

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 6th December 2015

2nd 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:

**O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.**

A reading from the prophet Baruch [5:1-9]
God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Responsorial Psalm [125]

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippians [1:3-6, 8-11]
Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
**Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [3:1-6]
All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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 is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme. Next weekend our collection will be for the church flowers over the Christmas period.** Thank you.

Communion antiphon:

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	John Kelly RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Melekwe Ovia RIP <i>Anniv</i> John Kelly RIP
Monday	9.00am	Private Intention
Tuesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.00am	Padraic Donovan
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Graham Edwards
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Margaret Ebite RIP All Who Have Worshipped Here <i>FM</i>

**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

£414.46 For the running of the Parish

£271.23 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 - In last Sunday readings, Jesus' message was 'stay awake'. John the Baptist teaches us how to stay awake and wait for Jesus actively. He went into the wilderness. The word of God invaded his whole being, calling the people of Israel to a radical change of heart in readiness to welcome the Lord. People were hungry to be nourished again by God's own word. Through John, the silence of God is ended: the spirit of prophecy is alive again as it was in the days of old. John, through his preaching and baptism, called many to personal and spiritual renewal in order to prepare the way for the one who is to come after him. John said "Someone is following after me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals". John understands his own powerful place within the larger context of God's plan. This frees him to defer to the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John's way challenges us to foster the greatness in others without feeling threatened about the value of our own contribution: to be free to celebrate the importance of others because we have a sense of our own worth and value before God. John manages to do all this, and, not surprisingly, Jesus returned the compliment when he spoke about John to the crowds, telling them that there is no greater person than John the Baptist. The relationship between John and Jesus teaches us that the generosity in recognising the goodness in others can help call out the good that is in ourselves.

The Second Sunday of Advent is known as BIBLE SUNDAY – a day when we recognise the importance of Sacred Scripture – the Word of God – in Christian living. On this day we thank and wish God's blessings on our Readers who proclaim the Word of God for us so powerfully during Mass throughout the year.

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**

06 Dec **Family Mass** 13 Dec **Lehane family**
20 Dec **Kakabnova Family** 27 Dec **Christmas Holidays**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

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
03 Jan M O’Keeffe Karim, Karim, Karimira E Maria

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 ON 24 DEC AT 9.30AM.

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

06 Dec Soto, Carrea & Rodriguez families
13 Dec Campbell, Adelekan and Adeliji families
20 Dec Karim family
27 Dec Herbert & Clarke families
03 Jan D’Costa family

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 06 Dec Daniel K & Powell
13 Dec Ebite & Kealy 20 Dec Hutchinson & Jones
27 Dec Karim & Palmiero 03 Jan Daniel K & 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 M. Knoop / T. Duffy

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER SECRETARY J. Sharland

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

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: Neala Donnelly: Chris Watts

03 Jan Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71
Epiphany Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Francesca Campbell: Tony Murphy: Ron Leyman

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.**

OUR SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be used for the flowers in the Church over the Christmas period. Please be generous.

PLEASE TAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD so that you and your family will have the Mass times at hand over the Christmas season. In this way we can help our priest by not phoning to check the Christmas Mass times.

Knights Of St Columba Christmas Posters: - please take one of the Christmas posters from the box in the porch. Donations will be greatly appreciated and all proceeds will go to Mary’s Meals.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST: - Traditionally, the offering at Christmas is your gift to the Parish Priest. This offering forms a good part of the money that goes to make up his stipend over the year. The Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the porch, the finance committee ask you to be as generous as possible to our parish priest Fr. Habte at Christmas. **It is our way of supporting his expenses and saying thank you for his ministry among us.** If you are going to be away at Christmas please use the red envelope and put it in the letter box whenever you can.

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy commences on 8th December 2015 when we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father’s mercy. We pray that the Holy Year will be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God. We want to live in the light of the Word of God: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (cf. Lk 6:36).

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 7th December at 7:30pm -
choir practice in the church
Tuesday 8th December at 9 am -
Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Sunday 6th December at 10:30am -
Family Mass
Friday 11th December at 6:30pm -
Parish Carol Concert - in the church
Thursday 24th December at 6:00pm -
Our family Christmas Vigil Mass,
which will be preceded by our Carol service at 5:45pm.

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–1pm. It is a good way to make you confession before Christmas, if you can’t make it on this day please book a date and time with Fr. Habte.

Crib Offerings 2015 – This year with the encouragement of Archbishop Peter, we will be donating the proceeds from the Crib Offerings to Friends of the Holy Land.