

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent** [Year B]

**Gaudete Sunday**

Remembering especially "our families"

**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: 113

**Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [6:1-2, 10-11]  
*I exult for joy in the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm [Luke 1]  
**My soul rejoices in my God.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians [5:16-24]  
*May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation:

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

**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [1:6-8, 19-28]  
*There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me.*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts: Hymn: 609

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. **Our second collection this week, loose cash, is for our Christmas Flowers.**

Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

Communion: 106

Closing: 93

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret Ebite RIP ( <i>Anniv</i> )
	12.15pm	All Who Have Worshipped Here <i>FM</i>
Monday	9.00am	George Belletty RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Frank Allen RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Sr. Christine Gomes RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Sr. Catherine Gomes RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Charles & Danuta Okaro
		<i>Thanksgiving 16<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i>
Sunday	10.30am	Peter Veerapen RIP
	12.15pm	Mary Kelleher RIP

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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:

**£342.49** For, the running of the Parish

**£278.38** 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 –** The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday which is taken from the first word of the Introit at Mass, Gaudete, i.e. Rejoice. The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12th November), when it was often called "St. Martin's Lent" - a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. On Gaudete Sunday the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season of Advent, were permitted to be used; rose-coloured vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black, as formerly); all these distinguishing marks have continued in use. Gaudete Sunday, therefore, makes a breaker, about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. The spirit of the Office and Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus suspended, as it were, on Gaudete Sunday in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the Promised Redemption which should never be absent from the heart of the faithful.

**DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** - We will have a deanery reconciliation service at **English martyrs on Sunday 21st December 2014 at 6pm.** The service will be led by Bishop Pat Lynch. We encourage you to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the great feast of Christmas. This is a most important sacrament as we renew our relationship with God and one another. *'A pure heart create in me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help'.*

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLET** – cost £1:00 each, available at the back of the Church.

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

## 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

14 Dec **St. Simon** 21 Dec **St. Jude**  
28 Dec **Family Mass** 04 Jan **Family Mass**

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

<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>
14 Dec	C Menezes	Abebrese, Donoghue, O'Keeffe	R Maria
21 Dec	S Smith	Kalimira, Karim, Hayes	R Green
28 Dec	M Esmonde	Abebrese, Donoghue, Karim	E Maria
04 Jan	M O'Keeffe	Kalimira, Karim, Hayes	R Maria
11 Jan	P Hutchinson	Karim, O'Keeffe, Abebrese	R Green

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

**FLOWERS: N.B. No flowers in Advent**

**All flower teams for the Christmas flowers. 24.12.14 – 9.30a.m.**

28 Dec T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal

04 Jan J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone

11 Jan E. Karim, J. McDonagh & C. Baker

**REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

14 Dec Grant & Abebrese families

21 Dec Murphy & Lehane families

28 Dec Hayes, Knoop and Okaro families

04 Jan Soto, Carrea & Rodriguez families

11 Jan Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji families

18 Jan 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**

14 Dec. Sullivan & Sullivan 21 Dec. Karim & Merceica

28 Dec. Ebite & Kealy 04 Jan. 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, D Karim

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

**VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY** J. Sharland

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Alan Quinn

**READERS**

**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**

**04 Jan** Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71  
Epiphany Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

**Francesca Campbell: Diana Abebrese: Amanda Tyler**

**11 Jan** Isaiah 55:1-11 Psalm (Isaiah) 12  
Baptism of St. John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11

Our Lord **Dias-Hudspeth Family: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman**

**18 Jan** Samuel 3:3-10,19 Psalm 39  
Sun 2 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 John 1:35-42

**Theresa Dempsey: Kelly Breslin: Chris Watts**

**25 Jan** Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 24  
Sun 3 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

**Paul Hutchinson: Neala Donnelly: Ron Leyman**

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST:-

Traditionally, the offering at Christmas is your gift to the Parish Priest. This offering forms a good part of the money that goes to make up his stipend over the year. The **Christmas envelopes are available in the porch**, the finance committee asks you to be as generous as possible to our parish priest Fr. Habte at Christmas. It is our way of supporting his expenses and saying thank you for his ministry among us. If you are going to be away at Christmas please use the green envelope and put it in the letter box whenever you can.

## KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CHRISTMAS POSTERS:-

Please collect a Christmas poster from the box in the porch. Donations will be greatly appreciated with donations to Mary's meals.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** For those who cannot go to the Deanery Penitential Service we will be holding reconciliation here on Wednesday 24th December at 11:00am.

**REMINDER** - Christmas is fast approaching so we will be asking for volunteers to read, be Eucharist ministers, usher and for Alter servers. Also, for anyone who is willing to help with cleaning the Church for Christmas.

All flower arrangers are asked to come at 9:30am on Wednesday 24th December, to help with our flowers.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS FOR ST. SIMON AND ST JUDE'S SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER.** Singing is a great way to participate in parish life and joining us for the Carol service requires only a light commitment of 2 practicing sessions during Advent and a love of singing! If you want to join us, please email Lynette Clarke on libralyne@aol.com or sign up on the paper prepared in the porch. **Our rehearsals will be on Monday's 15 and 22 December at 7.30pm.**

**PLEASE TAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD** so that you and your family have the Mass times at hand over the Christmas season. In this way we render great help to our priest by not phoning to check for Mass times.

**OUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS WILL BE AT 6:30PM**, which will be preceded by a Carol service at 5:45. Children will be acting out the Gospel reading during Mass. **If you would like your child to take part, please stay behind to enrol him or her after the Children's' Liturgy today.** Thank you.

**VACANCIES etc.** – Please see the noticeboard in the porch for all vacancies and other items.

**This is the last weekend to bring in your donation for the London Probation Trust.** If however you would prefer to take your donation directly to the National Probation Service, they are based at 117 Stockwell Road, telephone 020 7326 7793.

**The Catholic Directory for 2015 is now available in the parish office for £3.50p each.** It contains all liturgical information you will need to know for the coming year.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2015** –All completed forms should have been returned by 12 December.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015** – Any forms should be returned to Fr. Habte or the parish office as soon as possible.

**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. 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.