

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** [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:

**O Sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [6:1-7]  
*They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.*

Responsorial Psalm [32]

**May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter [2:4-9]  
*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2**

**Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me."**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [14:1-12]  
*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 we are having a special appeal from the Missionaries of St Francis Xavier by Fr Robert Sowa. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**I am the true vine and you are the branches,  
says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Barbina Nazareth RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Mr and Mrs Roger Quirin RIP Margaret Bryson RIP
Monday	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
<b>Next weekend</b>		<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen and George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Thomas Murphy RIP Patrice Sutch RIP

**Please join us after our Eucharistic Service  
on Monday for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Followed at 11 am by Benediction,  
St. Jude Novena and Rosary.**

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Choir: [www.worshipandprayer.org.uk/meetings.htm](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 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

Thank you: our collections last week raised:

**£418.07** For the running of the Parish

**£113.50** For the Refurbishment Programme

**£140.40** For Ecclesiastical Education

*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.** Jesus is the Way by which we travel to the fullness of God. He does not say, "I have a way" but "I am the Way." This is not an easy saying. Only when we are united with him can we reach the Father, because he and the Father are one. We are not speaking about the unknown God of the Greeks or the invisible God of the Jews: we are speaking about the God who has made Himself known in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the face of God, the heart of God, the Word of God. God is inseparable from Jesus as the Father is inseparable from the Son. "No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too." Jesus is the Truth. He not only speaks the truth, but the fullness of truth is found in him alone. This is the answer to Pilate's question, "what is the truth?" The truth is not some abstract system of thought but is embodied in the particular person of Jesus. The truth is not a theory, it is a person. Jesus is the truth about God as he is the truth about humanity. The one who walked the roads of Palestine and with sinners, is God's gift of his true self to us. As God looked to Jesus to reveal his true self, we look to Jesus to reveal God. He is the only true icon of God. Jesus is the life. As John announced at the beginning of his Gospel: "Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in Him (1:3-4). We are because of Jesus. Our very life is his gift. This is why we regard life as sacred from its beginning to its end. We see it not as an accident of fate but as a unique gift of God. The Gospel message is that no one is regarded as a mistake but clothes us with unique dignity. Jesus is the Life and we all have our life in Him. The disciples learn soon after Jesus' resurrection that they do not have ready answers to everything. As we learn from the early divisions in the community, they all have to work together to find a way forward. There are many things Jesus did not tell them. They had to try to face the future together with honesty.

### **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**

14 May **Murphy family** with Daniel & Weronika

21 May **Breslin family** with Sarah & Taylor

28 May **Chan family** with Esther & Hannah

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

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

14 May C Menezes E Karim, O’Keeffe E Maria

21 May M Esmonde Kalimira, Smith R Maria

**COORDINATORS - MUSIC:** L. Clarke

**ALTAR SERVERS ROTA:** Sun 10.30am

14 May St. Ignatius of Loyola 21 May St. Simon & St Jude

28 May St. Francis of Assisi 04 Jun St. Ignatius of Loyola

**FLOWERS: - NB:**

20 May E. Karim, Erika Kazarova

27 May T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal

03 Jun J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone

**REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

14 May Hayes & Knoop families

21 May Soto Carrea & Rodriguez 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** 14 May Karim & Palmiero

21 May Daniel K & Powell 28 May Ebite & Kealy

04 Jun Hutchinson & Jones 11 Jun 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

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Alan Quinn

**READERS**

**14 May** Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 32

Sun Easter 5 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

**Paul Hutchinson: Bieneosa Ebite: Alan Quinn**

**21 May** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Psalm 65

Sun Easter 6 1 Peter 3:15-18 John: 14:15-21

**Dominic Van Spall: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn**

**Fr. Habte Will Be Continuing 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.

#### **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

Please ensure that you have completed a registration form so that our census of registered parishioners is up to date. This is important so that we are aware of our parishioners, especially when requests for references are made and if there are requests for sacraments, home visits, etc. Thank you.

**MARRIAGES.** At least six months’ notice is required to enable sufficient pastoral and administrative preparation for the couple, whether the marriage is to be here at St. Simon and St. Jude’s or elsewhere. Couples should contact the Parish in the first instance.

Jesus trusts his followers down the ages to face the confusion and complexity of the world with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That is why He does not leave answers to everything. There is still a lot of working out to be done. Looking to Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life, does not actually solve every question effortlessly. But Jesus knew that! Clearly He wants us to put our faith to work.

#### **May is the month traditionally dedicated to Mary.**

This will be a good occasion to join us in reciting the Holy Rosary every Monday morning after Benediction at 11 am.

#### **BAPTISM.**

We congratulate and welcome to the church Lucia Sempill-Lewis and Daniel Van-Staden. May God bless them and their families.

**Missionaries of St. Francis Xaviour Appeal** will be given by Fr. Robert Sowa next weekend. (20 & 21 May.)

The annual mission appeal is an opportunity to lift a congregation’s awareness of God’s call to mission of all the baptised and to celebrate the life of the worldwide Church, whose vitality provides a source of encouragement to Catholics in the Church in England and Wales.

#### **Clergy Support Fund Campaign.**

During the last few years, many parishioners have expressed appreciation for particular priests who have had a positive influence in their lives, and have enquired about the possibility of leaving a gift in their Will to the campaign. If this is a cause that resonates with you and you would like to find a way of thanking our retired priests for their service to our community, please consider picking up an introductory leaflet from the porch/ narxex today. Thank you.

#### **PARISH DIARY**

**Choir Practice** on Monday 15 May at 7.30 pm in the Church.

**Social & Fundraising Committee Meeting** on Wednesday 24 May at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

**Communion Children and Parents’ Rehearsal** on Saturday 10 June at 10 am in the Church.

#### **CHANGE OF CONFIRMATION DATE.**

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

**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 speak to Fr. Habte. Thank you.

#### **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 Fr Habte or the parish office. We are happy to share many publications but do have to be vigilant about what we advertise or distribute. Thank you.