

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

## Christmas Day, and Solemnity of the Holy family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Sunday 31 December 2017 [Year B]

Remembering especially "Our Families"

### WELCOME TO OUR MASS

*For the responses for our Christmas Masses, please use the booklet provided.*

MASS DETAILS	INTENTIONS
<b>Saturday 6.00pm</b>	Maudie Murphy
<b>Sunday 10.30pm</b>	Graham and Paul Hayes RIP.
<b>Sunday 12.15pm</b>	Private Intention (Nerina)
<b>Christmas eve 6.00pm</b>	Raymond Horsman
<b>Christmas 11:00pm</b>	Eileen and James Sullivan RIP
<b>Christmas Day 10.30am</b>	Catherine Lonergan RIP Aniv
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am	Frances Joseph RIP
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am	Malluzzo (Birthday)
<b>Weekend of Dec.31<sup>st</sup></b>	
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	
Saturday 30 <sup>st</sup> 6.00pm	Eileen Clancy
Sunday 31 10.30am	Graham Hayes RIP
	Holy Souls
Monday 1st 10.00am	Raymond Horsman
Tuesday 2nd 9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 3rd 9.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> No Mass</b>	<b>Church is closed today</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> 9.00am	Holy Souls
<b>Weekend of Jan 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8th</b>	
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm	Dec'd of Knott & Leonard families
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Paul Hayes RIP
	Eileen Clancy

**This newsletter is for two weekends, so please do not destroy it too soon! The next newsletter will be published on the weekend of the Epiphany of The Lord.**

### Merry Christmas!

I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas! Thank you all for your support, good wishes, cards and gifts. May the New born Jesus bless and protect you today and always. **Fr. Habte**

### Our special thanks go to the following:

Fr. David Standley, Deacon Paul Milligan, Altar Servers, Sacristans and Catechists, parents and children who came to rehearse and read at the Christmas Eve Mass; to our Choir members; greeters, collectors, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist; our gardeners, those who help decorate the hall for the children's Christmas celebration and refreshments and those who organised it; those who came to clean the church, arrange flowers and Crib. All who support the parish through their good will and prayer. May almighty God bless and protect you.

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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 10.30am & 12.15pm

### Weekday Mass:

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

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays after Mass from 9.45am ending with Rosary, Benediction and St Jude Novena at noon.

### 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.

**Reflection.** Today we celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas is not the birth of any child. We read in the Gospel of St. Luke: "Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Christmas is a great celebration of our faith in Jesus. We celebrate the new hope that Jesus has generated in people down the centuries. He is our light; he is our hope. When we want to know God, it is through Jesus that we turn; when we want to worship God, it is through Jesus that we offer our praises. We too give glory to God in the highest for revealing himself to the lowly: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." Jesus reveals the face of God to us, who is the Word of God for us. Jesus reminds us God is close and teaches us to call God "Abba" - Father. Next Sunday, we will celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family is a model of true Christian living. In the Second reading St. Paul teaches us how Christians need to be "clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience... Over all these clothes, put on love". As Christians we belong to a human family where the young, the middle-aged, and the old are invited to exercise sincerity, compassion, kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Love is the ultimate cloth needed for our wardrobe that makes us true citizens of the kingdom of God where people live in peace. The word of God guides a Christian family. Whatever our background may be or however few members we have in our family or we may be the only member left in the family, we can all be a member of Jesus' new family. Fidelity to the word of God ensures the quality and destiny of the Christian family life.



"Mary gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room in the inn" (Lk.2:7)

### 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

25 Dec- **Christmas** 31 Dec **Holidays**  
07 Jan **Holidays** 14 Jan **TBA**

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

#### **HOLY COMMUNION** 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

31 Dec P. Hutchinson D, Karim, S. Hayes, R. Maria  
07 Jan M O'Keeffe E Karim, S. Smith, R Green

**COORDINATORS - MUSIC:** L. Carke

#### **FLOWERS: - NB:**

30 Dec T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal  
06 Jan J. Sharland, N. Sesay & M. McElhone  
13 Jan E. Karim,

#### **REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)**

07 Jan Herbert & Clarke  
14 Jan D'Costa 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** 07 Jan Karim & Palmiero  
14 Jan Ebite & Kealy 21 Jan Hutchinson & Jones  
28 Jan Daniel K & Powell 04 Feb Karim & Palmiero

#### **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** J Fraser, R Ebite, M Veerapen

**WEBSITE MATERIAL** M. Knoop / T. Duffy

**APF MISSIO RED BOXES** Alan Quinn

#### **READERS**

**31 Dec** Genesis 15:1-6, 21: 1-3 Psalm 104  
Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19 Luke 2:22-40  
**Teresa Dempsey: Bieneosa Ebite: Alan Quinn**

**07 Jan** Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71  
Epiphany Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12  
**Paul Hutchinson: Tony Murphy: Alan Quinn**

**No Benediction for the coming two weeks:-** We will have no exposition of the blessed sacrament, benediction and Rosary for the next two weeks. We will resume on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

#### **Sacrament of First Holy Communion.**

The programme for 2018 details are at the back of the church, parents please take a copy. Thank you!

#### **Christmas Office Hours.**

The office is closed until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

The answer machine will be switched on and messages will be responded to.

In an emergency please come to the door and if no one is there, please leave a written message.

### PARISH DIARY

**First Holy Communion** classes Parents' Meeting.  
Saturday 13 Jan., 10am in the parish hall.

**REQUIEM MASS AND FUNERAL:-** The requiem Mass and funeral of Mrs. Eileen Clancy who died peacefully on

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 will be taking place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 12:00noon here in our parish church followed by committal at Streatham Cemetery, Garratt Lane at 2.00pm. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen and comfort and consolation for her family.

**The Feast of the Holy Family.** The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the family unit and the family of Jesus: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

#### **Prayer:** Father,

help us to live as the Holy Family,  
united in respect and love.

Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Offerings at the Manger.** This year, we shall be collecting for the work of the Franciscan Capuchins in Ethiopia. The Franciscans through their Scholasticate adoption programme support disadvantaged children and families in need to help the children to go to schools by covering some of their school expenses please be as generous as you can be.

#### **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 at Christmas please use the Red envelope and put it in the letter box whenever you can. If you Gift aid your offerings to the church, then the Christmas offerings made to the priest can also be gift aided to the church.

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [Year B]**

Entrance Antiphon:

**The shepherds went in haste, And found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.**

A reading from the book of Genesis [15:1-6; 21:1-3].  
*Your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.*

Responsorial Psalm [104]

**He, the Lord, is our God.**

**He remembers his covenant for ever.**

A reading from Hebrews [11:8. 11-12. 17-19].  
*The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.*

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [2:22-40]. *The child grew, filled with wisdom.*

Communion antiphon:

**Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.**