

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 28th February 2016

3rd Sunday of Lent [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:

**My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he recues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

A reading from the book of Exodus [3:1-8, 13-15]

I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm [102]

The Lord is compassion and love.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians [10:1-6, 10-12]

*The life of the people under Moses in the desert
was written down to be a lesson for us.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Repent, says the Lord,
for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour...**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [13:1-9]

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

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 and next weekend for our Easter Flowers.** Thank you.

Communion antiphon:

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow
a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my king and my God. Blessed are they who
dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Eileen Perriot RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Mary & Sean Kelleher RIP John Collins RIP
Monday	9.00am	Evelyn Hannigan RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Richard Colaco RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	St Christine Gomes RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP anniv.
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	For the People of the Parish Mary Conroy RIP

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

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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

£366.18 For the running of the Parish

£89.50 For the Refurbishment Programme

£248.85 For the Lenten Family Fast

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: Third Sunday of Lent Year C

Today's Gospel Reading begins with two warnings about the need for repentance and ends with a parable about a non-productive fig tree and a kind, merciful & patient vine-dresser. The warnings include two examples of untimely deaths, one reported to Jesus and then used by him to illustrate the urgent need for repentance, the other reported by Jesus himself as a further illustration of his point. They are - the first, the uprising of some Galileans which Pilate repressed with bloodshed and the second, the fall of the tower in Siloam which claimed 18 victims. Two very distinct, tragic events: one caused by man, the other accidental. Now, according to the mentality of the time, people made a link between suffering and sin. Therefore, they were inclined to think that the disgrace which struck the victims was due to some grave fault of their own and that God must have allowed it because they were so sinful. Without correcting the popular, but erroneous, notion that tragedy was a deserved punishment for sin, Jesus warned his listeners against comparing themselves with others, and of growing lax concerning their own need for reform. For Jesus sin is a tragedy, but tragedy is not a sin. This then is the point to which Jesus wants to bring his listeners: the need for repentance & the necessity for conversion. In Jesus' parable, the owner of the vineyard wanted to get rid of the fig tree without fruit. His position is perfectly reasonable - Why should a fig tree that does not produce fruit continue to sap the goodness of the soil? But the way the gardener pleads with the owner portrays a patient, loving and compassionate God who gives a second chance and opportunity for the unproductive fig tree to grow - "Sir leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. Like the fig tree left to grow for yet another year, Israel had been given one final chance and opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance. "God is loving, compassionate, kind and merciful," but one day He will hold us accountable for our lives, our behaviour. Let us reflect on the consequences of our actions and repent.

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

28 Feb **Godet family** 06 Mar **Family Mass**
13 Mar **Turcovich & Martin fam.** 20 Mar **Donnelly family**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

21 Feb	P Hutchinson	Kalimira, Hayes, O'Keeffe	R Maria
28 Feb	C Menezes	Karim, Donoghue, Smith	R Green
06 Mar	M O'Keeffe	Karim, Hayes, Kalimira	E Maria
13 Mar	M Esmonde	Karim, O'Keeffe, Smith	R Maria
20 Mar <u>Volunteers Needed</u>		
27 Mar <u>Volunteers Needed</u>		

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

FLOWERS: - NB. NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

28 Feb Herbert & Clarke families
06 Mar D'Costa family
13 Mar Feasey & Van Spall families
20 Mar Grant family
27 Mar Murphy & Lehane families
03 Apr Hayes & Knoop 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

28 Feb	Hutchinson & Jones	06 Mar	Karim & Palmiero
13 Mar	Daniel K & Powell	20 Mar	Ebite & Kealey

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

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

28 Feb Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 Psalm 102
Sun Lent 3 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9
Dominic Van Spall: Kelly Breslin: Ron Leyman

06 Mar Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 33
Sun Lent 4 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Paul Hutchinson: Neala Donnelly: Alan Quinn

13 Mar Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 125
Sun Lent 5 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11
Paula Wynne: Tony Murphy: Victoria Hunt

20 Mar Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21
Palm Sun Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56
Volunteers Needed

27 Mar Acts 10:34, 37-43 Psalm 11
Easter Sun Colossians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9
Volunteers Needed

03 Apr Acts 5:12-16 Psalm 117
Easter 2 Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19 John: 20:19-31
Francesca Campbell: Bieneosa Ebite: Chris Watts

Holy Week and Easter Ministry:

Please look out for the sign-up sheets at the back of the Church.

**We need as many Eucharistic Ministers,
greeters, readers and collectors as possible.
From Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday.**

There is a separate sign-up sheet in the Sacristy,
for our altar servers.

Lent is a time for recalling our own baptism and doing penance for our sins. During this season, alms-giving, fasting and abstinence support our prayer and reflection. **During this Lenten season we will be saying the Stations of the Cross every Monday at noon** immediately after our weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: - Each Parish in our diocese is organising various events, and are encouraging parishioners to take part in order to bring the mercy of God into their lives and homes. In view of this aim our Parish will hold prayer days and organise pilgrimages to some chosen places.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: - As part of the year of Mercy events there will be a special penitential service and confession on Saturday 14 March at 4.15pm. There will be guest priests; our First Holy Communion Children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All Parishioners can use this opportunity to go the sacrament of Reconciliation.

PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice - Monday 29 February
7.30pm - in the Church.

First Holy Communion

Saturday 5 March at 10am

Parents Meeting at 10am in the Hall

Altar Servers Training - Sunday 6 March

10am - in the Church.

Journey of Faith - Tuesday 29 February

7pm - In the Parish Office.

The Second Collection next weekend is for our Easter Flowers. Please help make our church beautiful for the Triduum and Easter. Something from everyone will help to make that possible. Thank you in advance.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING:- Each year HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) takes over 1000 children with a range of physical, behavioural and emotional special needs to Lourdes, the site of the Marian apparitions, for a one-week holiday. The travel and accommodation for each child (around £750+) is paid entirely through donations and fundraisers. We have decided to give part of our Lenten alms collection for this cause. Please try to be as generous as possible. Thank you. We will have a speaker regarding the activities of HCPT on all our Masses next weekend. Fr. Habte.

RCIA First Scrutiny of The Elect – 3rd Sunday of Lent:

Following on from the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent, the community celebrates the scrutinies on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent with those who will be baptised at Easter. The word "scrutiny" refers to the self-searching of the elect. These rites are designed to heal all that is weak and sinful in the hearts of the candidates and to strengthen all that is upright and good. They include prayers of exorcism and call for deep repentance. The scrutinies are based on the Gospels for these three Sundays, which focus on how their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (the woman at the well), the light of the world (the man born blind) and the resurrection and the life (the raising of Lazarus). Let us pray for the elect in our parish and with them as they journey towards Easter. Later this week we will also present the Creed to our Elect with these words: 'The words are few but the mysteries they contain are great. Receive them with a full heart and be faithful to them.'