

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 23rd April 2017 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy [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:

**Like newborn infants,
you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:42-47]
The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

Responsorial Psalm [117]

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter [1:3-9]
*In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons
by raising Jesus from the dead.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2
**Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [20:19-31]
Eight days later, Jesus came.

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 the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral.**

Communion antiphon:

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Laureano Oquendo RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	O'Keeffe Family Valerie Quinn RIP FM
Monday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.00am	Welfare of Michael Brennan
Wednesday	9.00am	Jonny Doyle RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Dec'd of the Parle Family RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Richard Colaco RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Margaret Bryson RIP Margaret Ann McAndrew RIP

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

Reflection.

During Jesus' public ministry the disciples could not see for themselves the whole truth about Jesus: they came to that truth only after the resurrection when they received from Jesus the Spirit of truth. When the disciples received the Spirit of truth, they became the first witnesses who could testify from their experience to the truth about Jesus. What happens when there are no more eye witnesses who knew Jesus at first-hand? How can the Church speak about Jesus in a compelling way when no one can see him? This is precisely the problem that the Evangelist John faces in today's Gospel. The apostle Thomas is absent when Jesus appears to the others and he cannot believe that Jesus is risen because he cannot see him. This is a story for everyone who was not present with the disciples on Easter evening – and that obviously includes ourselves. Today's Gospel builds a bridge between those who saw Jesus and those who do not: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". That is a blessing directed at us: we who believe in Jesus, without seeing him. We know from experience that it is not easy to believe in someone we cannot see for ourselves. But we also know that many people who did see Jesus did not believe in him. Seeing does not necessarily lead to believing. The apostles have a unique place in the Church because they saw Jesus and believed in him, and they were commissioned to share their faith with others. Without the apostles' seeing and believing there would be no Christian faith. That is why, as we pray in the creed, one of the marks of the Church is that it is "apostolic". We have no experience of the physical presence of Jesus, but our understanding of him is linked through time – through all previous generations of Christians – back to the apostles themselves. It is a great chain of faith which is linked to the person of Jesus Himself. You may think the chain gets weaker the more it is distanced from the time of Jesus, but the Spirit which Jesus gives is a present reality in the Church. The Spirit is the life of the Church, the power which keeps the memory of Jesus alive and enables each of us to have a living relationship with God. So the sentiments expressed in the First Letter of Peter are addressed to us: "You did not see him, yet you loved him". The fact that we are gathered here today is a sign of our belief and a declaration of our love. Future generations depend on us to hand on what we have received so that they too can have life through the name of Jesus. If we all do that, people will continue to be blessed by him and have life through him in this world and in the afterlife.

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

23 Apr **Easter Holidays**
30 Apr **Bank Holiday**
07 May **Family Mass**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm
23 Apr M Esmonde E Karim, O'Keeffe, Smith E Maria
30 Apr P Hutchinson Donoghue, Hayes, Kalimira R Maria

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
23 Apr St. Francis of Assisi 30 Apr St. Ignatius of Loyola
07 May St. Simon & St Jude 14 May St. Francis of Assisi

FLOWERS: - NB:

29 Apr E. Karim, Erika
06 May T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal
13 May J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

23 Apr Grant family
30 Apr Murphy & Lehane 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

23 Apr Daniel K & Powell 30 Apr Ebite & Kealy
07 May Hutchinson & Jones 14 May Karim & Palmiero

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

23 April Acts 52:42-47 Psalm 117
Sun Easter 2 1 Peter 1:3-9 John: 20:19-31
Hugh Dias-Hudspeth: Neala Donnelly: Alan Quinn

30 April Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 15
Sun Easter 3 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35
Francesca Campbell: Monika Hammel-Lobo: Alan Quinn

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Please don't leave leaflets, prayer cards or other materials in the church porch or place items on the noticeboard without first speaking to the priest or to the parish office. We are happy to share many publications but do have to be vigilant about what we advertise or distribute. Thank you.

WELCOMING MINISTRY.

Thank you very much to all existing ministers of this ministry. These ministers help in handing out newsletters and hymn books, to find a seat for people with push-chairs and prams and they can also be people to contact if parishioners need any help. We need new volunteers, if you can help please see Fr. Habte.

Happy Easter! I would like to thank Readers, Sacristans, Flower Arrangers, Altar Servers, Musicians and all parishioners for your support and hard work during the Easter Triduum celebrations and throughout the year. I thank you especially for your support, good wishes, cards and gifts. We wish all the blessings of the Risen Christ and a joyful Celebration of Easter! I would like to thank especially for your generous Easter Offerings. May God bless you abundantly. May the joy of the Risen Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes! May the Risen Christ bless & protect you today and always. Fr. Habte.

The Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated today. The faithful have a Duty of honouring Divine Mercy. The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. "The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter Dives in misericordia, n. 7).

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage at St George's Cathedral on 17 June. If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or over, wedding anniversary this year and would like to come to the annual celebration Mass. Please be sure to add your name to the sheet at the back of the church as soon as possible. Please write very clearly so that you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

Sad News. Mr. John Fraser who has been a long standing parishioner and who has served in this parish as member of the finance committee, Gift Aid team and was caretaker for the hall, passed away on Thursday 6 April. His requiem Mass and funeral will be held here at St. Simon and St Jude on Friday 5 May at 11 am. Please remember John and his family in your prayers.

PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice: Monday 24 April 7.30 pm in the church.

Confirmation Classes.

Saturday 29 April at 11.15 am in the Parish Hall.

First Holy Communion Classes.

Saturday 6 May 10 am in the Parish Hall.

Fr. Habte Will Be Doing Easter Visitations and house Blessings. Those who wish to be visited, please arrange a suitable time. If you know any elderly members of St. Simon and St. Jude's parish who are housebound and who wish to receive the sacraments, please tell Fr. Habte. Thank you.

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

CHANGE OF CONFIRMATION DATE.

Will confirmation candidates and parents; please note that Bishop Pat Lynch has kindly agreed to change the confirmation date. Our new date for Confirmation is now **Sunday 11 June at 12.15 pm** instead of 6 June.