

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 29th November 2015

1st Sunday of Advent [Year C]

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:

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah [33:14-16]
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

Responsorial Psalm [24]

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians [3:12-42].
May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [21:25-28, 34-36]
Your liberation is near at hand.

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 today and next weekend for our Parish Refurbishment Programme.** Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	All Who Have Worshipped Here <i>FM</i> Joe Mifsud RIP
Monday	9.00am	Chito Andrade RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Jim Brennan RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Jim Brennan RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Thanksgiving
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	John Kelly RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Melekwe Ovia RIP <i>Anniv</i> John Kelly RIP

**Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass on Monday with Benediction,
St. Jude Novena and Rosary at noon,
followed by our shared lunch for Mary's Meals**

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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.

Collections

£442.56 For the running of the Parish

£99.00 For the Refurbishment Programme

£174.82 For the Catholic Youth Services

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 ADVENT SEASON

Today we enter the most beautiful season of the Church Year. Advent means "coming". During this Season we look forward to the coming of Jesus Christ. In order to do this we must practice the virtue of patience. We must also exercise the virtue of HOPE, which is a faith filled trust in God's promises. We do this by pondering again the marvellous works and words of the Lord in the Old Testament. At the same time, the Church asks us to think about the final coming of Christ at the end of time when all those promises from the Old and New Testament alike will be fulfilled and the Lord will make all things new. Today's gospel encourages us to do two things which are difficult to hold together: to be realistic about the way the world is going, and at the same time not lose hope in the future: difficult to hold both. The danger is that we see the terror clearly, and lose reason for hoping. And given the muddle and complicated problems we are in, Jesus has to convince us about a future that is really liberating. The way he does that best is through his own life from birth to resurrection.

So, Advent reminds us that we don't have to sleep walk into the future. We have to remember the story of Jesus again, and that memory of love becomes the ground of our hope. The future holds hope only because we are convinced of God's action in the past. That is why we retell the story again and again beginning with each advent.

Crib Offerings – This year with the encouragement of Archbishop Peter, we will be donating the proceeds from the Crib Offerings to Friends of the Holy Land.

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

29 Nov **Murphy family** 06 Dec **Family Mass**
13 Dec **Lehane family** 20 Dec **Kakabnova Family**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

29 Nov	M Esmonde	O'Keeffe, Hayes, Karimira	R Maria
06 Dec	M O'Keeffe	Karim, Donoghue, Karim	R Green
13 Dec	C Menezes	O'Keeffe, Karimira, Hayes	E Maria
20 Dec	M Esmonde	Karim, Donoghue, Karim	R Maria
27 Dec	C Menezes	O'Keeffe, Donoghue, Hayes	R Green

COORDINATORS – READERS: MUSIC: L. Clarke

FLOWERS:

No flowers in Advent except for Rose Sunday.

12 Dec J.Sharland, N.Sesay & M.McElhone

All flower teams For Christmas flowers.

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

29 Nov Hayes & Knoop families
06 Dec Soto, Carrea & Rodriguez families
13 Dec Campbell, Adelekan and Adeliji families
20 Dec Karim family
27 Dec Herbert & Clarke 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

29 Nov Karim & Palmiero 06 Dec Daniel K & Powell
13 Dec Ebite & Kealy 20 Dec 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 M. Knoop / T. Duffy

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY J. Sharland

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

29 Nov Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 24
Advent 1 Thessalonians 3:12-42 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Francesca Campbell: Neala Donnelly: Chris Watts

06 Dec Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 125
Advent 2 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

Dias-Hudspeth Family: Tony Murphy: Ron Leyman

13 Dec Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm 12
Advent 3 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

Teresa Dempsey: Bieneosa Ebite: Alan Quinn

20 Dec Micah 5:1-4 Psalm 79
Advent 4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

Dominic Van Spall: Kelly Breslin: Victoria Leyman

27 Dec Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 Psalm 83
Holy Family 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52

Paula Wynne: Tony Murphy: Chris Watts

03 Jan Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71
Epiphany Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Francesca Campbell: Kelly Breslin: Ron Leyman

Ministries in the Church:

Those who wish to be involved in different ministries in the Church please let Father Habte know.

Necessary training will be provided.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 2015:- will be held on Friday 11th December in the Church at 6:30pm where our Choir and children will sing Christmas Carols. **Come along and join us.** Followed by light refreshments in our hall. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you can help with providing food or drink or can help with the carol service in any way.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 30th November at 7:30pm -
choir practice in the church

Tuesday 1st December at 10:30am -
baptism course

Friday 4th December Christmas Social Night.



Please come and have an enjoyable evening in our Parish hall.

Tickets are available after our Masses this weekend and on the door on the night.

Sunday 6th December at 10:30am -
Family Mass

Friday 11th December at 6:30pm -
parish Carol concert -in the church

Preparing for God's Coming – 5 minute daily thoughts for Advent - Our Diocese has developed a series of daily reflections featuring the Scripture of the day and a related thought and prayer drawn from the spirituality of Stewardship. If you would like to receive these daily emails and encounter Advent in this way please subscribe via <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P>

WE NOW NEED TO START ARRANGING OUR ROTAS FOR CHRISTMAS – We need readers, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors and altar servers: Please sign up on the lists at the back of church for any ministry you can perform. Many thanks

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: This will take place on Wednesday December 23rd at 11am–1.00 pm. It is a good way to make you confession before Christmas, if you can't make it on this day please book the date and time with Fr. Habte.

LONDON PROBATION SERVICE. Once again, we will be collecting non-perishable food for distribution to those in need at Christmas. Probation Officers work directly with offenders, enabling them to turn their lives around and rehabilitate them back to the community. Please box up non-perishable items of food so that our church can show the gospel values of care to turn wayward lives around. Please bring your donations to any of our Masses until Sunday 13th December.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016

If your child is 8 by August 31st 2016 (Year 3 from September 2015) you are eligible to apply to join the programme. Parents please find the Registration Forms at the back of the church to enroll the names of your children for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist 2016. **Forms should be brought to the parish office by Sunday 13th December 2015.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY CLEANING: - We have few people who have volunteered to clean the church on Saturday mornings but we need more hands, if you can help please write your names on the sign-up-sheet at the back of the Church. Thank you