

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 12th April 2015

2nd Sunday of Easter [Year B]

Remembering especially "Devine Mercy Sunday"

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.

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [4:32-35]
United, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm [117]

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

A reading from the first letter of St. John [5:1-6]
Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [20:19-31]
Eight days later, Jesus came.

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 weekend, loose cash only, for the upkeep of St. George's Cathedral. Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Maurice Wynne RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Family & Friends of the O'Keeffe family For the people of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Pareick Ojehonmon RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Private Intention
Wednesday	9.00am	Pat, Eugene & Family
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Noreen Healy RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Monica Senior RIP Andrew Ellis RIP

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<http://www.justgiving.com/StSimon-and-StJude>

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.

Psalm 117: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Entrance	475	Gather us in
Gloria	1013	Glory to God
Offertory	278	Now the green
Sanctus	1014	Holy, Holy, Holy
Communion	779	O God, you search ...
Recessional	268	Alleluia, Alleluia give ...

REFLECTION:

In today's gospel, the disciples are gathered in a locked room. The recent violence has made them 'security conscious'. They have become runaways from a society they fear is hostile, so they lock themselves in what they hope is a safe house. Jesus appears in their midst; his greeting is peace that filled them with joy. Thomas was not with them when our Lord appeared to the disciples. When they reported their experience, he refused to believe. His refusal can be understood as an expression of honesty. It is also an acceptance of doubt that cannot be transformed into faith simply by willing it. Seeing the risen Christ helped the faith of all the other disciples when Jesus showed them his wounds and ate with them. Thus, it would be unreasonable to criticise the absent Thomas. We learn from the Gospel that Thomas comes to believe in the risen Jesus in the same way as the other disciples – when he sees the Lord for himself. Thomas also stands for all those who have not seen the Lord but are asked to believe in him: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." No one can believe in Jesus without the Spirit of God. "The principal witness to the risen Jesus is the Spirit" – "since the Spirit is truth". When the Lord reveals himself to us we must say with humility like Thomas: "My Lord and my God". We allow the Spirit of God to pray within us. In the grace of the Spirit, we can proclaim Jesus our Lord. Faith in the resurrection has to be nurtured and helped to grow with love because faith can die if forgotten or overlooked. We need to pray for and reflect on our faith. Our experience of faith will not be without doubts, but like Thomas we need to care about what we believe in, that care in time will bring us into the presence of the Lord.

On Monday please join us after Mass for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Followed at noon, by the Rosary and our St Jude Novena.

This week we have our shared lunch for Mary's Meals.

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

12 Apr **St. Simon** 19 Apr **St. Jude**
26 Apr **St. Mary** 03 May **Family Mass**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

12 Apr C Menezes Donoghue, Hayes, Kalimira R Maria
19 Apr S Smith O'Keeffe, Karim, Abebrese R Green
26 Apr M Esmonde Karim, Hayes, Kalimira E Maria
03 May M O'Keeffe Confirmation & Communion Reader R Maria

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

FLOWERS:

18 Apr J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone
02 May E. Karim, J. McDonagh & C. Baker
16 May T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

12 Apr Murphy & Lehane families
19 Apr Hayes, Knoop & Okaro families
26 Apr Soto, Carrea & Rodriguez families
03 May Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji 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

19 Apr. Ebite & Kealy
26 Apr. Hutchinson & Jones 03 May. Karim & Merceica
10 May. Ebite & Kealy 17 May. 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

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY J. Sharland

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

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 Family: Neala Donnelly: Ron Leyman

26 April Acts 4:8-12 Psalm 117
Easter 4 St. John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18
Teresa Dempsey: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn

03 May Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 21
Easter 5 St. John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8
Dominic Van Spall: Diana Abebrese: Amanda Tyler

10 May Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Psalm 97
Easter 6 St. John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17
Paula Wynne: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman

17 May Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 46
Ascension Ephesians 4:1-13 Mark 20:16:15-20
Paul Hutchinson: 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 too.

A Big Thank you

It was a joy to see many people coming for the Easter ceremonies. I would like to say thank you to all individuals and groups who helped in many ways. I would like to thank especially for your generous Easter Offerings. **May God bless you abundantly.** *Fr. Habte*

The Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we celebrate Divine mercy Sunday. The faithful have a Duty of honouring Divine Mercy. The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. "The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter Dives in misericordia, n. 7).

THE POPE ANNOUNCES AN EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY:

On 13 March in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis declared the celebration of an extraordinary Holy year. The Jubilee announcement was made during the homily of the penitential celebration with which he opened the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative. This "Jubilee of Mercy" will commence with the opening of the Holy Door in the Vatican Basilica on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, **8 December** and will conclude on **20 November 2016** with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Fr. Habte will be doing

Easter visitations and house blessings.

Those who wish to be visited, please arrange a suitable time. If you know any elderly members of St. Simon and St. Jude's parish who are housebound and who wish to receive the sacraments, please inform Fr. Habte. Thank you.

CATECHESIS AT ST SIMON & ST JUDE'S

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Saturday April 18 at 10am.

CONFIRMATION: Saturday 18 April at 11.15am.

JOURNEY IN FAITH/Confirmation:

Tuesday 14 April at 6pm in the Undercroft.

BAPTISM COURSE: -

Tuesday 14 April from 6 pm in the office.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage St. George's Cathedral 20 June.

If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, + wedding anniversary this year, and would like to take part in this special celebration Mass, please give your names (writing clearly) as soon as possible, using the form provided, so you can receive your invitation from the Archbishop.

Parish Dance/Music Evening

We are planning to hold a Dance/Music evening soon for the Parish. So, check your diaries and keep them free. Full details and a date to be published soon.

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