

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 17th May 2015

The Ascension of the Lord [Year B]

Remembering especially "World Communications Day"

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.

**Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [1:1-11]
He was lifted up while they looked on.

Responsorial Psalm [46]

**God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians [4:1-13]
Fully mature with the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go, make disciples of all nations;

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [16:15-20]
*He was taken up into heaven:
there at the right hand of God he took his place.*

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 World Communications Day. Next weekend for our Parish Refurbishment Programme.** Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**Behold I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Hannah and Isichei RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	For the people of the Parish Mary Brown RIP <i>Anniv.</i>
Monday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.00am	Pat, Eugene and family
Wednesday	9.00am	Dec'd of the Durden Family
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Private Intention
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Edith combo RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	All who Have worshipped Here Mary and John McElligott RIP

**On Monday please join us after Mass
for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Followed at noon, by the Rosary and our St Jude Novena.**

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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

£452.68 For the running of the Parish

£288.25 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 46: "God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast."**

Entrance	458	All are welcome
Gloria	1013	Glory to God
Offertory	608	Take my hands
Sanctus	1014	Holy, Holy, Holy
Communion	423	Centre of my life
Recessional	293	Abba, Father send ...

REFLECTION: - Our own personal viewpoint and preference influence how we read the story of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ: it completes everything as well as leaves everything open-ended. The ascension completes the mission of Jesus: it is the last act of Jesus' mission on earth – his life, death and resurrection and the return of Jesus to the Father. The ascension marks the end of Jesus' mission and the beginning of the mission of the Holy Spirit and the apostles who were given the mandate – "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." The story of Jesus' ascension reminds us that Jesus is beyond us – sitting at the right hand of God - and he was also working with the apostles, confirming their word by the signs that accompanied it. The Gospel beckons us, calls us on, challenges us to move beyond the boundaries that are set by our own fear and weakness and sinfulness. The ascension will not take us into the clouds, but it will provoke people to stare in wonderment at Christians for moving on. Our stories are not finished, the last word has not been written, the final scenes are still open-ended. Where there is a mystery, there is still hope. We received the time in which we live and the revelation by which we are guided. We could make a start for ourselves only because we were given a start by others and our creator. Before we owned anything we owed everything. Jesus' story is a power given to us as a gift that shapes the world. The story reflects how things are and calls us beyond ourselves to a kingdom that is larger than the boundaries of geography, nationality and culture. Let us not look at the clouds in wonderment, but "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation."

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

17 May **St. Simon** 24 May **St. Jude**
31 May **St. Mary** 07 Jun **Family Mass**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

17 May	C Menezes	Karim, Donoghue, Abebrese	R Maria
24 May	S Smith	Kalimira, Karim, Hayes	R Green
31 May	M Esmonde	Donoghue, Hayes, O'Keeffe	E Maria
07 Jun	M O'Keeffe	Kalimira, Karim, Abebrese	R Maria
14 Jun	P Hutchinson	Donoghue, Hayes, Karim	R Green

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

FLOWERS:

23 May T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal
30 May J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone
06 Jun E. Karim, J. McDonagh & C. Baker

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

17 May Herbert & Clarke families
24 May Feasey & Van Spall families
31 May Grant & Abebrese families
07 Jun 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

17 May. Hutchinson & Jones 24 May. Karim & Palmera
31 May. Ebite & Kealy 07 Jun. 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

17 May Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 46
Ascension Ephesians 4:1-13 Mark 20:16:15-20
Paul Hutchinson: Bieneosa Ebite: Chris Watts

24 May Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103
Pentecost Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23
Francesca Campbell: Kelly Breslin: Ron Leyman

31 May Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Psalm 32
Trinity Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20
Dias-Hudspeth Family: Neala Donnelly: Alan Quinn

07 Jun Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm 115
Corpus Christi Hebrews 9:11-15 Mark 14:12-16,22-26
Teresa Dempsey: Confirmation & Communion Reader: Amanda Tyler

14 Jun Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 91
Sun 11 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34
Dominic Van Spall: Tony Murphy: Victoria Leyman

21 Jun Job 38:1, 8-11 Psalm 106
Sun 12 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41
Paul Hutchinson: Diana Abebrese: 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

It brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace. It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" It unites us more firmly to Christ. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us. It renders our bond with the Church more perfect. It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross. Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign. Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

On Saturday 16th May we welcomed Bishop Patrick Lynch, who officiated at the 6pm Mass during which our Confirmation candidates were confirmed. **CONGRATULATIONS to all Confirmandi!** We extend our warm thanks to their catechists especially Judith, their parents, flower arrangers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Choir members for their dedication and loyal service to our Parish on this occasion and throughout the year.

MISSION WEEK IN THE PARISH 30 May - 6 June 2015:- PEREGRINATIO PRO CHRISTO PROJECT

A group of legionaries mainly from Ireland will come to our parish for a mission week Project; they will be trying to reach out to every household within our parish boundary. This goes with the spirit of Pope Francis's encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* "I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities" No 33. It is believed that many Catholics live within the boundaries of our parish, but for various reasons do not come to our Parish church. This visit will help to reach out to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. We welcome the members of the team and wish them every success in this important task.

ACCOMODATION NEEDED: - for the above mentioned mission week project we will have a team of 9 people (5 men and 4 women) 7 lay Catholics and 2 religious, a priest Fr. Emmet O'Hara and Sr. Bernadette O'Grady from Mercy Sisters. We need accommodation for the 7 lay members of the team, if you can accommodate one or more of the members for a week, please write your names on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

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 contact Fr. Habte.

May is the month traditionally dedicated to Mary:

This would be a good occasion to join us in reciting the Holy Rosary every Monday at 12noon after the adoration of the blessed sacraments and benediction.

CATECHESIS AT ST SIMON & ST JUDE'S & OTHER NEWS.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHERSAL:

Saturday June 6 at 10am

SOCIAL END FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING,

Tuesday 16 June at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

Parish Dance/Music Evening

On Friday 5 June at 7.30pm in the parish hall.