

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent** [Year B]

Remembering especially "the Sick members of our Parish"

## 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.

**Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. ,**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [61:1-2, 10-11]

*I exult for joy in the Lord*

Responsorial Psalm [84]

**My soul rejoices in my God**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians [5:16-24]

*May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation:

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

**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me., he has sent me to bring good news to the poor**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [1:6-8, 19-28]  
*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

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 is for flowers over Christmas Period, next weekend our Second collection will be used for our refurbishment programme Thank you.**

Communion antiphon:

**Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear, Behold, our God will come, and he will save us**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Lola Drennan RIP
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Tony and Pter Veerapen RIP. Holy Souls FM
Monday	9.00am	Melekwe Ovia RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Annie Pike (Funeral)
Wednesday	9.00am	Cornelius Evans RIP .
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday	9.00am	Eileen Clancy
<b>Next weekend</b>		<b>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
Saturday	6.00pm	Mandie Murphy
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Graham and Paul Hayes RIP Holy Souls

**Please join us after Mass on Monday for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Followed by Benediction, St. Jude Novena and Rosary at 11 am.**

**Please take a Christmas card so that you and your family have the Mass times at hand over the Christmas season.**

**In this way we render great help to our priest by not phoning to check for Mass times.**

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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:

**£277.68** For the running of the Parish

**£216.09** 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** This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John. The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand

## 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 Dec Chan family 24 Dec Nativity play rehearsals

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

17 Dec M Esmonde O'Keeffe, N Kalimira R Maria  
24 Dec M Esmonde D Karim, S Smith E Maria

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: Tony and Monika

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am

17 Dec St. Ignatius of Loyola 24 Dec St. Simon & St Jude  
31 Dec St. Francis of Assisi 7 Jan St. Ignatius of Loyola

FLOWERS: NB:

No flowers during Advent. All teams for Christmas

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

17 Dec Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji families  
24 Dec Karim Family

*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 Dec Hutchinson & Jones 24 Dec NO COUNTIN  
31 Dec Karim & Palmiero 7 Jan Ebite & Kealy

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

17 Dec Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 Psalm Lk 1  
Advent 3 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John: 1:6-8, 19-28

Paula Wynne: Monika Hammel-Lobo: Alan Quinn

24 Dec 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14. 16- Psalm 88  
Advent 4 Romans 16:25-27 Mark: 1:1-8

Francesca Campbell: Helen Dias : Alan Quinn



**LONDON PROBATION SERVICE.** Once again,

we will be collecting non-perishable food for distribution to those in need at Christmas. .

Please box up non-perishable items of food so

that our church can show the gospel values of care to turn wayward lives around. Please bring your donations to any of our Masses until Friday 22 December. Thank you.

### Christmas Cleaning of the Church.

Please come on Saturday 23 December from 10.00am onwards to help clean our church.

**Advent Walk with Me.** The Advent Walk with Me Book is available at the back of the church for £1 each.

**Knights of St Columba Christmas Posters.** Please take a Christmas poster from the box in the porch. Donations will be greatly appreciated and it goes to Mary's meals. Thank you.

**Funeral Mass of Mrs. Annie Pike:** On Tuesday 19th December: we have Requiem Mass of the late Mrs. Annie Pike Therefore we have no Morning Prayer Mass will start at 9:00am. Please pray for the late Annie Evans and his Family.

**Humour.** I figured that at age seven it was inevitable for my son to begin having doubts about Santa Claus. Sure enough, one day he said, "Mom, I know something about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy." Taking a deep breath, I asked him, "What is that?" He replied, "They're all nocturnal."



**SAD NEWS:-** One of our longstanding and dedicated parishioners Mrs. Eileen Clancy who has been ill for the past few months died peacefully on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Guy's hospital surrounded by her children and family. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen and comfort and consolation for her family. We will communicate once we know more about the funeral arrangements.

### PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice.

Mon 18 December at 7.30 pm, in the church.

**Our family Christmas Vigil Mass will be at 6:00pm.**

For the Christmas Eve Children's Mass, the prayers of the faithful will be led by the children. The children will have a rehearsal at 11am on Saturday 23 December. Perhaps parents who would like your children to be involved please could email Adeline Chan on ([adeline.chan@hotmail.com](mailto:adeline.chan@hotmail.com)) or call her on 07986 049672 if they would like their children to be involved. We need more angels, shepherds and wise men.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES - Family Vigil Mass of Christmas, 6pm; Christmas Carol and Christmas Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass), 10:30pm.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, Mass in church at**

**10.30am. Please note. THERE IS NO 12.15PM MASS.**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE.** This will take place on Saturday December 23 at 11.30-1.30pm. I encourage you to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the great feast of Christmas. It is a good way of preparation to make your confession before Christmas, if you can't make it on this day please book the date and time with Fr. Habte. Thank you.

**Christmas Offering to the Parish Priest.** Traditionally, the offering at Christmas is your gift to the Parish Priest. This offering forms a good part of the money that goes to make up his stipend over the year. The Christmas envelopes are available in the porch, the Finance Committee ask you to be as generous as possible to our parish priest Fr. Habte at Christmas. It is our way of supporting his expenses and saying thank you for his ministry among us. If you are going to be away at Christmas please use the Red envelope and put it in the letter box whenever you can. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS ROTAS. Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, and Collectors and Altar Servers.** Who volunteered to help please check your rota on the notice board Many thanks.