

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 22nd March 2015

5th 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.

**Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah [31:31-34]
I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm [50]

A pure heart create for me, O God.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews [5:7-9]
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

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.**

**If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me;
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [12:20-30]
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

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 both 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. **Our second collection this week, is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme.**

Next week: For our Parish Refurbishment Programme
Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**Amen, Amen I say to you:
Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Kitty Maher RIP 1 st Anniv.
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Peter Veerapen RIP Anniv. All Who Have Worshipped Here FM
Monday	9.00am	Anthony Esmonde RIP Anniv.
Tuesday	9.00am	Fr Michael Gibbons RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Jim Parle RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Mary Lucas RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>		<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Fr. Roy Elikowski RIP Private Intention

**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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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:

£409.40 For the running of the Parish

£113.50 For the Refurbishment Programme

£160.77 Easter Flowers

*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 50: "A pure heart create for me, O God."

Entrance	965	As the deer pants
Gloria	OMITTED	DURING LENT
Offertory	427	Healer of thy every ill
Sanctus	1014	Holy, Holy, Holy
Communion	751	Meekness and Majesty
Recessional	779	O God you search me

REFLECTION: The experience of loss plays a larger part in our lives than we might think: we lose not only when someone close to us dies, but by leaving and being left, by letting go and moving on, by relinquishing our false dreams. Throughout our lives we have to face a whole series of unavoidable losses: people and relationships and attachments we have to give up if we are to grow. The time comes when we have to let go of life itself. That final act can be as painful a leave-taking as the act of birth. Our gradual development is marked by renunciation, for it is only through losses that we learn to change and adapt and make new gains. No pain, no gain. In the midst of this litany of loss there can be new growth and new life. As Jesus says in today's Gospel "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. "When the time came for Jesus to face the loss of freedom, the support of friends and eventually his own life with violent consequences, he must have been overwhelmed. In John's Gospel, there is no agony scene of Jesus because he is aware of that the pain and the loss cannot be avoided if the Father's name is to be glorified. There is going to be gain from the excruciating pain; there is going to be glory from the way of the cross. The way of the cross, which appeared as a possibility at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus, now presents itself as inevitable. In spite of excruciating pain and crushing loss, Jesus goes ahead, knowing that the solidarity between the Father and the Son will keep him going to the end. Jesus' loss is our gain. His radical act of self-sacrifice stands at the centre of the Christian story. He is the grain of wheat that died in order to bear much fruit. That is why the cross has such a position of prominence wherever Christians gather. Jesus' loss and pain has become the cause of our hope as it points us beyond 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 OUR CATECHISTS

22 Mar **St. Mary** 29 Mar **St. Anne**
05 Mar **Easter Sunday** 12 Apr **St. Simon**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

22 Mar P Hutchinson O'Keeffe, Karim, Abebrese E Maria
29 Mar Volunteers Needed
05 Apr Volunteers Needed
12 Apr C Menezes Donoghue, Hayes, Kalimira R Maria

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

FLOWERS: 04 April ALL FLOWER TEAMS FOR EASTER.

18 Apr J.Sharland, N.Sesay & M.McElhone

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

22 Mar Herbert & Clarke families
29 Mar Feasey & Van Spall families
05 Apr Grant & Abebrese families
12 Apr 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.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

22 Mar. Ebite & Kealy 29 Mar. Hutchinson & Jones
12 Apr. Karim & Merceica 19 Apr. 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

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY J. Sharland

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

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
Volunteers Required

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

19 April Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalm 4
Easter 3 St. John 2:1-5 Luke 34:35-48
Dias-Hudspeth: Neale Donnelly: Ron Leyman

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.

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

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

In Holy week the church will be cleaned on Tuesday 31 March at 11:00am.

reality of suffering to the reality of Easter – the resurrection! Like the early Christians we need time and help to look back and cherish what good has emerged from seemingly pointless loss.

British Summer Time (BST): begins at 2 am GMT on Sunday 29 March. Please remember clocks to put your clocks forward one hour.

PALM SUNDAY: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The 10:30 am Mass begins at the parish hall or garden, Please make sure that you arrive on time. The Vigil and 12.15pm Sunday Masses begin with the Palm Sunday Liturgy at the back of the Church so Please do try to come early. Thank you.

PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE EASTER CARD containing the timetable for Holy Week and Easter Day. This will save Father from answering frequent telephone queries about the times of Holy Week services. This information is also on the website. Please make a commitment to attend the Holy Week Services.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: - During this Lenten season we have Stations of the Cross every Monday at noon immediately after our weekly exposition of the blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRY: Please look out for the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church next Sunday. We need as many collectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters and readers as possible from Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday. We will have a separate sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for our altar servers. Thank you.

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. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the porch.

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. Telephone on 020 8678 9051 or email us at st_sj_office@btinternet.com.

REGULAR GIVING TO OUR PARISH

Beginning 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 the Welcome Packs with application forms for making a regular commitment by using the envelope or the 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.

BODY RECONDITIONING CLASSES every Wednesday, in the Church hall. From 10-12:00 noon, if you are interested please contact Mary McElhone on 07932 744 991