

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 30th November 2008

1st Sunday of Advent

Remembering especially the needs the Cathedral

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Please join in with the words below in bold.
You can also follow the prayers of the Mass
in the guide at each seat.

Hymn no.

Entrance Antiphon:

**To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you;
let me never come to shame.
Do not let my enemies laugh at me.
No one who waits for you is ever 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!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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:
Hymn no. 453 Shine, Jesus, shine

After Communion:
the second collection is for the needs of our Cathedral

Closing Hymn no. 346 How lovely on the mountains

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00 pm	Joe Albin de Souza RIP
Sunday 10.30 am	For the needs of the Parish
12.15 pm	George Weidemann RIP
Monday 9.15 am	George Belletty RIP
Tuesday 9.15 am	Francis D'Souza RIP
Wednesday 9.00 am	Morning prayer - no Mass
Thursday None	There is no Mass today
Friday 9.15 am	Donal Maher RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday 6.00 pm	Norman Gonzy RIP
Sunday 10.30 am	Ron Knott RIP & Kate Leonard RIP
12.15 pm	Hilda Starkweather RIP

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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 Fr Adrian to make an appointment.

Collections

Thank you, in our collections last week, we raised:
£ 508.60 for the running of the parish and
£ 309.09 for the Diocesan Youth Ministry

As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles and the tree on the sanctuary. However, at this stage it's not a Christmas tree. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth. Until Christmas the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, through the use of picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us.

The nativity celebrates the coming of the King of Kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in Matthew chapter one, the Messiah, Jesus, is traced from the line of King David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus. The use of Jesse Trees date back to the middle ages; indeed, some ancient cathedrals have Jesse Tree designs in their stained glass windows, but rest assured – we'll make do with the tree we have rather than add some more stained glass!

Please note we begin the Parish Survey this weekend and, as I have Diocesan meetings this week, there is Morning Prayer and Rosary this Wednesday instead of Mass. Thank you.

God Bless, Fr Adrian

PARISH MINISTRIES:

LITTLE CHURCH ROTA

30 Nov Andrée Family 7 Dec CHILDREN'S MASS
14 Dec McDonagh Family 21 Dec Monk Family
28 Dec Grant Family 4 Jan CHILDREN'S MASS
11 Jan Abebrese Family 18 Jan McCorry Family
25 Jan Prior Family 1 Feb CHILDREN'S MASS
[Hall key-holders: Hudspeth & Karim Family]

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

30 Nov M Esmonde, F Adefenwa, R Maria
7 Dec M Gonzy, M Veerapen, M Abreu
14 Dec P Hutchinson, Sr. Lily, R Green
This is the list of coordinators, with others helping at each Mass.

DIRECTORS OF ALTAR SERVERS F Campbell & D Feasey

DIRECTOR OF 10.30 READERS D Abebrese

FLOWERS

29 Nov T Dempsey, C Baker, M Ellis, O Adelekan [Advent wreath]
13 Dec J Sharland, N Sesay, S. Hayes [Gaudete Sunday]
23 Dec Everyone that can help with Christmas flowers please
28 Dec R Ebite, E. Karim, J. McDonagh

REFRESHMENTS (SUN)

30 Nov D Feasey & D Van Spall
7 Dec Karim Family
14 Dec Eastman Family
21 Dec F. Campbell, O Adelekan & Finn Sisters
28 Dec S Herbert & L Clarke

CHURCH CLEANING

GROUP A Ray Green Mary Parle Claire O' Halloran
Theresa Smith Rosaline Ebite Barbara Kealy Zaneta Grojec
GROUP B Mary Veerapen Kitty Mc Cadden Maureen Ryan
Anne Wynne Susan D' Souza Kaye Gernon Olabisi Kesinro

COLLECTION COUNTERS

1st & 5th week: P Sirr, M Veerapen, M Gonzy
2nd week: K Gernon, L. Ungaretti
3rd week: R Ebite, B Kealy, T. Ofugu
4th week: A Abel, J Sullivan

CHILD PROTECTION DETAILS: Childline advice 0800 1111

Local Advisor: Dr Chris Peach 07887 646 272
Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

SACRISTANS C McPherson, J Mifsud, K Gernon,
R Green, M & T Veerapen, L Ungaretti.

OTHER FAITHS P Sirr **GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite, M Gonzy

WEBSITE A Agbueze, B Chivers, T Duffy,
M Knoop, J Kyaluzi, S McCorry

READERS

30 Nov Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1.3-8, Psalm 79
Advent 1 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37
John Fraser: Smith Family : Alan Quinn
7 Dec Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Psalm 84:9-14
Advent 2 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8
John Burbage: Feasey Family: Richard Hilliard
14 Dec Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11, Response Is 61:10
Advent 3 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8.19-28
John Fraser: Hudspeth Family: Lydia Ungaretti
21 Dec 2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-11.16, Psalm 88
Advent 4 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
Paul Hutchinson: Abebrese Family: Christopher Watts
28 Dec Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14, Psalm 127
Holy Family Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2: 13-15.19-23
John Burbage: Bernard Family: Alan Quinn
4 Jan Sirach 24: 1-4. 12-16, Psalm 147
Epiphany Ephesians 1: 3-6. 15-18 John 1:1-18
Campbell Family: Malusa Kilonda: Lydia Ungaretti

News this week

Reconciliation Service

Please come along to our Advent Service of Reconciliation from 7.30pm on Friday 19 December – a wonderful way to 'clear the air' and know the assurance of God's love and forgiveness, with the opportunity for individual confession.

Searching for an understanding of Catholic Faith?

If you're thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian or if you are an adult who hasn't yet been Confirmed, please come along to an informal meeting in the church on **15 December from 7.30-8.30pm**. You'll be able to meet other people enquiring about their faith and have the opportunity to find out more about Christianity. This programme is also suitable for those who were baptised Catholic but haven't had the opportunity as an adult to learn about our faith. Please see Fr Adrian for further details.

6 December 7pm – Advent Quiz in the Parish Hall

Tickets are on sale at the end of Mass for this fun quiz-night at £5 a ticket, with all proceeds going to raise funds for the parish maintenance fund. The admission price includes a free glass of wine but please bring along a picnic supper to feed those 'little grey cells' to help you find the answers!

Please support the Christmas Raffle for parish funds

Four amazing prizes of Wii, PS2, PSP consoles and games for children, and a hotel break for adults, make £5 raffle tickets a rare treat, but everyone's in for a chance of winning and helping the parish to grow. There are plenty of runner-up prizes, so do please help us to raise funds to build up our parish community. Thank you.

Confirmation 2009

Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain an application form for our Confirmation programme which starts in January. Applications will close on 14 December.

Praying for the sick

Please remember that there is a file in the porch where you can request prayers for those in need: the sick and housebound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we do them.

Corpus Christi School Christmas Fair details:

Saturday 6 December, 12-4pm, with Arts & Crafts, Children's activities, Santa's Grotto, Food, & Wine, Live Festive Music, Raffle, Tombola, Home Produce, Books, & much, much more! £1 adults, Children FREE

Supporting our parish collection

Please give what you can to the parish collections each week, as more money is spent in the upkeep of the church than we receive. If you can, please give upwards of one hour of your weekly income and please consider if you're able to help join one of the parish groups, e.g. counters, cleaners, refreshment team, etc. If you are a UK tax payer please also consider setting up a Gift Aid payment direct to the church bank account. Thank you for your generosity.