

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [43:16-21]

*See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.*

Responsorial Psalm [125]

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

A reading from letter of St. Paul to the Philippians [3:8-14]

*Reproducing the pattern of his death,  
I have accepted the loss of everything for 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.**

**Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –  
come back to me with all your heart,  
for I am all tenderness and compassion.**

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour...**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [8:1-14]

*If there is one of you who has not sinned,  
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.*

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme.** Thank you.

Communion antiphon:

**Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Colleen Manuel RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	All Who Have Worshipped Here <i>FM</i> Mrs E Obanya RIP
Monday	9.00am	Michael Colaco RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
Wednesday	9.00am	Susan Stocker RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Next weekend</b>		<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday	6.00pm	Kathleen & Donal Maher RIP Anniv.
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Peter Veerapen RIP Anniv. Private Intention

**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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Choir: <http://www.worshipandprayer.org.uk/meetings.htm>

<http://www.justgiving.com/StSimon-and-StJude>

Archdiocesan website: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://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

**£448.28** For the running of the Parish

**£112.60** For the Refurbishment Programme

**£183.86** For our Easter flowers

*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: Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C: -

I know he doesn't deserve mercy; it wouldn't be mercy if he deserved it", the mother of a French soldier who was accused of deserting Napoleon's army answered to Napoleon. In today's Gospel we have a magnificent story of the mercy of Jesus as he forgives the woman accused of adultery. We can draw the following lessons from the story. (1) The early Church delayed in accepting the story because of the ease with which Jesus forgives the woman - an easiness which was totally at odds with the strict penitential practices of the time. (2) The Law of Moses states that "If a man has intercourse with another's wife, both must die, adulterer and adulteress, and so Israel is rid of a plague" (Deut. 22:22). The scribes and Pharisees, despite their zeal to follow the Law, conveniently overlook the responsibility of men resulting only in the execution of women. (3) The lawyers wanted to question Jesus to discover whether he agreed to the death penalty as prescribed by the Law of Moses. Jesus, before he gives his response, was aware that people may know the law but not necessarily understand its purpose. Jesus does not say the woman is innocent nor that adultery is acceptable. He is not persuaded by the innocence of her accusers, and in his reply challenges them to throw their stones if they are themselves innocent. (4) The accusers demonstrate their honesty by readily recognising that they are not innocent. These would-be executioners walked away - the elders were the first to go. Jesus did not want them just to walk away but also to forgive. Jesus and the woman are left alone or as St. Augustine puts it "misery and mercy" are left alone. Jesus said to her: "Where are your accusers? Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more". The main message is not to see ourselves as the woman but to focus on Jesus' forgiveness. Can we forgive as readily as he forgives?

**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 Mar **Turcovich & Martin families** 20 Mar **Donnelly family**  
27 Mar **Easter Sunday** 03 Apr **Family Mass**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION** 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

13 Mar M Esmonde Karim, O’Keeffe, Smith R Maria  
20 Mar .....See the noticeboard.....  
27 Mar .....see the noticeboard.....  
03 Apr M O’Keeffe Donoghue, Hayes, Kalimira R Green  
10 Apr P Hutchinson Karim, O’Keeffe, Smith E Maria

**COORDINATORS - MUSIC:** L. Clarke

**FLOWERS: - NB. ALL TEAMS FOR EASTER** - See Parish Diary

02 Apr T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal

**REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

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  
17 Apr Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji 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**

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**

**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  
**See the noticeboard**

**27 Mar** Acts 10:34, 37-43 Psalm 11  
Easter Sun Colossians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9  
**See the noticeboard**

**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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.** The sacrament of reconciliation is a wonderful chance for us to fulfil our Easter duties and to receive from God his merciful forgiveness which helps us to have an adequate preparation for the great feast of Easter. We have two days during the Holy week dedicated for the sacrament of reconciliation. Please do check the details on the Easter Card or visit our website.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** - In Holy week the church will be cleaned on Tuesday 22 March and Saturday 26 March at 10am. If you can help, please come along. Thank you.

**Please take a copy of the Easter Card** containing the timetable for Holy Week and Easter Day. This will relieve Fr. Habte from answering frequent telephone queries about the times of Holy Week services. It is hoped that you will make a commitment to attend the Holy Week Services. Full details of Easter services and Masses are now on the website.

**EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST:** - The Easter Offering envelopes are available in the porch, the finance committee ask you to be as generous as possible to our parish priest at Easter. It is our way of supporting his expenses and saying thank you for his ministry among us. If you are going at Easter please use the envelope and put it in the letter box whenever you can.

**RCIA Third Scrutiny of The Elect (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent):** This Sunday, we celebrate the third and last of the Scrutinies. We pray that they may be given the faith to acknowledge Christ as the resurrection and the life and that they may be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit as they prepare themselves for their birth to new life. Later this week, we will also present the Lord’s Prayer to the Elect—and “wait in joyful hope” until they can pray it with us as one of the faithful at the Easter Vigil.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The 10:30am Mass begins at the parish hall or garden. Please make sure that you arrive on time. The Vigil and 12:15pm Sunday Masses begin with the Palm Sunday Liturgy at the back of the Church so Please do try to come early. Thank you.

**Mass of Chrism:** - takes place on Wednesday 23 April at 11am at St. George’s Cathedral, with bishops, priests, religious and laity of the archdiocese. The holy oils used in the sacraments for the coming year are blessed. During Mass one of our choir members (Lidya) will sing the psalms.

**CHILDRENS STATION OF THE CROSS:** - On Good Friday at 10am the children of our parish will have their own way of the cross. Please bring your children for this special prayer.

**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. Fr. Habte.

**PARISH DIARY**

**Choir Practice** - Monday 14 March  
7.30pm - in the Church.

**First Holy Communion**  
Saturday 19 March at 10am

**Easter Flowers Arrangement**  
Sat 26 March at 9:30am, (all groups)

**Journey of Faith** - Tuesday 15 March  
7.30pm - in the Parish Office.

**EASTER TRIDIUM ROTA FOR MINISTRIES:-** Readers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Alter Servers. Please see the Notice Board for the Easter Week Rota.