

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

## Christmas Day, Holy Family (2016) & Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 [Year A]

Remembering especially "Our Families"

### WELCOME TO OUR MASS

*For the responses for our Christmas Masses,  
please use the booklet provided.*

| MASS DETAILS  |                                  | INTENTIONS  |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Christmas Eve</b>                                      | <b>6.00pm</b><br><b>11.00pm</b>  | The O'Keeffe Family<br>Eileen & James O'Sullivan RIP Anniv. |
| <b>Christmas Day</b>                                      | <b>10.30am</b><br><b>12.15pm</b> | Catherine Lonergan RIP<br><b>NB: No Mass</b>                |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>                                   | 10.00am                          | Holy Souls  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>                                  | 10.00am                          | Holy Souls  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>                                | 10.00am                          | Holy Souls  |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>                           | <b>No Mass</b>                   | <b>Church is closed today</b>                               |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>                                   | NB: 9.00am                       | Francis Joseph RIP FM                                       |
| <b>Weekend of Dec.31<sup>st</sup><br/>&amp; Jan 01</b>    |                                  | <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>                                |
| Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>                                 | 6.00pm                           | Holy Souls  |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan                                | 10.30am<br>12.15pm               | Michael Hayes RIP<br>Holy Souls                             |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                    | 9.00am                           | Holy Souls  |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                   | 9.00am                           | Holy Souls  |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 9.00am                           | Holy Souls  |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>                            | <b>No Mass</b>                   | <b>Church is closed today</b>                               |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>                                    | 9.00am                           | Holy Souls  |
| <b>Weekend of Jan 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup></b> |                                  | <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>                                |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>                                  | 6.00pm                           | Holy Souls  |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>                                    | 10.30am<br>12.15pm               | Deceased of McElligott Family RIP<br>Holy Souls             |

**This newsletter is for two weekends,  
so please do not destroy it too soon!  
The next newsletter will be published on the  
weekend of the baptism of The Lord.**

### Merry Christmas!

I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas!  
Thank you all for your support, good wishes, cards and gifts.  
May the New born Jesus bless and protect you today  
and always. **Fr. Habte**

### Our special thanks go to the following:

Deacon Paul Milligan, Altar Servers, Sacristans  
and Catechists, parents and children who came to rehearse  
and read at the Christmas Eve Mass; to our Choir members;  
greeters, collectors, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of  
the Holy Eucharist; our gardeners, those who help decorate  
the hall for the children's Christmas celebration  
and refreshments and those who organised it;  
those who came to clean the church, arrange flowers  
and Crib. All who support the parish  
through their good will and prayer.  
May almighty God bless and protect you.

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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.

**Reflection.** Today we celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas is not the birth of any child. We read in the Gospel of St. Luke: "Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Christmas is a great celebration of our faith in Jesus. We celebrate the new hope that Jesus has generated in people down the centuries. He is our light; he is our hope. When we want to know God, it is through Jesus that we turn; when we want to worship God, it is through Jesus that we offer our praises. We too give glory to God in the highest for revealing himself to the lowly: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." Jesus reveals the face of God to us, who is the Word of God for us. Jesus reminds us God is close and teaches us to call God "Abba" - Father. On Friday, we will celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family is a model of true Christian living. In the Second reading St. Paul teaches us how Christians need to be "clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience... Over all these clothes, put on love". As Christians we belong to a human family where the young, the middle-aged, and the old are invited to exercise sincerity, compassion, kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Love is the ultimate cloth needed for our wardrobe that makes us true citizens of the kingdom of God where people live in peace. The word of God guides a Christian family. Whatever our background may be or however few members we have in our family or we may be the only member left in the family, we can all be a member of Jesus' new family. Fidelity to the word of God ensures the quality and destiny of the Christian family life.



"Mary gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room in the inn" (Lk.2:7)

### 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**

**Parents Are Encouraged to Help Our Catechists**  
**Please see the timetable for Children's Mass and Liturgy**

25 Dec- **Christmas**

08 Jan **Holidays**

01 Jan **New Year**

15 Jan **TBA**

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

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

01 Jan M Esmonde D Karim, Smith, O'Keeffe R Green

08 Jan M O'Keeffe E Karim, Donoghue, Hayes R Green

**COORDINATORS - MUSIC:** L. Carke

**FLOWERS: - NB:**

07 Jan E. Karim, Erika

14 Jan T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal

21 Jan J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone

**REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

08 Jan Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji families

15 Jan Karim family

**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**

01 Jan Ebite & Kealy

08 Jan Hutchinson & Jones

15 Jan Karim & Palmiero

22 Jan Daniel K & Powell

29 Jan Ebite & Kealy

**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**

**01 Jan** Numbers 8:22-27

Psalm 66

Mary Mother of God Galations 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

**Teresa Dempsey: Helen Dias-Hudspeth: Ron Leyman**

**08 Jan** Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 71

Epiphany Ephesians 1:1-7

Matthew 2:1-12

**Paul Hutchinson: Monika Hammel-Lobo: Alan Quinn**

### **White Flower Appeal.**

On the weekend of 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> January there will be a second collection in aid of the White Flower Appeal.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.**

The programme for 2017 details are at the back of the church, parents please take a copy. Thank you!

### **Christmas Office Hours.**

The office is closed until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

The answer machine will be switched on and messages will be responded to.

In an emergency please come to the door and if no one is there, please leave a written message.

### PARISH DIARY

**First Holy Communion** classes Parents' Meeting.  
Saturday 14 Jan., 10am in the parish hall.

**Confirmation Classes** and parents meeting.  
Saturday 14 Jan., 4pm in the parish hall.

**Confirmation enrolment Mass.**  
Saturday 14 Jan., 4pm in the church.

**Please Note the change of Mass Times for The Feast of The Holy Family.** Due to a funeral on Friday our Holy Mass for the feast of the Holy family will start at 9:00am.

**The Feast of the Holy Family.** The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the family unit and the family of Jesus: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It falls on the Friday between Christmas and New Year's Day.

**Prayer:** Father,

help us to live as the Holy Family,  
united in respect and love.

Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Offerings at the Manger.** This year, we shall be collecting for both the work of the **Catholic Children's Society**, (who support disadvantaged children and families in need within our schools and parishes in our diocese) and the **Friends of the Holy Land**. (Who help the poorest Christian families, especially in an around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing initiatives.)

Please be as generous as you can be.

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST.**

Traditionally, the offering at Christmas is your gift to the Parish Priest. This offering forms a good part of the money that goes to make up his stipend over the year. The Christmas envelopes are available in the porch, the finance committee ask you to be as generous as possible to our parish priest Fr. Habte at Christmas. It is our way of supporting his expenses and saying thank you for his ministry among us. If you are going at Christmas please use the Red envelope and put it in the letter box whenever you can. If you Gift aid your offerings to the church, then the Christmas offerings made to the priest can also be gift aided to the church.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God [Year A]**

Entrance Antiphon:

**Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the king,  
who rules heaven and earth for ever.**

A reading from the book of numbers [6:22-27].

*They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel,  
and I will bless them.*

Responsorial Psalm [66]

**O God, be gracious and bless us.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians [4:4-7]. *God sent his Son, born of a woman.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**At various times in the past and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [2:16-21]. *They found Mary and Joseph and the baby ... When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus.*

Communion antiphon:

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today, and for ever.**