

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 13th December 2015

3rd 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:

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah [3:14-18]

The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm [12]

**Sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippians [4:4-7].

The Lord is very near.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [3:10-18]

What must we do?

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 the church flowers over the Christmas period and next weekend for our Parish Refurbishment Programme.** Thank you.

Communion antiphon:

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

Mass details		Intentions
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>
Monday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.00am	Private Intention
Wednesday	9.00am	Holy Family
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Michael Brennan RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Peter Marshall RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Margo Egan RIP For the People of the Parish

**Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass on Monday with Benediction,
St. Jude Novena and Rosary at noon,**

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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

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

£462.64 For the running of the Parish

£260.55 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 ON TODAY'S READINGS: There is nothing quite as puzzling as someone else's joy when we are feeling down; or someone else's sadness when we are feeling on the top of the world. The ultimate puzzle is when people are joyful in the midst of suffering and desolation, when people dance among the ruins that surround them, refusing to be locked into an environment of despair. Like Zephaniah the prophet – calling through the slums of defeated Jerusalem for a grand party to celebrate the real fortune of the people. Like St. Paul – a prisoner in his cell awaiting his approaching death and writing letters to cheer other people up. Like John the Baptist – a voice in the wilderness announcing Good News to his own country people. Zephaniah, John the Baptist and Paul all share one belief: that the Lord is very near. God's nearness does not act as a threat to them, but funds them with a radical source of joy that no one can steal from them. God's closeness shapes their exhortation of calling others to make ready for God's arrival with joy. In John people could see God's way. That is why they asked him: "What must we do, then?" John, in reply, challenged people's generosity and sense of fairness so that others may have a reason to rejoice. God's closeness also carried prophets and others through difficult times. It urges all of us to get on with life when we face the reality of our weakness and limitation. To believe in the abiding presence of a God who cares and gives us a deep sense of joy in the midst of our stops and starts. That presence always challenges our generosity and calls on our sense of justice.

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

13 Dec **Lehane family** 20 Dec **Kakabnova Family**
27 Dec **Christmas Holidays** 03 Jan **Family Mass**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

13 Dec	C Menezes	O'Keeffe, Karimira, Hayes	E Maria
20 Dec	M Esmonde	Karim, Donoghue, Smith	R Maria
27 Dec	C Menezes	Karimira, Hayes, Karim	R Green
03 Jan	M O'Keeffe	Smith, Donoghue, Hayes	E Maria
10 Jan	M Esmonde	O'Keeffe, Karimira, Karim	R Maria

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

FLOWERS: ALL TEAMS FOR CHRISTMAS 24 DEC AT 9.30AM.

26 Dec E. Karim, J.McDonagh & C. Baker
02 Jan T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal
09 Jan J.Sharland, N.Sesay & M.McElhone

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

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

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: Tony Murphy: Ron Leyman

10 Jan Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 103
Baptism of Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
the Lord **Dias-Hudspeth Family: Neala Donnelly: Alan Quinn**

17 Jan Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 95
Sun 2 OT Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11
Teresa Dempsey: Bieneosa Ebite Victoria Leyman

LONDON PROBATION SERVICE.

We are again collecting non-perishable food for distribution to those in need at Christmas. Please bring your non-perishable items of food to any of our Masses this weekend which is our final weekend to allow us to box-up the food and deliver them to the Probation Service.

OUR SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

will be for the flowers in the Church over the Christmas period.

Cleaning our Church for Christmas.

On Wednesday 23rd December at 9.45am. All welcome.

To all flower arrangers - our Christmas flowers are invited on Thursday 24th December at 9.30am to help.

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. **The Knights of St Columba have provided us with some Christmas Posters** - so please take one 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.

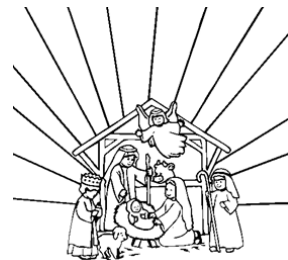
PARISH DIARY

Monday 14th December at 7:30pm -
choir practice in the church

Sunday 20th December at 2:30pm -
carol singing in Lime Tree care home

Wednesday 23rd December between 11am and 1pm-
confession in the church

Our Christmas Family Vigil Mass for Children on 24th December at 6pm. Please encourage your children to come to the Children's Liturgy sessions to prepare them for Christmas. Children will be singing carols during Mass.



ARRANGING OUR ROTAS FOR CHRISTMAS

We need Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors and Altar Servers: Please sign up on the list at the back of church for any ministry you can perform.

There is a separate Rota for Readers over Christmas. Please check it and let us know if you need to make any changes.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: This will take place on Wednesday December 23rd at 11am until 1pm. This 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. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016

This weekend is the deadline for the First Holy Communion application forms to be submitted. Parents please find Registration Form at the back of the church to enrol the names of your children for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist 2016. Thank you.