

# St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2008

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

Remembering especially the needs the parish

### 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. 316 Hark a herald voice is calling

Entrance Antiphon:

**People of Zion, the Lord will come  
to save all nations, and your hearts will exult  
to hear his majestic voice.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [40: 1-5, 9-11]  
*Prepare a way for the Lord*

Responsorial Psalm: [84]

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

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter [3: 8-14]  
*We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.*

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [1:1-8]  
*Make his paths straight.*

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

Hymn no. 197 Christ is made the sure foundation

After Communion:

the second collection is for the parish debt.

Closing Hymn no. 343 Holy Virgin, by God's decree

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00 pm	Norman Gonzy RIP
Sunday 10.30 am	Ron Knott RIP & Kate Leonard RIP
12.15 pm	Hilda Starkweather RIP
Monday 9.15 am	Private Intention
Tuesday 9.15 am	Mary Burns: wellbeing
Wednesday 9.15 am	Carey Alexander RIP
Thursday None	There is no Mass today
Friday 9.15 am	Mary Hogan RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sharon Goddard RIP
Sunday 10.30 am	For the people of the Parish
12.15 pm	Harry McCoy

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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:

**£ 491.50** for the running of the parish and

**£ 269.42** for the needs of our Cathedral

The standing joke about priests is that they work only one day a week, however a sixteen-hour-day six (and even seven days a week) is now the standard routine here! Our Parish is 'alive and active' around the clock, with everyone having the responsibility of living out our Christian life day-to-day, whether at home, at school, or in the workplace. A fundamental role of the priest is to support the parish in daily prayers and in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and it's a joy that some of our parishioners are able to join in these prayers on a day-to-day basis and participate in the weekday Masses. Not everyone is able to join in this way, but each of us is called to shine out with God's light to those around us, fortified by at least receiving God's blessing or Holy Communion at one of the weekend Masses, so that we have the strength for the week ahead, with all its joys and challenges.

Over the course of last week we unveiled more of the daily symbols for our **Jesse Tree**: a **field of stars**, representing us as God's children in fulfilment of his promise to Abraham; a **ram**, representing the sacrifice Abraham made in response to God's test and a link to the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son; **Jacob's ladder** stands as a reminder that Heaven and Earth are united in God's care; Joseph's sacks of **grain** represent God's provision, even in difficult times; and the **burning bush** represents the presence of the Lord and our personal response to God's call. This weekend we place the symbols of the **Passover Lamb**, pointing us again to God's care and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, and the **Ten Commandments**, reminding us of ways that bring out the best in us and how we should try to live our lives, in relation to God and those around us. Ultimately, God's greatest Commandment of Love should be written on our hearts, which, says Jesus, is how we should be known. God Bless, Fr Adrian

## PARISH MINISTRIES:

**LITTLE CHURCH ROTA** 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**

7 Dec M Gonzy, M Veerapen, M Abreu  
14 Dec P Hutchinson, Sr. Lily, R Green  
21 Dec M Esmonde, F Adefenwa, R Maria  
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**

13 Dec J Sharland, N Sesay, S. Hayes [Gaudete Sunday]  
23 Dec Everyone for Christmas flowers please [6p.m.]  
28 Dec R Ebite, E. Karim, J. McDonagh  
4 Jan T Dempsey, C Baker, O Adelekan

### **REFRESHMENTS (SUN)**

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

### **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**

**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 7:1-5.8-12.14.16 Psalm 88  
Advent 4 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38  
Paul Hutchinson: Abebrese Family: Christopher Watts  
**28 Dec** Genesis 15:1-6.21:1-3 Psalm 104  
Holy Family Hebrews 11:8~ Luke 2:22-40  
John Burbage: Bernard Family: Alan Quinn  
**4 Jan** Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 71  
Epiphany Ephesians 3: 2-3.5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12  
Campbell Family: Van Spall Family: Lydia Ungaretti  
**11 Jan** Isaiah 55: 1-11 Response: Is 12:3  
Baptism of 1 John 5: 1-9 Mark 1: 7-11  
the Lord John Fraser: Smith Family: Alan Quinn

## **News this week:**

### **Saturday Night's Advent Quiz in the Parish Hall**

Thank you to all those involved in helping to make this Saturday a night of family fun and parish fundraising.

### **Preparation for Christmas**

The 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve is a special Children's Mass where we invite children to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters. So parents, please get those tea-towels and dressing gowns at the ready so we can have plenty of Josephs, Marys, Kings and Shepherds on the night. Later, when some families will be tucked in bed we begin carols at 11.30 pm, with Midnight Mass (yes, you guessed it) at Midnight, so please arrive early if you'd like a seat!

### **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 the 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.

### **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.

### **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.