

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 26th March 2017
4th Sunday of Lent [Year A]

Remembering especially "Our Mothers"

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:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

A reading from the first book of Samuel [16:1, 6-7, 10-13]
David is anointed king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm [22]

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing that I shall want.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians [5:8-14]
Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

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.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour...

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [9:1-41]
He went off and washed himself,
and came away with his sight restored

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 for our flowers at Easter. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Coleen Manuel RIP Anniv
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Margaret Bryson RIP Karol Ferenc RIP
Monday	9.00am	Mihret Ukbay RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Harry Button RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Mihret Ukbay RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Jim Parle RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Muriel White RIP Anniv.
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Jack Quirin RIP John Doughy RIP Anniv.

Please join us on Monday after Mass for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Followed by Benediction, St. Jude Novena and the Stations of the Cross at 11 am.

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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 .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 11 am.

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

£465.18 For the running of the Parish

£271.92 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 directly into the parish account.*

Reflection:

In today's first reading the Prophet Samuel is commissioned by God to choose a successor to King Saul. He is sent to Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint one of his eight sons as the future king. Samuel is impressed by the eldest son and presumes that this young man of great height will be God's choice. The prophet learns: "God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart". After Jesse presents seven of his sons to the prophet, it did not occur to him that his youngest son might be suitable as he is only a shepherd boy and is called in from the hills. The Lord sees in the shepherd David something more than meets the eye. The young shepherd boy is God's choice for future king. In today's Gospel we have another example of God's choice, one which confuses the religious leaders of the day: a blind beggar comes to see the light in Jesus, both physically and spiritually. Unlike people Jesus did not presume that the blind man's affliction is a result of sin, but sees him as one who displays the work of God and point to who Jesus really is. Both stories speak to us of God's choices who sees the heart. The two stories also point beyond themselves to the reality of the divine. God has elected us to display his works. In our baptism we have been chosen to point to Jesus by the witness of our Christian lives.

Please take a copy of Easter Card containing the timetable for Holy Week and Easter Day.

This will relieve priests 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 are also on the Website.

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
Please see the timetable for Children's Mass and Liturgy

26 Mar **Kakabanova family**, Esther & Hannah
02 Apr **Family Mass**
19 Mar **Palm Sunday**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm
26 Mar P Hutchinson E Karim, Donoghue, Hayes E Maria
02 Apr M O'Keeffe Donoghue, Kalimira Smith R Maria

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
26 Mar St. Ignatius of Loyola 02 Apr St. Simon & St Jude
09 Apr Palm Sunday 16 Apr Easter Sunday

FLOWERS: - **NB: No Flowers during Lent**
All flower teams for Easter on Sunday 15 April

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

26 Mar Karim family
02 Apr Herbert & Clarke 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 26 Mar Ebite & Kealy
02 Apr Hutchinson & Jones 09 Apr Karim & Palmiero
23 Apr Daniel K & Powell 30 Apr Ebite & Kealy

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline advice 0800 1111
Local Advisor: David Feasy 020 8670 7565
Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

SACRISTANS M. Abreu, R. Green, S. Hayes, P. Hutchinson,
H Dias-Hudspeth, E. O'Keeffe & M. Ryan
GIFT AID R Ebite, M Veerapen

WEBSITE MATERIAL M. Knoop / T. Duffy

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

26 Mar Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Psalm 22
Lent 4 Ephesians 5:5-14 John 9:1-41
Dominic Van Spall: Kelly Breslin: Alan Quinn
02 Apr Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 129
Lent 5 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45
Paula Wynne: Helen Dias: Alan Quinn

RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW FOR THE CAFOD URGENT APPEAL.

Please buy a ticket for the chance to win one of the following prizes:



First Prize.

One night complimentary stay for two people at The Double Tree By Hilton London Greenwich with breakfast included.

Second Prize.

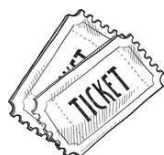
The Langham Hotel Afternoon Tea With Wedgwood For Two. A luxury afternoon tea experience for two people, served in the elegant Langham Rose tea ware created exclusively by Wedgwood for The Langham Hotels

Third Prize.

Dinner for two people and a bottle of wine at the Rydges Kensington Hotel.

TO BE DRAWN ON EASTER SUNDAY

Tickets cost £5 each and are available at the back of the Church after Mass.



The Requiem Mass and Funeral of the late Mrs Margaret Bryson, will be held on Tuesday 4 April at 11 am in our parish, followed by a cremation at West Norwood Crematorium Chapel. Mrs Bryson was one of our long standing parishioners. Please remember Margaret and her family in your prayers.

Lent is a time for recalling our own baptism and doing penance for our sins. During this season, alms-giving, fasting and abstinence support our prayer and reflection.

Lent Started on Wednesday March 1st.

For this Lent can we try something new? Probably instead of giving up something, giving out something, our time, and our talent? Joining one of the parish groups and activities? Helping our parish a little bit more than usual? I invite you all to reflect upon it and may be contact me when you feel ready. Thank you, Fr. Habte

Stations of the Cross.

During this Lenten season we have Stations of the Cross every Monday at 11 am, immediately after our weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. On Good Friday at 10 am the children of the Parish will have their own Way of the Cross. Please be sure to bring them for this special prayer. Thank you.

Joint Parish Penitential Service.

Lent is a time prayer, fasting almsgiving and reconciliation. Our Parish and St. Matthew's Parish West Norwood will have a Joint Parish penitential service here at St. Simon and St. Jude, on Tuesday 28 March at 7.30 pm.

Please check your copy of the Easter Card for the other times for reconciliation before Easter.

Holy Week and Easter Ministry. Please look for the sign-up sheets at the back of the Church. We need as many collectors, Eucharistic Ministers, greeters and readers as possible from Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday. We will have a separate sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for our altar servers. Thank you.

Easter Offering to the Parish Priest.

Easter 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.

CHURCH CLEANING. In Holy Week our church will be cleaned on Tuesday 11 April and Saturday 15 April at 10 am. All are welcome to come along to help.

Easter Celebration Singalong organised by the Knights of St. Columba. In St. Matthew's Church Hall on Saturday 22 April from 7.30 -11.30 pm. With buffet style food. music and singalong. For more information please check the notice board.

PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice: Monday 27 March
7.30 pm in the church.

First Holy Communion Classes Resume:
Saturday 6 May 10 am in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Classes: Saturday 1 April.
Retreat at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton at 11.30 am.