

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 6th March 2016

4th 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:

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

A reading from the book of Joshua [5:9-12]
*The People of God keep the Passover
on their entry into the promised land.*

Responsorial Psalm [33]

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians [5:17-21]
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

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.**

**I will leave this place and go to my father and say;
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."
Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour...**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [15:1-3, 11-32]
Your brother here was dead and had come to life.

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 Easter Flowers and next weekend for our Parish Refurbishment Programme.** Thank you.

Communion antiphon:

**You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead
and has come to life; he was lost and is found.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen & George Glew RIP anniv.
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	For the People of the Parish Mary Conroy RIP
Monday	9.00am	Alex Santos RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.00am	Harry Whiston RIP <i>FM</i>
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Sr. Catherine Gomes RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Colleen Manuel RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	All Who Have Worshipped Here <i>FM</i> Mrs E Obanya 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

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

£461.96 For the running of the Parish

£298.58 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: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C: The parable commonly referred to as the parable of the prodigal son is undoubtedly one of the most famous recorded in the New Testament. The term 'prodigal' means wastefully extravagant or lavish. Thus the parable could also be described as the parable of the wastefully extravagant son. The parable refers to the prodigal son, the father and the elder son and their roles: the merciful father, the resentful son, the lost son and the dutiful son. The younger son was initially driven by greed and lust. He did not respect his father and his elder brother. He was ungrateful and impatient, unwilling to wait for his inheritance and anxious to be free from family work and ties. His behaviour was completely irresponsible and wasted his gifts and talents. He squandered the opportunities given to him. He sinned seriously. The prodigal son was typical of people who are self-centred and indifferent towards the needs of other people. He repented before it was too late, having realised how wrong he had been, and, to his amazement, he rediscovered his father's unconditional love and forgiveness. In the parable, the most important detail about the younger son is not his selfishness but that he returned home repentant and experienced forgiveness. The merciful father symbolises God's infinite mercy and tolerance towards us. The father was non-judgemental and forgiving. He was delighted that his younger son had undergone conversion from his sinful ways and had returned home. His forgiveness mirrors the forgiveness of God the Father. The elder brother was angry when he learned about the great welcome given by his father to the younger brother. He was self-righteous and full of self-pity. While he was unquestionably a dutiful son, he was also resentful. Like the younger son, he had rejected his father's love, although in a much less obvious way than his younger brother. The elder brother had sinned too. There is a crucial lesson in this parable about God's love. Just as the father loved both sons, so God loves each one of us. The father lost both sons - one to extravagance and the other to self-righteousness. He did everything to draw them back to himself. God is constantly inviting us to return to his loving care when we have sinned. We pray that, during Lent, we repent from our sins and experience God's steadfast love again.

**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.
Followed by, our shared lunch for Mary's Meals.**

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 Mar **Family Mass** 13 Mar **Turcovich & Martin fam**
20 Mar **Donnelly family.** 27 Mar **Easter Sunday**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

06 Mar M O’Keeffe Karim, Hayes, Kalimira E Maria
13 Mar M Esmonde Karim, O’Keeffe, Smith R Maria
20 MarVolunteers Needed.....
27 MarVolunteers Needed.....
03 Apr M O’Keeffe Donoghue, Hayes, Kalimira R Green

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

FLOWERS: - NB. NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

06 Mar D’Costa family
13 Mar Feasey & Van Spall families
20 Mar Murphy & Lehane families
27 Mar Grant family
03 Apr Hayes & Knoop families
10 Apr 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 06 Mar Karim & Palmiero
13 Mar Daniel K & Powell 20 Mar Ebite & Kealey
03 Apr Hutchinson & Jones 10 Apr Karim & Palmiero

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

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

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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

10 Apr Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Psalm 29
Easter 3 Apocalypse 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
Dias-Hudspeth Family: Kelly Breslin: Ron Leyman

**Jubilee Year Of Mercy Pilgrimage To The Holy Land
15-22 September 2016, with Fr. Huebert Miranda.**

Cost is £1,500 per person sharing a twin room. Including: return flights on a scheduled airline, staying at two 4* hotels in Tiberias and Jerusalem, on half-board basis; All tours and transfers, and all local taxes and entrance fees to the holy sites; portorage at al hotels; All gratuities to local guide/ driver & all hotel staff. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Miranda on 020 8764 1791 OR by email fatherhmiranda@yahoo.co.uk – hurry only 5 places left!

Today is Mothering Sunday; let us pray for all spiritual and biological Mothers. It was originally a time when people returned to the church where they were baptized or where they attended services when they were children. That allowed families reunion as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. Now people visit and take gifts to their mothers. Our spiritual and biological Mothers deserve our gratitude; may God bless and protect them always.

The Second Collection this 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.

Congratulations to the parents and sponsors of Matthew Dellapina-Simpson and Eloise Ring who were baptised here in our parish on 5 March 2016.

RCIA Second Scrutiny of The Elect (4th Sunday of Lent): This Sunday, we continue the celebration of the Scrutinies. On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent we pray in a particular way for those who are to be baptised at the Easter Vigil. We pray that God may dispel darkness and be the light that shines in their hearts and they continue on the road towards Easter.

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.

PARISH DIARY
Choir Practice - Monday 7 March
7.30pm - in the Church.
First Holy Communion
Saturday 19 March at 10am
Journey of Faith - Monday 7 March
In the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: - As part of the year of Mercy events there will be a special penitential service and confession on Saturday 12 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.

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MINISTRY

Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of the Church.
We need as many Eucharistic Ministers, greeters, readers and collectors as possible.
Altar servers please see your sign-up sheet in the Sacristy.