVENING 5TH DECEMBER. All are invited - with full details to follow. Thank you.

PLANNING TO GET MARRIED? If you are thinking of getting married in 2015, please remember that you need to give six months' notice. Also, please do not book any hotels/reception places until you have confirmed the date with the priest. If you want to speak to Fr Habte about your marriage please get in touch with him or the parish office to arrange a time. Thank you.

LONDON PROBATION TRUST. Once again, we will be collecting non-perishable food for distribution to those in need at Christmas. Probation Officers work directly with offenders, enabling them to turn their lives around and rehabilitate them back to the community. Please box up non-perishable items of food so that our church can show the gospel values of care to turn wayward lives around. Please bring your donations to any of our Masses until 14th December. Thank you.

VACANCIES – Please see the noticeboard in the porch for all other news and vacancies.

THANK YOU, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week, loose cash, is for the Catholic Youth Services**, 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.

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