

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 12th November 2017

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time [Year A]

Remembering especially "Dead of all Wars"

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.

**Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

A reading from the book of Wisdom [6:12-16]
Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Responsorial Psalm [62]

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians [4:13-18]
God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2

**Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [25:1-13]
The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

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 Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Administration. Next weekend the second collection is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Pauline Attard RIP Anniv.
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Dead of World Wars FM Private Intention
Monday	9.00am	Thanksgiving
Tuesday	9.00am	Renato Tinaya Solana RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	John Evans
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Graham Hayes RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Eileen Clancy
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Graham Hayes RIP All Who Had Worshipped Here FM

**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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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 10.30 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 for our collections last week raised:

£356.53 For the running of the Parish

£226.27 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 this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. 12th November is Remembrance Sunday when we need to pray for peace in our world and for all who need our prayer.

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

12 Nov Murphy Family **19 Nov Breslin Family**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm
12 Nov M Esmonde D Karim, O'Keeffe E Maria
19 Nov P Hutchinson E Karim, S Smith R Maria

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
12 Nov St. Simon & St Jude 19 Nov St. Francis of Assisi
26 Nov St. Ignatius of Loyola 03 Dec St. Simon & St Jude

FLOWERS: NB:

18 Nov J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone
25 Nov E. Karim
02 Dec No flowers in Advent. All teams for Christmas.

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

12 Nov Grant family
05 Nov Murphy & Lehane 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

12 Nov Ebite & Kealy 19 Nov Hutchinson & Jones
26 Nov Karim & Palmiero 03 Dec 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

12 Nov Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 62
Sun 32 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew: 24:42,44

Paul Hutchinson: Neala Donnelly: Alan Quinn

19 Nov Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Psalm 127
Sun 33 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew: 25:14-30

Paula Wynne: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn

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. *Fr. Habte.*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT on 19 November at 3 pm in our church. This year we have organised a Christmas Concert in aid of 'Help refugee children' a charity that focuses particularly in helping refugee children stranded in refugee camps, some part of the proceeds goes to the support of our parish. If you wish to buy tickets please ask the parish office or Fr. Habte. Thank you.

HOLY SOULS. On the table at the back of church there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for deceased loved ones during the month of November. Please put your envelope in the box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. It is customary to make an offering with your list for the Masses that will be said during November and throughout the year for the deceased. Alternatively you can put your envelopes through the presbytery letter box or bring it to the office during opening hours. Thank you.

First Holy Communion 2018. Parents will find Registration Form at the back of the church to enrol the names of your children for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please fill the application form as soon as you can. The forms should be brought to the parish office or Fr. Habte. You will then, after approval by Fr. Habte, be contacted by the parish office inviting you and your child to join the First Holy Communion Programme which commences in early January 2018. All children who started Year 3 or above in September 2017 are eligible.

Help Needed. A member of our parish is looking for clothing to donate for refugee women and children stranded in France. If you can help, please contact Ms. Bianca Franqueira or, call the parish office on 020 8678 9051.

Little Mix Concert Tickets. Win two tickets to the sold out Little Mix concert on Saturday 25 November at the O2 London. **RAFFLE TICKETS COST £5 EACH.** The draw for the tickets will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 19 November after the 10.30 am Mass. Good Luck to all who enter.

Altar Servers. If you, your son or daughter are interested in becoming an altar server at any of our Masses please collect a registration form from the sacristy. Training will be arranged for new and existing servers in due course.

Welcome Sr. Irena. Sr. Irena is a Holy family sister residing in their Stockwell Convent (community) she has served her religious Congregation as provincial minister for several years; she has been helping in different Parishes as a parish sister for many years. Sister Irena has the experience and the passion of working with Catechists and Children, and she is here to help us with our Children's Liturgy group. I would like to thank her for accepting my invitation with kindness and generosity. Fr. Habte

PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice.

Mon 13 November at 7.30 pm, in the church.

Christmas Concert. Sun 19 November from 3 pm.

Parish Christmas Bazaar. Sun 26 November from 12 noon.

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 an estate agents' advertisement board in front their property. As you know the estate agent pays the parish for each board. The sign-up sheets for the donations and volunteers who would like to man a stall or help clear up are out, so, **please put your names down if you are able to help.** THANK YOU.

