

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 17th September 2017

24th Sunday Ordinary Time [Year A]

Remembering especially "Home Mission Sunday"

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.

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus [27:30-28:7]

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Responsorial Psalm [102]

**The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [14:7-9]

Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [18:21-35]

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

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 Home Missions. Next weekend the collection is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter
in the shadow of your wings.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Carmen and George Glew RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Christopher Okaro For the People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Bozimo Family
Tuesday	9.00am	Nicola Elliott
Wednesday	9.00am	The Ryan Brothers RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Celine Lobo RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Paul Hayes RIP Thanksgiving [Maria]

**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 10.30 am and 12.15 pm

Weekday Mass:

Morning Prayer at 9.00 am with Mass at 9.15 am.,
but please check the Mass Intention List for details.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays after Mass from 9.45 am 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:

£388.34 For the running of the Parish

£81.50 For the Refurbishment Programme

£114.10 For Catholic Education Service

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.

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness. There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

Diocesan Day for Catechists. All catechists are invited to attend the annual diocesan day for Catechists on Saturday 23 September 2017, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR. This day is for all catechists of the diocese, including those involved in children's liturgy of the word and the RCIA process.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. On Friday 6 October 2017. We are asked to support our brothers and sisters in need. Please bring your donations on Sunday 8 October 2017. Thank you for your generosity.

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

17 Sep Breslin family **24 Sep To be advised**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>12.15pm</u>
17 Sep P Hutchinson	E Karim, O'Keeffe	E Maria
24 Sep C Menezes	S Smith, S Hayes	R Maria

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
17 Sep St. Ignatius of Loyola 24 Sep St. Simon & St Jude
01 Oct St. Francis of Assisi 08 Oct St. Ignatius of Loyola

FLOWERS: - NB:

16 Sep J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone
23 Sep E. Karim, Erika Kazarova
30 Sep T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

17 Sep Okaro family
24 Sep 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

17 Sep Ebite & Kealy	24 Sep Hutchinson & Jones
01 Oct Karim & Palmiero	08 Oct Daniel K & Powell

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'Keeffe & M. Ryan
GIFT AID R Ebite, M Veerapen

WEBSITE MATERIAL M. Knoop

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

17 Sep Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7	Psalm 102
Sun 24 Romans 14:7-9	Matthew: 18:21-35
Teresa Dempsey: Neala Donnelly: Quinn/Watts	
24 Sep Isaiah 55:6-9	Psalm 144
Sun 25 Philippians 20:24-27	Matthew: 20:1-16
Paul Hutchinson: Monika Hammel-Lobo: Quinn/Watts	

Parish Annual International Lunch Sunday on 1st October from 12 noon. When we come together as a community whilst celebrating our diversity. **Please put this day in your diary** as it is a very important day in the life of our parish. **Donations are needed for the International Lunch Day.** See the sign-up sheets in the porch for food, drinks prizes etc. Be sure to add your name if you wish to cook your national food or your speciality. Please include how many people you can cater for.

Parish Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 26 November from 12 noon. We invite parishioners who would like to hold a stall to come forward and present their plan, we also would like to ask all parishioners to volunteer to give us their permission to put a estate agents advertisement board in front their property. As you know the estate agent pays the parish for each board

Annual Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Minsters and Readers. Will take place on Saturday 11th November at Bishop Thomas Grant School, SW16. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

Urgent and Very Important, 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 before 25 September 2017.**

Please call the office to make an appointment to see Fr Habte regarding applications to Catholic schools. Please complete the forms before you arrive and bring a photocopy of the baptismal certificate when you come. (If the baptism took place at St Simon and St. Jude Church, you do not need to provide the baptism certificate).

Please note: **PARENTS MEETING on Sunday 8 October at 11.30 am in the Parish Hall.** All parents who have filled the school reference form and other parents in the parish are invited for this very important meeting to discuss about schools and other parish related issues. ***Please do not ignore these notices as they are urgent and very important. Fr. Habte***

PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice.

Mon 18 September at 7.30 pm, in the church.

Social Events and Fundraising Committee.

Wed 20 September at 7.30 pm, in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Concert. Sun 19 November from 3 pm.

Parish Christmas Bazaar. Sun 26 November from 12 noon.

Blessing of Pets. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the ecology. His Feast day is celebrated on 1st October. The day when we bless our pets after the 11am Mass at the Parish Garden where Holy Mass takes place. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

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.

Ministries in the Church. Those who wish to be involved in different ministries in the Church please let Fr Habte know. We need more Church Cleaners, Readers and Children's' Liturgy Catechists and Altar servers. Parents are encouraged to help out our Catechists. Necessary training will be provided. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Mass Intention requests. It has come to my attention that Mass intentions requests has gone down significantly therefore we have no Mass intentions to be said for the coming months, the problem is across the board in all parishes as the awareness regarding the purpose of offering a Mass for various intentions including for the deceased is lost. Maybe the church has to take responsibility in failing to explain the purpose of Mass intentions to the new generation. If you don't know how to go about having a Mass said for your intentions and loved ones, please contact Fr. Habte or the parish office, and our Secretary will be happy to guide you. Thank you *Fr. Habte.*