

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 21st May 2017

6th 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:

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [8:5-8, 14-17]
They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm [65]

Cry out with joy to God all the earth

A reading from the first letter of St Peter [3:15-18]
In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2

**Jesus said: "If anyone loves me
he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him."**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [14:15-21]
I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

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 special appeal from the Missionaries of St Francis Xavier. Next weekend our second collection will be for World Communications Day. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	Carmen and George Glew RIP
Sunday 10.30am	Thomas Murphy RIP
12.15pm	Patricia Sutch RIP
Monday 9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 9.00am	John Fraser RIP
Thursday No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday 9.00am	John Fraser RIP
Next weekend	Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday 6.00pm	Minha Lewis RIP
Sunday 10.30am	Margaret Thompson RIP
12.15pm	Thanksgiving to all Saints

**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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<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.

Collections

Thank you: our collections last week raised:

£397.72 For the running of the Parish

£206.72 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 second reading the early Christian community is told that their conduct should be such that their persecutors will be put to shame: "Always have your answers ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring". Hope in the face of violent death is deeply puzzling to many people – particularly to those who aspire to kill not only believers but what they believe. The persecutor and the onlooker are always questioned by the hope that sees through the death of a martyr. Hope is the virtue that enables us to look to the future with real confidence. It is not to be reduced to wishful thinking. We can all pass the time daydreaming, imagining a future that has nothing to do with reality. Wishful thinking has no bounds; it admits of no limitation; it is not criticised by what is actually possible. Hope is grounded in life. As the Jewish writer Martin Buber observed: "hope imagines the real". That is the difference between hope and wishful thinking. Hope is not limitless; it is limited by real possibility. Hope needs help if it is going to go beyond the expression of desire. If you hope for peace, for example, your hope needs all the help it can get if it is to be more than a cherished wish. Hope needs help. Jesus has no intention of leaving his disciples behind him in a situation where they are left to hope without any help. Jesus promises his followers the Spirit, the Advocate, who will be with them forever. The power of the Spirit is the help of Christian hope. Without the Spirit, the followers of Jesus would be thrown back on their own resources, which are clearly inadequate when the going gets rough. The time of Jesus' passion proved that. With the help of the Spirit, the disciples can face the future with a power that is much larger than themselves. That power is the Spirit, the gift of God himself. The reality of the Spirit is the ground of their hope.

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**

21 May **Breslin family** with Sarah & Taylor
28 May **Chan family** with Esther & Hannah
04 Jun **Family Mass**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm
21 May M Esmonde Kalimira, Smith R Maria
28 May P Hutchinson T Donoghue, S Hayes R Green

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
21 May St. Simon & St Jude 28 May St. Francis of Assisi
04 Jun St. Ignatius of Loyola 11 Jun St. Simon & St Jude

FLOWERS: - NB:

27 May T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal
03 Jun J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone
10 Jun E. Karim, Erika Kazarova

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

21 May Soto Carrea & Rodriguez families
28 May Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji 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

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
R Ebite, M Veerapen

GIFT AID

WEBSITE MATERIAL M. Knoop

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

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

28 May Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 46
Sun Ascension Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Paula Wynne: Kelly Breslin: Alan Quinn

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.

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.



The hope of the disciples is something the world can see, but cannot account for. Jesus makes it clear that the Spirit he promises will be given not only to the present disciples but to all those who love him and keep his commandments. The Spirit is given to us to sustain us and in our struggle in faith. That is why we are called by the Church to pray again for the renewal in the Spirit at Pentecost. With that Spirit in us we can continue the ancient Christian practice of puzzling people with the intention of inviting them to share the hope that is in us, within the Church.

Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier Appeal will be given by Fr. Robert Sowa this weekend 20/21 May 2017.

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/ narx today. Thank you.

PARISH DIARY

No Choir Practice on Monday 22 May.

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 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.

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.

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.