

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[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.

Entrance Antiphon:

**A great sign appeared in heaven:**

**a woman clothed with the sun,  
and the moon beneath her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

A reading from the book of Apocalypse [11:19; 12:1-6,10]

*A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.*

Responsorial Psalm [44]

**On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians [15:20-26]

*Christ as the first fruits and then those who belong to him.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Mary has been taken up to heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [1:39-56]

*The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

**Our second collection today is for our Parish**

**Refurbishment Programme.** Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**All generations will call be blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.**

MASS DETAILS		INTENTIONS
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	All Who Have Worshipped Here <i>FM</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Deceased of the Wickes Family
	12.15pm	Tony Veerapen RIP
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Tony Veerapen RIP
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	George & Clara Joseph <i>FM</i>
<b>Week beginning Aug 23<sup>d</sup></b>		<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mary Abreu
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Shirley Potts
	12.15pm	For the People of the Parish
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Joao Nazareth RIP <i>anniv.</i>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Edward & Mary Long RIP <i>FM</i>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Weekend of Aug 30<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Maurice Wynne RIP
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ian Fourie RIP <i>anniv.</i>
	12.15pm	Frank Cross RIP

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Choir: <http://www.worshipandprayer.org.uk/meetings.htm>

<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 9<sup>th</sup> August

**£305.66** For the running of the Parish

**£200.62** 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 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - For hundreds of years, the Catholic Church has observed the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, but it was not until 1950 that the Church proclaimed this teaching a dogma of the Church - one of the essential beliefs of the Catholic faith. The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death or Dormition (falling asleep), and her assumption bodily into heaven. The Church states that Mary, who belongs to Christ in a special way, already enjoys the fullness of new life. The dogmatic definition of the Assumption of Mary tells us as it expresses the hope "that faith in the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven may make our faith in our resurrection both stronger and more active".

Mary's importance is not limited to giving us hope about the afterlife; she gives every Christian hope in the growing struggle of everyday life. In the Gospel of St. Luke we read that she glorifies God because as she says "the Almighty has done great things for me". She is a woman of the people whose song delights in God's choice of her. She is the lowly handmaid who rejoices in the loving look of God, her saviour and blesses him for the great things he accomplishes in her. Mary echoes voices of hope that often reflect the hope of the poor and the little ones. Mary is the woman who hungers for a new justice on earth, one that reflects the justice of God. Mary reminds people that God's preferences and choices are to be taken seriously.

## 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

Please Note: Family Liturgy will resume on 20<sup>th</sup> September.  
20 Sep St. Anne 27 Sep St. Simon

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

### HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

16 Aug	C Menezes	Karim, Hayes, Kalimira	R Green
23 Aug	M Esmonde	O'Keeffe, Donoghue, Hayes	E Maria
30 Aug	C Menezes	Kalamia, Karim, O'Keeffe	R Maria
06 Sep	M O'Keeffe	Karim, Hayes, Donoghue	R Green
13 Sep	M Esmonde	Kalimira, Karim, O'Keeffe	E Maria

COORDINATORS – READERS: ..... MUSIC: L. Clarke

### FLOWERS:

22 Aug J.Sharland, N.Sesay & M.McElhone  
29 Aug E. Karim, J.McDonagh & C. Baker  
05 Sep T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal

### REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

No refreshments in August we will resume in September

06 Sep Grant family  
13 Sep Murphy & Lehane families  
20 Sep Hayes & Knoop families  
27 Sep Soto, Carrea & Rodriguez 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	16 Aug	Veerapen & Powell
	23 Aug	Ebite & Kealy
	30 Aug	Hutchinson & Jones
	06 Sep	Karim & Palmiero
	13 Sep	Veerapen & Powell

### 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

16 Aug Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6,10 Psalm 44  
Assumption Corinthians 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56

Francesca Campbell: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn

23 Aug Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18 Psalm 33  
Sun 21 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

Dias-Hudspeth Family: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman

30 Aug Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Psalm 14  
Sun 22 St. James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,  
21-23

Teresa Dempsey: Kelly Breslin: Chris Watts

06 Sep Isaiah 35:4-7 Psalm 145  
Sun 23 St. James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Dominic Van Spall: Neala Donnelly: Ron Leyman

13 Sep Isaiah 50:5-9 Psalm 114  
Sun 24 St. James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

Paula Wynne: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn

20 Sep Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Psalm 53  
Sun 25 St. James 3:16- 4:3 Mark 9:30-37

Francesca Campbell: Bieneosa Ebite: Victoria Leyman

### MASS REQUESTS:

Would any parishioners who wish Masses to be said for their intentions please try to book in good time.

Thank you.

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B)

Remembering especially "Our Families"

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

A reading from the first book of Joshua [24:1-2,15-17,18]  
*We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.*

Responsorial Psalm [33]

**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians [5:21-32]  
*This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.*

Gospel Acclamation:

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

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [6:60-69]  
*Whom shall we go to? You have the message to eternal life.*

**Our second collection today is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme**

Communion antiphon:

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,  
O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.**

### REFLECTION:-

Joshua is celebrated as the bravest field commander in Jewish history. When he is an old man, and the country is resting from war, he calls all tribes of Israel to the ancient Sanctuary at Shechem. In his farewell speech he does not recall his military victories. He asks them to choose whom they wish to serve: the God of their ancestors or the false gods of the land they now inhabit. He declares before them his own choice to serve the Lord. The people also declare the same faith. He wants to be remembered not as the great military commander who brought his people to the Promised Land but as the prophet who brought his people to choose God again. In doing so he gives the people the opportunity to close the book on the past or recommit themselves to the God of Israel. In today's Gospel reading Jesus also offers his followers the choice to stay with him or to join the ranks of unbelievers. [That is, after they heard his teaching on the bread of life when Jesus invited his disciples to eat his flesh. People found the language intolerable. Jesus implemented his Father's will for him with courage; he makes it possible on the Cross in the total giving of self. For Jesus, the word 'body' meant the entire person and 'blood' was regarded as the principle of life. When Jesus says, "This is my body, my blood, given for you", he is saying, "This is the totality of my being, all that I am, all that I hope to be". This is a self-giving love that is offered without holding anything back. We can break out of our selfishness and try to be bread for others by total self-giving.] Some leave Jesus while others choose to stay with him. Both Joshua and Jesus respect people's freedom of choice. Past choices have to be kept alive by new commitments, because decisions in faith are never settled once and for all. The apostles kept on choosing Jesus who has the message of eternal life.