

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 4th December 2016

Second Sunday of Advent [Year A]

Remembering especially "Bible Sunday"

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:

**O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory
of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [11:1-10]
He judges the wretched with integrity.

Responsorial Psalm [71]

**In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [15:4-9]
Christ is the salvation of all men.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
**Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.**
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [3:1-12]
Repent, for the kingdom is close at hand.

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 will be for the church flowers over the Christmas period. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	Maurice Wynne RIP
Sunday 10.30am 12.15pm	Malekwe Ovia RIP Anniv. Michael Linehan RIP
Monday 9.00am	Winifred Viner RIP 1 st Anniv.
Tuesday 9.00am	Anne Plant RIP
Wednesday 9.00am	Alex Santos RIP
Thursday No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday 9.00am	Roberto and Isora Martini RIP
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 6.00pm	Kate Leonard RIP 10 th Anniv.
Sunday 10.30am 12.15pm	Margaret Ebite RIP Anniv. All Who Have worshipped Here FM

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

Followed by our shared lunch for Mary's Meals.

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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

£306.53 For the running of the Parish

£157.42 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. The story of the life of John the Baptist is presented at the beginning of all four Gospels. His ministry marks the beginning of the long-awaited arrival of the new age of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. In John the silence of God came to an end. He delivered the word of God and witnessed about the Word of God. The Gospels describe him as a 'voice in the wilderness'. The wilderness holds a special place in the religious tradition of Israel. God first met them in the desert and also the desert served as a place of renewal especially at a time of crisis. God speaking to the people in the wilderness through John the Baptist was an appropriate experience; hence, people travelled a long distance to meet him. He called people to repentance, and people responded positively through public profession to turn away from sinful ways and to start again with firm resolution. Nobody was exempt from his call to repentance, and he reminded them that good family roots going back to Abraham were not enough to avoid taking responsibility for their actions. John's call for a change of heart is to welcome the One who will baptise the people, not merely with water, but with the Holy Spirit as He exercises his powerful authority. Similarly, we are called to repentance – for a change of heart, without exception in this time of Advent in order to experience the power of God's forgiveness. In other words, it is a call to be faithful to our baptism: we hear the Word of God and act on it as we prepare for the Christmas celebration and the Second Coming Christ. A proper loving response to the Word of God dispels the fear related to the Second Coming of Christ as well as instils hope to lead responsible life by transforming manifold malpractices and structures from our world.

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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

04 Dec **Family Mass** 11 Dec **Breslin family**
18 Dec **Godet family** 25 Dec **Christmas**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

04 Dec M O'Keeffe Hayes, Kalimira, D Karim R Green
11 Dec P Hutchinson E Karim, O'Keeffe, Smith E Maria

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Carke

FLOWERS: - NB: No flowers in Advent

All flower teams for Christmas flowers.

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

04 Dec Murphy & Lehane families
11 Dec Hayes & Knoop families
18 Dec Soto, Carrea & Rodriuez 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 04 Dec Hutchinson & Jones
11 Dec Karim & Palmiero 18 Dec Daniel K & Powell
01 Jan Ebite & Kealy 08 Jan Hutchinson & Jones

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'Keeffe & M. Ryan **GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite, M Veerapen

WEBSITE MATERIAL M. Knoop / T. Duffy

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

04 Dec Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 71
Advent 2 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
Dominic Van Spall: Bieneosa Ebite: Alan Quinn
11 Dec Isaiah 35:1-6,10 Psalm 145
Advent 3 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
Paula Wynne: Kelly Breslin: Victoria Hunt

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Early notice.

Family Vigil Mass of Christmas, 6 pm;

Christmas Carol and Christmas Mass

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

Christmas Day, Mass in church

at 10:30 am with no 12.15 pm 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.

Knights of St Columba Christmas Posters.

Please take one of the Christmas posters from the box in the porch. Donations will be greatly appreciated and will go to Mary's Meals. Thank you.

Advent Penance Service. Will take place on Friday 23 December between 11am and 1.00pm, and is a good way to make your confession before Christmas. If you can't make it on this day please book the date and time with Fr. Habte.

Christmas Rotas.

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

The Second Sunday of Advent is known as Bible Sunday, a day when we recognise the importance of Sacred Scripture – the Word of God – in Christian living. On this day we thank and wish God's blessings on our Readers who proclaim the Word of God for us so powerfully during Mass throughout the year.

Mary's Meals Monday 5 December.

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.

Parish Christmas Bazaar. Thank you very much all who came and supported St. Simon and St. Jude's parish Christmas Bazaar last Sunday. Our special thanks goes to this year's organisers, helpers and donors.

A very, very special *Thank You* goes to Renata Poulter who spearheaded the collection of donations, organising and decorating of the hall and the stalls. It was great to see many parishioners and others really enjoyed this event. **We raised over £ 2115.90.** God bless you all.

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 5 December,
7.30pm in the church.

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.

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.

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.

Family Vigil Mass of Christmas.

Can any parents who will be at the 6 pm Mass on Christmas Eve please add your details to the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. We would like, if possible, to organise something special for our children. Thank you.

