

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent** [Year B]

Remembering especially "Day of Prayer for Migrants"

## 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.

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8]  
*Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.*

Responsorial Psalm [79]

**God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians [1:3-9]  
*We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2**

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
give us your saving help.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x1**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [13:33-37]  
*Stay awake, because you do not know  
when the master of the house is coming.*

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Kathleen & Donal Maher RIP Anniv.
Sunday	10.30am	Michael Hayes RIP
	12.15pm	For the People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Graham Hayes RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Oliver Clifford Gardiner RIP
Wednesday	9.00am	Our Lady
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday	9.00am	Tinsae Debesay RIP Anniv.
<b>Next weekend</b>		<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday	6.00pm	Sean Wynne RIP
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret Ergo Ebite RIP Anniv.
	12.15pm	All Who Have 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.  
Then our shared lunch for Mary's Meals.**

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<http://www.justgiving.com/StSimon-and-StJude>

Archdiocesan website: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://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:

**£295.40** For the running of the Parish

**£79.00** For the Refurbishment Programme

**£97.87** For the Catholic Youth Services

*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 we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples-Peter, James, John, and Andrew-who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face. Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

### **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

**03 Dec Family Mass**                      **10 Dec Donnelly family**

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

<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> 6pm	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>
03 Dec M O'Keeffe	D Karim, S Smith	R Green
10 Dec M Esmonde	E Karim, S Hayes	E Maria

**COORDINATORS - MUSIC:** L. Clarke

<b>ALTAR SERVERS ROTA:</b>	Sun 10.30am
03 Dec St. Simon & St Jude	10 Dec St. Francis of Assisi
17 Dec St. Ignatius of Loyola	24 Dec St. Simon & St Jude

**FLOWERS: NB:**  
No flowers during Advent. All teams for Christmas

**REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

03 Dec Hayes & Knoop families  
10 Dec 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.*

<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	03 Dec Daniel K & Powell
10 Dec Ebite & Kealy	17 Dec Hutchinson & Jones
24 Dec Karim & Palmiero	31 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,  
E. O'Keeffe & M. Ryan    **GIFT AID** R Ebite, M Veerapen

**WEBSITE MATERIAL** M. Knoop

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Alan Quinn

### **READERS**

<b>03 Dec</b>	Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8	Psalm 79
Advent 1	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark: 13:33-37

**Teresa Dempsey: Helen Dias: Chris Watts**

<b>10 Dec</b>	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	Psalm 84
Advent 2	St Peter 3:8-14	Mark: 1:1-8

**Dominic Van Spall: Kelly Breslin: Alan Quinn**

### **CHRISTMAS ROTAS. Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, and Collectors and Altar Servers.**

Please sign up on the list at the back of church for any ministry you can perform. Many thanks.

### **The Right of Catholics To Send Their Children To Catholic Education. Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them?**

**Then we need you to make your voice heard.**

The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

### **Advent Walk with Me.**

The Advent Walk with Me Book is available at the back of the church for £1 each. This Sunday we begin the season of Advent that has a twofold character. It is a time of preparation for Christmas, when Christ's first coming is remembered and it is also a time to direct mind and heart to await his Second Coming. Advent is, therefore, a time of devout and joyful expectation.

### **HUMOUR - The Lost Purse.**

The lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills. "The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward.



**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.** Thank you very much all who came and supported St. Simon and St. Jude's parish Christmas Bazaar last Sunday. Our special thanks goes to this year's organisers, helpers and donors and people who helped in anyway in making the day a success. As we know, a great deal of time, thoughts, and effort went into the preparation and organisation of the event. I would like to say a very special and big thank you to Renata Poulter and all the social committee members who gave a lot of their time to this event. It was great to see many really enjoyed this event. We raised over £2056.91. God bless you all.

**A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT 19 November 2017.** This year we had a very successful Christmas Concert. We raised £960:00 pounds.

**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. The deadline for the application forms is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017. All children starting Year 3 and above in September 2017 are eligible.

**Help Needed.** A member of our parish is looking for clothing to donate for refugee stranded in France, cloth mainly for boys and men, If you wish to help and please contact Ms. Bianca Franqueira on 07455 746 004, biancafranqueirahanks@gmail.com. Or the parish office on 020 8678 9051. Bianca will soon be going to Calais.

### **PARISH DIARY**

#### **Choir Practice.**

Mon 04 December at 7.30 pm, in the church.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES - Early notice.**

Family Vigil Mass of Christmas, 6pm;  
Christmas Carol and Christmas Mass During the Night (Midnight Mass), 11.30pm.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**, Mass in church at 10.30am with no 12:15pm Mass.

Special cards will soon be available with full details of Masses and Confessions, and full details will be in the Newsletter and on the website as Christmas approaches.