

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 7th January 2018

The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord [Year B]

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.

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [60:1-6]
Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Responsorial Psalm [71]

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians [3:2-3, 5-6]
It has now been revealed that pagans share in the same inheritance.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [2:1-12]
We have come to do the Lord homage.

Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. We take 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 this week is for the parish refurbishment programme.**

Thank you for your support.

Communion antiphon:

**We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00pm	Dec'd of the Knott&Leonard fam
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Paul Hayes RIP Holy Souls
Monday	9.00am	Eileen Clancy RIP
Tuesday	9.00am	Private intention
Wednesday	9.00am	Allister Russell
Thursday	No Mass	Church is closed today
Friday	9.00am	Eileen Clancy
Next weekend		Next Saturday & Sunday
Saturday	6.00pm	Oscar Van Spall
Sunday	10.30am 12.15pm	Lola Drennan 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.

The Feast of the baptism of our Lord:- On Monday 8th January 2018 we celebrate the feast of the baptism of our Lord, mass will be celebrated at 9; 00am.

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<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:

£369.36 For the running of the Parish

£228.83 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 The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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

07 Jan Holidays 14 Jan Murphy Family
21 Jan Breslin family 28 Jan Godet family

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

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm 10.30am 12.15pm

07 Jan M O'Keefe E Karim, S. Smith, R Green
14 Jan M Esmonde O'Keefe, N Kalimira R Maria
21 Jan- P. Hutchinson D, Karim, S. Hayes, E. Maria

COORDINATORS - MUSIC: Tony and Monika

ALTAR SERVERS ROTA: Sun 10.30am
07 Dec St. Ignatius of Loyola 14 Dec St. Simon & St Jude
21 Dec St. Francis of Assisi 28 Jan St. Ignatius of Loyola

FLOWERS: NB:

13 Jan E. Karim
20 Jan T. Dempsey, T. Donoghue & O Lawal,

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

07 Jan Herbert & Clarke
14 Jan D'Costa family
21 Jan Grant 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'Keefe & M. Ryan **GIFT AID** R Ebite, M Veerapen

WEBSITE MATERIAL M. Knoop

APF MISSIO RED BOXES Alan Quinn

READERS

07 Jan Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71
Epiphany Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Paul Hutchinson: Tony Murphy: Christopher Watts

21 Jan 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 - Psalm 40
Sunday 2 1 Corint 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42
Dominic Van Spall: Helen Dias : Alan Quinn

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.

No Benediction for this week:- We will have no exposition of the blessed sacrament, benediction and Rosary for the next two weeks. We will resume on Monday 15th January 2018.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2018:-Please note that the First Holy Communion Classes start on Saturday 13th January 2018 at 10am in the parish Hall. Also parents meeting will be held on the same day at 10:00 in the finance room (Parish hall)

Humour. If wives only trusted their husbands!!! A wife comes home late at night, and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket she sees four legs instead of two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as possible. Leaving the covered bodies groaning, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine. "Hi Darling", he says, "Your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bed as it is the warmest room in the house. Did you say "hello"? (Contributed by a wife)



Are you on our Gift Aid List Yet? By signing up for Gift Aid, every £1 you give (whether via Sunday envelopes or standing order) allows the Church to receive an extra 28p in funds from the UK government. If you would like more information please contact Rosaline Ebite or Maria Veerapen, our Gift Aid co-ordinators, on rose_ebite@hotmail.co.uk. *Please note this only applies to UK tax payers.*

Ministries in the Church: Those who wish to be involved in different ministries in the Church please let Father Habte know. We need more Church Cleaners, Readers and Children's Liturgy Catechists and Altar servers. Parents are encouraged to help out our Catechists. Necessary training will be provided. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

PARISH DIARY

Choir Practice Mon 8 January at 7.30 pm, in the church.

First Holy Communion classes and Parents' Meeting:- on Saturday 13th Jan, at 10:00am in the parish hall.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS CARDS: If you would like to have a Mass said for a special intention please come to the Sacristy or call in to the office during the week. If you require a specific date please try to book it well in advance. You can now collect Mass cards from the parish office. Mass envelopes can be found at the back of the Church.

GETTING MARRIED? At least six months' notice needs to be given for marriages whether they are taking place at St Simon and St Jude's or elsewhere to give time for the necessary pastoral and administrative preparation. Please speak to Fr. Habte in the first instance. It is customary for weddings to be celebrated in the parish where the bride resides.

TRADITIONAL IRISH STEP DANCING AT STS. SIMON AND JUDE PARISH HALL: A traditional Irish step dancing starting in January. All abilities welcome- 5 years and upwards. If you are interested to join please contact Mrs Bridie Willis on 0208 764 7668 or irish.dance@btinternet.com.