

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**First Sunday of Advent** [Year A]

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:

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [2:1-5]

*The Lord gathers all nations together  
into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.*

Responsorial Psalm [121]

**I rejoiced when I heard they say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [13:11-14]

*Our salvation is near.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [24:37-44]

*Stay awake so that you may be ready.*

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:

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Josef and Helena Kotilla RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	George Belletty RIP Anniv. Christmas Bazaar
Monday	9.00am	Thanksgiving
Tuesday	9.00am	Deceased of the Ijeh Family RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Winifred Viner RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday	9.00am	Donal and Kitty Maher RIP
<b>Next weekend</b>		<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday	6.00pm	Maurice Wynne RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Malekwe Ebite RIP Anniv. Michael Linehan RIP

## MARY'S MEALS.

*On every first Monday of the Month, we gather for a soup and sandwich meal to support a charity (Mary's Meals,) which helps poor and needy children around the world.*

*Bring your friends and join us in the Undercroft from 12.30 – 1 pm.*

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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

**£400.78** For the running of the Parish

**£106.50** For the Refurbishment Programme

**£98.51** The Catholic Youth Services

*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.** As we begin our advent journey we are reminded to be ready and awake to celebrate Christmas and welcome the Second Coming of Christ. To focus on these priorities becomes challenging because people are often overwhelmed by the need to be ready to pay a mortgage every month, to be ready for exams, to go to work, to catch a train or a flight, or for new life abroad or with new families or for transition from this life to the afterlife. Noah built an ark to be ready for an imminent flood. How can we be ready to tackle the threat of global warming, nuclear war, and disorder caused as a result of unfair distribution of wealth and segregation of peoples? The Word of the Lord instructs us in his ways. St. Paul told Christians in Rome that the Word of the Lord wakes us up now to avoid immoral ways of life such as drunken orgies, wranglings and jealousies. The Word of God enables people to face reality and take responsibility for the world and for their own lives. The future coming of the Son of Man prepares people to take responsibility for the present time. Welcoming and responding to the present with a sense of fidelity to the Word of Christ prepares us to face unpredictable events without fear. The way we care about the present determines the kind of world we have in the future. We need to be ready to respond in listening to the Word of Christ who asks us to bring his peace, love, justice and forgiveness to all. There is nothing automatic about these gifts. We need to be ready and awake to act responsibly in order to celebrate a meaningful Christmas and welcome the Lord at his Second Coming.

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

### 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**

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**Parents Are Encouraged to Help Our Catechists**

**Please see the timetable for Children's Mass and Liturgy**

27 Nov **Christmas Bazaar**

04 Dec **Family Mass**

11 Dec **Breslin family**

18 Dec **Godet family**

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

#### **HOLY COMMUNION 6pm**

**10.30am**

**12.15pm**

27 Nov M Esmonde E Karim, Smith, Donoghue *Bazaar*

04 Dec M O'Keefe Hayes, Kalimira, D Karim R Green

**COORDINATORS - MUSIC:** L. Carke

**FLOWERS: - NB: No flowers in Advent**

*All flower teams for Christmas flowers.*

#### **REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

27 Nov Christmas Bazaar

04 Dec Murphy & Lehane families

11 Dec 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**

27 Nov Ebite & Kealy

04 Dec Hutchinson & Jones

11 Dec Karim & Palmiero

18 Dec 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, S. Hayes, P. Hutchinson, E. O'Keefe & M. Ryan

**GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite, M Veerapen

**WEBSITE MATERIAL** M. Knoop / T. Duffy

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Alan Quinn

#### **READERS**

**27 Nov** Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 121

Advent 1 Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

**Paul Hutchinson: Tony Murphy: Christmas Bazaar**

**04 Dec** Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 71

Advent 2 Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

**Dominic Van Spall: Bieneosa Ebite: Alan Quinn**

**First Holy Communion 2017.** Parents will find Registration Form at the back of the church to enrol the names of your children for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please fill the application form as soon as you can. The forms should be brought to the parish office or Fr. Habte. You will then, after approval by Fr. Habte, be contacted by the parish office inviting you and your child to join the First Holy Communion Programme which commences in early January 2017.

**All children who will be starting Year 3 and above in September 2016 are eligible.**

**Are you on our Gift Aid List Yet?** By signing up for Gift Aid, every £1 you give (whether via Sunday envelopes or standing order) allows the Church to receive an extra 25p in funds from the UK government. If you would like more information please contact Rosaline Ebite or Maria Verapen, our Gift Aid co-ordinators, on rose\_ebite@hotmail.co.uk. *Please note this only applies to UK tax payers.*

**Body Reconditioning Classes in St. Simon and St Jude Parish Hall.** A safe and comprehensive system based on yoga and Pilates that can be practiced by any age. Please join us every Wednesday, from 10 am to 12 noon. For more information please contact Mary McElhone on 07932 744 991. Thank you.

**Today we begin the season of Advent** that has a twofold character.

It is a time of preparation for Christmas, when Christ's first coming is remembered and it is also a time to direct mind and heart to await his Second Coming. Advent is, therefore, a time of devout and joyful expectation.



#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Early notice.

Family Vigil Mass of Christmas, 6.00pm;

Christmas Carol and Christmas Mass During the Night (Midnight Mass), 11:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS DAY,** Mass in church at 10:30 am with no 12:15pm Mass.

**Special cards will soon be available with full details of Masses and Confessions, full details will be in the Newsletter and on the website as Christmas approaches.**

**In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for the Holy Souls.** On the table at the back of church there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for deceased loved ones during the month of November. Please put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Alternatively you can put your envelopes through the presbytery letter box or bring it to the office during opening hours. Thank you.

**'The Art of Dying Well'** is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based on Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It launched this month, the traditional month for remembering and praying for the dead. See [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org).

Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

#### **School Transfer Reference and New Applications.**

Please call the office to make an appointment to see Fr Habte regarding applications to Catholic schools. Please complete the forms before you arrive, bringing a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate.

**Please check the Notice Board for Catholic Schools Open Days & Evenings.**

**APF Red Box Holders.** If you currently hold a red APF box can you please, at your convenience, bring your box to the parish office or give it directly to Mr. Alan Quinn our parish representative. Thank you.

**Cleaning Volunteers Needed.** We have few people who have volunteered to clean the church on Saturday mornings but we need more hands, if you could help please write your names on the sign-up-sheet at the back of the Church. Thank you.

#### **PARISH DIARY**

**Choir Practice.** Monday 28 November, 7.30pm in the church.

**GETTING MARRIED?** At least six months' notice needs to be given for marriages whether they are taking place at St Simon and St Jude's or elsewhere to give time for the necessary pastoral and administrative preparation. Please speak to Fr. Habte in the first instance. It is customary for weddings to be celebrated in the parish where the bride resides. Thank you.