

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** [Year B]

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.

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

A reading from the book of Chronicles [36:14-16, 19-23]  
*The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile  
and in the release of his people.*

Responsorial Psalm [136]

**O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians [2:4-10]  
*You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.*

Lenten Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,  
Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;  
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.**

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour...**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [3:14-21]  
*God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

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 Easter Flowers.**

**Next week our Parish Refurbishment Programme**

Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Fred Patton RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Jackie Adams Fr Roy Elikowski RIP
Monday	9.00am	Susan Stroker RIP <i>FM</i>
Tuesday	9.00am	Arnold Avery RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Lydia Ungaretti RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Patrick and Bella Brennan RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Kitty Maher RIP <i>Anniv.</i>
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Peter Veerapen RIP <i>Anniv.</i> All Who Haved worshipped Here <i>FM</i>

**Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
after Morning Prayer & Mass on Monday.**

**During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross 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:

**£485.02** For the running of the Parish

**£303.21** 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.*

**Psalm 136: "O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!"**

Entrance	971	Father, I place into your hands
Gloria	OMITTED	DURING LENT
Offertory	206	Forty days and forty nights
Sanctus	1014	Holy, Holy, Holy
Communion	752	My song is love unknown
Recessional	749	The servant King (From Heaven you came helpless babe)

**REFLECTION:** Today is Laetare or rejoice Sunday, Coming as it does shortly after the halfway point of Lent, it offers a respite in this season of penance. The cause of our rejoicing is, as the opening prayer of our Mass for this day says, we pray to God as "[you] who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way." The readings go on to bear witness to various, wondrous ways in which God, throughout salvation history, has reached out in mercy to save his people, continually summoning us to return to him and believe in him.

It is of the greatest importance, therefore, that we understand what this believing means in our daily lives. It is tempting to think that believing in Christ means simply that we affirm the creed, or that we agree that Jesus existed and worked miracles and died and rose from the dead. To accept these truths is important but this is not what is meant by "believing?" In this passage. In fact, one can sincerely affirm all these facts theoretically and still live very selfishly. To believe in the one who was "lifted up?" Means nothing less than to make his self-offering part of our own lives through daily concern for others; it means to live unselfishly. This is the only kind of faith that will give us eternal life.

**15 March: Mothering Sunday – we give thanks to God.**

**LENT** is a time for recalling our own baptism and doing penance for our sins. During this season, alms-giving, fasting and abstinence support our prayer and reflection.

## 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**

15 Mar	<b>St. Jude</b>	22 Mar	<b>St. Mary</b>
29 Mar	<b>St. Anne</b>	05 Apr	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

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

### **HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm**

15 Mar	M Esmonde	Karim, Hayes, Kalimira	R Green
22 Mar	P Hutchinson	O'Keefe, Karim, Abebrese	E Maria
29 Mar		<u>Volunteers Needed</u>	
05 Apr		<u>Volunteers Needed</u>	

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

### **FLOWERS: N.B. NO FLOWERS IN LENT**

**04 April all flower teams for Easter.**

### **REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

15 Mar	Karim families
22 Mar	Herbert & Clarke families
29 Mar	Feasey & Van Spall families
05 Apr	Grant & Abebrese 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.**

### **COLLECTION COUNTERS**

15 Mar.	Karim & Merceica	22 Mar.	Ebite & Kealy
29 Mar.	Hutchinson & Jones	12 Apr.	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, D Karim

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

**VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY** J. Sharland

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Alan Quinn

### **READERS**

15 Mar	Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23	Psalm 136
Lent 4	Ephesians 2:4-10	John 3:14-21

**Dominic Van Spall: Diana Abebrese: Amanda Tyler**

22 Mar	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 50
Lent 5	Hebrews 5:7-9	John 12:20-30

**Paula Wynne: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman**

29 Mar	Isaiah 50:4-7	Psalm 21
Palm Sun	Philippians 2:6-11	Mark 14:1-15, 15:47

### **Volunteers Required**

05 April	Acts 10:34, 37-43	Psalm 117
Easter Sun	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-9

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12 April	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 117
Easter 2	St. John 5:1-6	John 20:19-31

**Francesca Campbell: Kelly Breslin: Chris Watts**

**PARISH MINISTRY ROTA ON THE WEBSITE:** soon the rota for readers, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, refreshment volunteers, Children's liturgy catechists, will be online and will be emailed to all. This is a pilot project to move the rota page from the newsletter to the website. Copies of the rota will be in the sacristy and the porch as well.

**Altar server's time keeping** – Parents' please remember if your child is due to serve they should arrive at least 30 minutes before the Mass is due to start.

### **ALL ALTAR SERVERS**

**Please sign up for Easter Services in the Sacristy.**

### **CLEANING THE CHURCH:**

If you are able to come on Tuesdays from 10:00am onwards your help will be very much appreciated.

**LENT & EASTER SERVICES:** At the back of the church there are sign-up sheets for those who would like to be **Greeters, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers at our Lent and Easter services.** Please give your time to help.

### **DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE:**

English Martyrs, (Streatham) Sunday 22 March at 7:00 pm.

**Sing along - sign-up sheet** at the back of the church: - as one of the many **things that we can take up this lent.** Monday evenings from 7:30pm in the church or on Sunday immediately after the 10:30am Mass in the church hall.

### **CATECHESIS AT ST SIMON & ST JUDE'S**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Saturday 21 March at 10am

**CONFIRMATION:** Saturday 21 March

Candidates Sacrament of reconciliation at 3.30pm in the church

**JOURNEY IN FAITH/Confirmation:**

Tuesday 17 March at 6pm in the Undercroft.

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**COUNTERS:** Thank you to the existing team helping in counting the collection money every weekend. If you can spare some time to count on a Sunday, Monday or Tuesday morning, please speak to Fr. Habte or leave your details with Nicola in the Parish Office – or e-mail us at [st\\_sj\\_office@btinternet.com](mailto:st_sj_office@btinternet.com) or call on 020 8678 9051.

### **REGULAR GIVING TO OUR PARISH**

**Beginning Last weekend, (The Third Sunday of Lent) the parish Finance committee has started to inform us about the finances of the parish and related issues.**

**One of the main topics is encouraging parishioners to give through a regular giving scheme (Gift aid) and make their weekly offering by handing in an envelope each week. The brown envelopes are available at the back of the church. Subject to the donor being a UK taxpayer. The use of these envelopes, rather than placing loose cash in the collection bag, has the added advantage that you can permit us to claim a tax Gift Aid contribution on your donation – which cannot be done with loose cash.**

**However, we think there might be a number of church members who, as yet, are not committed to giving on a regular basis. At the back of the church are Welcome Packs with application forms for making a regular commitment by using the envelope or by Bank Standing Order. If you don't do either, then we encourage you to think seriously about beginning. Please see the greeters, gift aid and finance committee members and return the form to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many thanks.**

### **THE GENERAL ELECTION**

At the back of Church, there is a letter from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. This letter is about the forthcoming General Election. This letter of course is encouraging you to vote. It is the duty of Christian people to be involved in the Government of their country. However the major part of the letter is setting out the Christian principles which should motivate us and help us make an informed decision on Election Day.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage** at St. George's Cathedral 20 June 2015:- If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year, please give your names as soon as possible. Please use the form provided and write very clearly so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

**BODY RECONDITIONING CLASSES AT STS. SIMON AND JUDE PARISH HALL** every Wednesday, from 10:00 -12:00 noon, if you are interested please contact Mary McElhone on 07932 744 991