

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 23rd July 2017

16th Sunday Ordinary Time [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:

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

**I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

A reading from the book of Wisdom [12:13, 16-19]

After sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm [85]

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [8:26-27]

The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [13:24-43]

Let them both grow till the harvest.

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 and next weekend is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme.**

Communion antiphon:

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Doug Jones RIP Anniv.
Sunday	10.30am	Michael Hayes RIP
	12.15pm	Holy Trinity and The Immaculate Conception
Monday	9.00am	Patricia Vicars RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Agnes Whiston RIP FM
Wednesday	9.00am	Terence Flynn RIP
Thursday	No Mass	C hurch is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Ben Howe RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Paul Hayes RIP
	12.15pm	James Desmond Kealy RIP

**Please join us after Mass 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:

£325.18 For the running of the Parish

£116.00 For the Refurbishment Programme

£236.12 For Survive Miva

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. The demand for instant judgment, for rooting out those who have done harm in the community, for bringing the last judgment into the present tense, is something that is seriously challenged in today's scripture readings. The writer of the Book of Wisdom tries to answer the pressing question: why does God allow the bad to flourish? Why is God so patient and moderate with Israel's enemies? He argues that moderation is not a result of weakness: his justice, after all, has its source in strength. God uses his sovereign strength by governing with great lenience. So God's mercy is heaped on everyone in sight. The people are asked to share in the same spirit of God and act with kindness to their fellow human beings. The argument is that God's leniency will give the people of Israel the good hope that when they wrong God, they too will surely benefit from his forgiveness. This same hope is enshrined in the prayer of the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". God's patience and forbearance with wrong-doers appears again in the Gospel reading. The kingdom of heaven is compared to a farmer who is confronted with a serious problem: his field is alive with wheat and a poisonous weed, darnel, which can only be distinguished from the wheat when the growth is advanced. The farmer's servants want to weed out the darnel, but the farmer tells them to leave it alone; he is worried that uprooting the weeds will endanger the wheat. He orders that no premature attempt be made to separate them. Thus both the wheat and the darnel are allowed to grow, and only at the final harvest are they separated. The message of the parable is something that Jesus lived throughout his ministry. He reached out to all sorts of people mixing with priests, scribes, politicians, children, tax-collectors. The message of the parable still challenges the Church today. *Continued overleaf ...*

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 Jul Chan family with Daniel & Weronika
30 Jul No Children's Liturgy until September

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm
23 Jul P Hutchinson D Karim, S Smith R Green
30 Jul M Esmonde D Karim, N Kalimira R Green

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
23 Jul St. Simon & St Jude 30 Jul St. Francis of Assisi
06 Aug St. Ignatius of Loyola 13 Aug St. Simon & St Jude

FLOWERS: - NB:

29 Jul T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal
05 Aug J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone
12 Aug E. Karim, Erika Kazarova

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

30 Jul Taylor, Hannah & Weronika
No Refreshments during August, we resume 2nd Sunday in September.

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 Jul Ebite & Kealy 30 Jul Hutchinson & Jones
06 Aug Karim & Palmiero 13 Aug Daniel K & Powell

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

23 Jul Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Psalm 85
Sun 16 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Teresa Dempsey: Kelly Breslin: Quinn/Watts

30 Jul Kings 3:5, 7-12 Psalm 118
Sun 17 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew: 13:44-52

Dominic Van Spall: Tony Murphy: Quinn/Watts

Reflection cont.

It is not the place of the Church to set up inquisitions, support witch-hunts, organise purges to free the field for its own approved supporters. The Church is not God. As Christians we have no authority to pronounce the final judgement on anyone. The last word cannot be said about anyone until death, and then it is God's part, not ours, to say it. That is why St. Paul says "There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes" (1 Cor. 4:5). The hope that comes from the knowledge that the final decision is God's is that Christians should not deny others and interfere in people's lives, but simply share God's love with all people in charity.

Urgent and Very Important Notice: - School Transfer References and New Applications

If you are applying for a place for your child or applying to a Catholic Secondary School and would like a reference, or if you have the intention of applying for a Catholic school in future years because your child still is young to go to school. Please take a form from the porch, complete it and hand it to Fr. Habte or give to the parish office as soon as possible. **Please do not ignore this notice as it is urgent and very important.** Thank you! Fr. Habte



PARISH BOWLING DAY OUT.

Last Saturday, 15 July, we had a successful and joyful fun filled day out for bowling with the younger members of our parish and their parents. Thank you for all of who joined us and a very special thank you to Jamie Ndah who organised and financed the day!

Jamie Ndah is also a member of our social and fundraising committee, and helps us to obtain raffle and concert tickets. He is currently fundraising for the children's charity **The NSPCC** and has a Just Giving page with the link, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wonderfulcommunications>

For more details please see Jamie after Mass.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Photographs.

The Photographs of the Confirmation and First Holy Communion days are now available for choice and to order in the Hall after Mass this Sunday. Please choose the photographs you would like developed, complete the order form, then post the completed order through the presbytery letter box. Thank you.

PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice;

Monday 24 July at 7.30 pm, in the church.

Parish Annual International Lunch Sunday;

Sunday 1st October from 12 noon.

Christmas Concert;

Sunday 19th November 2017 from 3:00pm.

Parish Christmas Bazaar;

Sunday 26th November from 12 noon.

August parish activities and Services

There will be no Organ Music (Singing) at the 10.30am Sunday Mass in the summer except for weddings; normal service commences on the 2nd Sunday in September. Other activities and services such as Children's Liturgy, Monday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mary's Meals and Sunday refreshments after the 10.30 am Mass will all resume in September.

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 call Paul Hayes (for boys) on 07534 065347 or Gemma O'Flaherty (for girls) on 07491 811167.

Journey in Faith (RCIA). The Church welcomes new enquirers who would like to have a conversation about the journey of faith that inspires all our lives. A new programme will begin again in October, so we invite any member of our Parish community who is interested in finding out more about our faith. This is a joyous journey of exploration that we invite you to share in.

Parish International Lunch Day on 1st October 2017 will be our parish international food festival where we come together as a community while celebrating our diversity. **Please put this very important day in the life of our parish in your diary.**