

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 19th November 2017

33rd 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.

The Lord said:

I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,

and I will lead back your captives from every place.

A reading from the book of Proverbs [31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31]

A perfect wife – who can find her?

Responsorial Psalm [127]

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians [5:1-6]

Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2

Even if you have to die, says the Lord

keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [25:14-30]

You have been faithful in small things;

come and join in your master's happiness.

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 our Parish Refurbishment Programme. Next weekend the second collection is for the Catholic Youth Services, supporting youth work in our diocese and beyond. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Private Intention [Clancy]
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Graham Hayes RIP All Who Have Worshipped Here FM
Monday	9.00am	Albert Francis Rowe RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Josie Stack RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Dec'd of the Brennan Family RIP
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Graham Hayes RIP
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Private Intention [Campbell]
Sunday	11.00am 12.15pm	Dec'd family of Marua Pastrana No Mass. Xmas Bazaar

**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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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:

£363.84 For the running of the Parish

£106.50 For the Refurbishment Programme

£99.10 For the Archbishop's Fund

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. This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return. Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

19 Nov Breslin Family **26 Nov No Liturgy Today**

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>12.15pm</u>
19 Nov P Hutchinson	E Karim, S Smith	R Maria
26 Nov M Esmonde	S Hayes, N Kalimira	Bazaar

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: L. Clarke

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
19 Nov St. Francis of Assisi 26 Nov St. Ignatius of Loyola
03 Dec St. Simon & St Jude 10 Dec St. Francis of Assisi

FLOWERS: NB: No flowers during Advent

25 Nov E. Karim

All flower teams for Christmas

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

19 Nov Murphy & Lehane families
26 Nov Christmas Bazaar

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	19 Nov Hutchinson & Jones
26 Nov Karim & Palmiero	03 Dec Daniel K & Powell
10 Dec Ebite & Kealy	17 Dec 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, E. O'Keeffe & M. Ryan **GIFT AID** R Ebite, M Veerapen

WEBSITE MATERIAL M. Knoop

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

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

26 Nov	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17	Psalm 22
Christ the King	Corinthians 15:20-26, 28	Matthew: 25:31-46

Francesca Campbell: Bieneosa Ebite: No Mass

World Day of the Poor Sunday 19 November. In his message for the first World Day of the Poor, to be celebrated on 19 November this year, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means or background, to unite in love, in acts of service to one another and in genuine encounter. Pope Francis hopes the day can "become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". Please look out for the prayer cards.

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.

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 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.

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.*

PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice.

Mon 20 November at 7.30 pm, in the church.

Parish Christmas Bazaar. Sun 26 November from 12 noon.

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.

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.