

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST [Year A]

Remembering especially "World Communications Day"

### 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:

**Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [1:1-11]  
*He was lifted up while they looked on.*

Responsorial Psalm [46]

**God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians [1:17-23]  
*He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2  
Go, make disciples of all the nations;  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [28:16-20]  
*All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me.*

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 World Communications Day.** This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN) the media office of the bishops' conference of England and Wales. **Next weekend the second collection is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	Minha Lewis RIP
Sunday 10.30am 12.15pm	Margaret Thompson RIP Thanksgiving to all the Saints
Holiday Monday 10.00am	Conran Bogue RIP
Tuesday 9.00am	John Fraser RIP
Wednesday 9.00am	Trudie Boyle RIP
<b>Thursday No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday 9.00am	John Fraser RIP
<b>Next weekend</b>	<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday 6.00pm	Aroomoogum Family RIP
Sunday 10.30am 12.15pm	All who Have Worshipped Here FM Angela Kealy RIP Anniv.

**We wish you a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday  
on Monday 29 May. The morning Mass will start  
at 10 am and we will have no adoration,  
Benediction and Rosary. Thank you.**

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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:

**£311.36** For the running of the Parish  
**£151.50** For the Refurbishment Programme  
**£185.83** For the Xavierian Missionaries

*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 has ascended to Heaven. St. Augustine discussing the Ascension said that: "He withdrew from our eyes that we might return to our own heart to find him". In today's Gospel the disciples are invited to take to heart the great vision of discipleship to all nations and to let that vision shape their mission. With the departure of Jesus, the disciples are invited to take all people to heart. We know from experience that it is not enough to take Christ to heart. When Christ comes to dwell in our heart, He brings His love, values, hopes, dreams and expectations. He also brings disciples and strange friends, hangers-on, the poor, the outcast, the stranger, the blind, the crippled and the legion of the overlooked who were not allowed to enter the temple. Christ never comes alone. Long before his ascension, Jesus took a lot of people to heart. He suffered because of his passionate love for others. He paid a price for taking so many people to heart. But he treasured them, in all their pettiness and lopsided resolve, with all their thin aspirations and crazy ambitions, with all their private preoccupations and hidden fears. The challenge of Jesus is to open our hearts to his kind of people. When we let them in, he slips in among them. Many people take to heart the poor, the elderly, the sick and the Scrooges of this world. The quite people who nurse and wash and dress the elderly, those who do the daily rounds in clinics and hospitals, those who choose to work in slums and ghettos: their large-heartedness makes the rest of us humble, and our own troubles and preoccupations seem so paltry compared with the huge demands they face with commitment and humour. We can only try to make more room in our heart for Jesus' people and we can do that in the Gospel truth that he will be at the heart of that enterprise until he comes down as he ascended: it would be great if he finds us living out his values today. We pray especially that our Confirmandi may embrace Jesus' values with the power of the Holy Spirit that they receive today.

### 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

28 May **Chan family** with Esther & Hannah  
04 Jun **Family Mass**  
11 Jun **Donnelly family** with Daniel & Weronika

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

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

28 May P Hutchinson T Donoghue, S Hayes R Green  
04 Jun M O'Keeffe N Kalimira, D Karim E Maria

**COORDINATORS - MUSIC:** L. Clarke

**ALTAR SERVERS ROTA:** Sun 10.30am  
28 May St. Francis of Assisi 04 Jun St. Ignatius of Loyola  
11 Jun St. Simon & St Jude 18 Jun St. Francis of Assisi

#### **FLOWERS: - NB:**

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

#### **REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

28 May Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji families  
04 Jun 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** 28 May Ebite & Kealy  
04 Jun Hutchinson & Jones 11 Jun Karim & Palmiero  
18 Jun Daniel K & Powell 25 Jun 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 Veerapan

**WEBSITE MATERIAL** M. Knopp

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Alan Quinn

#### **READERS**

**28 May** Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 46  
Sun Ascension Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20  
**Paula Wynne: Kelly Breslin: Alan Quinn**

**04 Jun** Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103  
Sun Pentecost Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John: 20:19-23  
**Hugh Dias-Hudspeth: Helen Dias: Alan Quinn**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**In the Month of June we honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Padre Pio:** Let us remember that the Heart of Jesus has called us not only for our own sanctification, but also for that of other souls.

**Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier Appeal** was given by Fr. Robert Sowa last weekend 20/21 May 2017. The collection for the works of the Missionaries is £185.83, thank you for your generosity.

#### **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/ nartex today. Thank you.

### PARISH DIARY

**No Choir Practice** on Monday 29 May.

**Communion Children and Parents' Rehearsal** on Saturday 10 June at 10 am in the Church  
Please come to the Church shortly beforehand to ensure a prompt start.

**Family Mass on Sunday 4 June at 10.30 am.**

**Reminder of Change of Confirmation Date** to Sunday 11 June at 12.15 pm.

**A Letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops** for the forthcoming General Election, offering a frame-work for their own discernment of the issues at hand.  
**Please take a copy.**

**Our Annual Parish BBQ 2017 will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July after the 10.30 am Mass.** This is our parish social event which brings us together as a community. Let us also use this occasion to raise much needed funds for the maintenance and renovation of church and facilities. We would be very grateful if as many of you could support us as possible. As usual we need your support; we have the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please write your names and donations. Thank you.

**St. John Bosco Centre – Children's Summer Holiday Camp:** Boys Camp from 22 July –5 August, Girls Camp from 5–12 August. The suggested camp donation is £145 per child per week. For further information please see the notice board at the back of the Church or Paul Hayes (for boys) on 07534 065347 or Gemma O'Flaherty (for girls) on 07491 811167. 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 speak to 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.