

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 8 January 2017

The Epiphany of The Lord [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:

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [60:1-6].
Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Responsorial Psalm [71]

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians [3:2-3, 5-6]
It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [2:1-12]
We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

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 The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (White Flower) and next weekend it will be for our Parish Refurbishment Programme. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Deceased of McElligott Fam. RIP John Richards RIP
Monday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	All Who Have Worshipped Here FM
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Andre Reddy RIP Vasquez and Sherriff Families

WHITE FLOWER APEAL:-This weekend there will be a second collection in aid of the White Flower Appeal.

On Monday 9th January we celebrate the feast of The Baptism of our Lord. Mass will be celebrated at 9 am.

Please Note: Exposition will resume on Monday 16 January 2017.

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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

£244.88 For the running of the Parish

£189.43 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. In today's Gospel St. Matthew offers the story of the magi, Gentile astrologers, who did indeed find the Christ-child and presented him with their gifts. At the time St. Matthew was writing the Gospel, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, it was obvious that Judaism has rejected Jesus as the Christ whilst many Gentiles accepted him. That account is manifested in today's story where King Herod and the leaders of the Jewish people expressed their rejection. Instead, Gentile travellers from distant countries came to worship the child King of the Jews. The inquiry of the wise men confused the leaders in Jerusalem, in particular, King Herod. The king's restlessness is similar to that of Egyptian Pharaoh at the time of the people of Israel's exodus from Egypt. When Pharaoh was warned by astrologers that a liberator would be born from among Hebrews to lead them from captivity to freedom, he ordered the massacre of new-born male children to make sure the liberator would not survive. The father of Moses was forewarned in a dream and Moses escaped to become the great leader of Israel. Thus, Jesus is presented as the new Moses and King Herod as the second Pharaoh. The ruthless King Herod wanted to know where Jesus was, not to pay homage, but to kill him. Our sinful ways remind us how we frequently run from the one we need most and how we often choose to reject the way of Christ through our thoughts, words and actions. For these occasions we need to ask forgiveness with a contrite heart. Our freedom to reject Christ does not entitle us to deny other people from exercising their own religious liberty either to accept or reject the way of Christ. Though rejection is part of our freedom, its outcome indicates it does not help our humanity nor does it deserve to be called freedom to 'reject' in the true sense of the term as freedom is meant to set people free with positive results not vice versa. The wise men brought gifts to Jesus, but took away more valuable gifts - the discovery of their search for truth, Jesus, our God, our ultimate desire and fulfilment. They did not stay there permanently but went home. Faith in Jesus is not limited to any geographical boundary and he has to be shared with others. Wherever our search for the truth, for God is at, our gathering in the Church help us find Christ when we take part in the Eucharist, hear the word of God and in the midst of the community. Let us celebrate the presence of Jesus, our Lord, worship him, and share him with others to enrich them with the blessings that have been manifested to us through our faith tradition.

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

08 Jan **Donnelly family**

15 Jan **Godet family**

22 Jan- **Kakabanova family**

29 Jan **Lehane family**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm

10.30am

12.15pm

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

15 Jan P Hutchinson Kalimira, D Karim, O'Keeffe R Green

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Carke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am

08 Jan. St. Simon & St Jude

15 Jan. St. Francis of Assissi

22 Jan. St. Ignatius of Loyola

29 Jan. St. Simon & St Jude

FLOWERS: - NB:

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

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

28 Jan E. Karim, Erika

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

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

08 Jan Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 71

Epiphany Ephesians 1:1-7

Matthew 2:1-12

Paul Hutchinson: Monika Hammel-Lobo: Alan Quinn

15 Jan Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm 39

Sun 2 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Dominic Van Spall: Judith Kabajulizi: Victoria Hunt

The Catholic Directory for 2017 is now available

from the parish office at £3.50 each.

It contains all the liturgical information you will need to know for the coming year.



London Probation Service

would like to thank the parishioners of St. Simon and St. Jude for their generous donation and support over this Christmas time and over the years. "All items are being distributed to our clients who struggle both financially

and emotionally at this time of the year" Lambeth probation.

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!



FR HABTE would like to thank you for your many kind gifts, cards and prayer to him this Christmas. I am truly grateful for these signs of your love for my priesthood and ministry. I pray that God will bless you for your generosity. Our special thanks goes 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 Eucharistic; our gardeners, those who help decorate the hall for the children's Christmas celebration and refreshment 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. *Fr Habte*

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.



PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice. Monday 9 January, 7.30pm in the church.

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.

Requiem Mass and Funeral of the late **Mrs Mary Joan Maloney**, will be held on Wednesday January 18 at 11 am here in our parish followed by a burial at Streatham Park Cemetery, Rowan Road, Streatham. Mrs Maloney was one of our long standing parishioners. Please remember Joan and her family in your prayers. Please also remember Mrs. Piera Dezzutti and Mrs. Mary Dunne who died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS CARDS.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a special intention please come to the Sacristy or call in to the office during the week. If you require a specific date please try to book it well in advance. You can now collect Mass cards from the Parish Office. Mass envelopes can be found at the back of 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