

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 14th December 2008

3rd 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. 541 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Entrance Antiphon:

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!
The Lord is near.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [61:1-2. 10-11]
I exult for joy in the Lord.

Responsorial text: Isaiah 61:10

My soul rejoices in my God

A reading from the first letter of 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!

**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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:

Hymn no. 316 Hark! A herald voice is calling

After Communion:

the second collection is for the flowers at Christmas

Closing Hymn no. 529 O Lord, my God

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sharon Goddard RIP
Sunday 10.30 am	For the people of the Parish
12.15 pm	Harry McCoy
Monday 9.15 am	Mina Joseph RIP
Tuesday 9.15 am	Eileen Vaughan RIP
Wednesday 9.15 am	Reg Pereira RIP
Thursday None	There is no Mass today
Friday 9.30 am	Patricia Flanagan RIP
<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday 6.00 pm	James Sullivan RIP (anniv.)
Sunday 10.30 am	Ruth Sharland RIP
12.15 pm	For the people of the Parish

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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:

£ 570.26 for the running of the parish and

£ 218.58 for the parish debt

On the third Sunday of Advent we particularly pause and remember that Advent is a time of joy; hence the change in colour in the church today to rose, a symbol of the mix of the purple of penance and preparation and the white of the expectation and joy of Christmas. All creation senses the joy of the Lord's coming: scripture tells how even 'the trees of the wood sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes' [Psalm 96:12]. Our **Jesse Tree** has been 'singing out' this week with the symbols that continue to remind us of the Old Testament stories of salvation in the history of God's people: of the **Trumpet** that Joshua used to bring down the walls of Jericho; the **Pitchers** used by Gideon to shelter the light that guided his people; a **Crown** represents how Samuel anointed David as King – a forerunner of Christ, the King of Kings – and a **Shepherd's Crook** reminds us how David was to look after his people, but represents Jesus as the true Shepherd who seeks and cares for us always. The **Altar** reminds us of the one built by Elijah in worship of the true God, having destroyed the illusions of those who followed idols; the **Tent** reminds us of God's presence even in difficult times, like those of Hezekiah, and the **Ember and Tongs** represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of our sins by the Lord and speak out his word to others.

That cleansing power of the Lord is present in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, so I'd like to remind everyone to come along to a service of forgiveness with the opportunity for individual confession with priests from the Deanery this **Friday 19 December at 7.30pm**. In addition, all those who help with the various ministries in our parish, whether named overleaf or not, by way of thank you, are invited to the Parish Hall before the Reconciliation Service from 6pm to reflect on the past and focus on the year ahead. God Bless, Fr Adrian.

PARISH MINISTRIES:

LITTLE CHURCH ROTA 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
[Hall key-holders: Hudspeth & Karim Family]

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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
11 Jan J Sharland, N Sesay, S. Hayes

REFRESHMENTS (SUN)

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
11 Jan Karim Family

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

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: Malusa Kilonda: 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
18 Jan 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19 Psalm 39
Sun 2 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20 John 1:35-42
Confirmation group: Feasey Family: Richard Hilliard

News this week:

Requiem Mass on Friday

Please note: Morning Prayer will be at 9 am on Friday, but there will be a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Patricia Flanagan at 9.30 am.

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 today if you haven't completed an application form for our Confirmation programme. Applications close this Sunday afternoon, with the first meeting on 17 January.

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.