

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 30th July 2017

17th 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:

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

A reading from the first book of the Kings [3:5, 7-12]
You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.

Responsorial Psalm [118]

Lord how I love your law!

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [8:28-30]
God intended us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2
**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [13:44-52]
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

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:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Ben Howe RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Paul Hayes RIP
	12.15pm	James Desmond Kealy RIP
Monday	9.00am	Terence Flynn RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Terence Flynn RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Alex Schisano RIP
Sunday	10.30am	All Who Have Worshipped Here FM
	12.15pm	For the People of the Parish

**For Readers and Extraordinary Ministers.
If you will be away during August, please ensure
you have arranged cover for your ministry.
For any difficulties, please contact the parish office.**

Many thanks!

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Choir: www.worshipandprayer.org.uk/meetings.htm

<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:

£276.11 For the running of the Parish

£190.59 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 Gospel reading Jesus tells a parable about a man who discovers a great treasure. When the person discovers pearls after a long search, he is willing to pay anything for the new treasure. He appears unhinged in risking everything on this one venture. In the parable Jesus is asking the crowds if they perceive the kingdom of God in the same way. Do they really see it as a treasure that is worth more than everything they now value in life? If the kingdom of God is not perceived as the authentic article, people will not bother renouncing anything to attain it. Jesus had to give up everything he valued, his family, his home, his security to do his Father's will and preach the kingdom of God. For Jesus there was no treasure greater than his Father's will: when he uncovered what it was, he renounced everything to make it his own. His own family and neighbours thought his ways are either puzzling or foolish; and when he gave up his own life, even his disciples could not understand this ultimate folly. But there was a purpose in it: even in death Jesus kept hold of his treasure. None of us can gain anything of value without renouncing something. Perhaps what we have to renounce first is our perception of what real treasure in this life really is. Few of us will chance on the crock of gold at the end of the rainbow or win a lottery, or stumble on an oil-field in the backyard. But we have all stumbled on a treasure. We may have problems appreciating our find wrapped in the ordinary stuff of life. The real treasure of life is under our noses – in the people we share life with, in the opportunities we face every day to exercise the values of Jesus. None of this might appear a glittering prize, but it is in the heart of the ordinary that we discover the presence of Jesus. He is the authentic article. He is hidden in the common-place, hoping that we will stumble on that truth before long.

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

30 Jul **No Children's Liturgy until September**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

30 Jul M Esmonde D Karim, N Kalimira R Green
06 Aug M O'Keefe E Karim, S Smith R Green

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
30 Jul St. Francis of Assisi 06 Aug St. Ignatius of Loyola
13 Aug St. Simon & St Jude 20 Aug St. Francis of Assisi

FLOWERS: - NB:

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

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 30 Jul Hutchinson & Jones
06 Aug Karim & Palmiero 13 Aug Daniel K & Powell
20 Aug Ebite & Kealy 27 Aug Hutchinson & Jones

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline advice 0800 1111
Local Advisor: David Feasey 020 8670 7565
Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

SACRISTANS M. Abreu, R. Green, S. Hayes, P. Hutchinson,
H Dias-Hudspeth, E. O'Keefe & M. Ryan

GIFT AID R Ebite, M Veerapen

WEBSITE MATERIAL M. Knoop

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

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

6 Aug Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 96
Transfiguration St. Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

Paula Wynne: Bieneosa Ebite: Quinn/Watts



Parish International Lunch Day on 1st October 2017. This is 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.**

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.

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.

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*



Mass Intention Requests. It has come to my attention that many of our parishioners don't know how to go about having a Mass said for their intentions and loved ones. If that is the case, please contact the parish office, and our Secretary will be happy to guide you. *Fr. Habte*

Jamie Ndah is a member of our social and fundraising committee, who 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.

PARISH DIARY

August parish activities and Services.

Please note There will be no Organ Music (Singing) at the 10.30 am 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.

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.

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.

Are you on our Gift Aid List Yet?

By signing up for Gift Aid, every £1 you give (whether via Sunday envelopes or standing order) allows the Church to receive an extra 25p in funds from the UK government. If you would like more information please contact Rosaline Ebite and Maria Veerapen, our Gift Aid co-ordinators, on rose_ebite@hotmail.co.uk.

Please note this only applies to UK tax payers.