

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 21st December 2008

4th Sunday of Advent

Remembering especially orphaned children

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. 503 O come. O come Emmanuel

Entrance Antiphon:

**Let the clouds rain down the Just One,
and the earth bring forth a Saviour.**

A reading from the second letter of Samuel [7:1-5. 8-11.16]
The kingdom of David will always stand
secure before the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm [88]

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord

A reading from the Romans [16: 25-27]

The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages,
is now made clear.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
[1:26-38]

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

Hymn no. 343 Holy Virgin by God's Decree

After Communion:

the second collection is for the Pattaya Orphanage

Closing Hymn no. 646 The Angel Gabriel

Mass details		Intentions
Saturday	6.00 pm	James Sullivan RIP [Anniv.]
Sunday	10.30 am	Ruth Sharland RIP
	12.15 pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday	9.15 am	Richard Colaco RIP
Tuesday	9.15 am	Paul Joseph RIP [Anniv.]
Wednesday	6.00 pm	Peter Veerapen RIP
	<u>Midnight</u>	For the people of the Parish
Thursday	<u>10.30 am</u>	Catherine Lonergan RIP [Anniv]
	<u>12.15 pm</u>	Eileen & James Sullivan RIP
Friday	<u>12 noon</u>	Fr Adrian's Family
	<i>Next weekend</i>	
Saturday	6.00 pm	For the people of the Parish
Sunday	10.30 am	Sr Mary Rose: Welfare
	12.15 pm	Joseph family 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:

£ 493.50 for the running of the parish and

£ 250.02 for the Christmas flowers

Our Jesse Tree symbols this week began with the **Tears** of Jeremiah, signifying his grief at how God's people had turned from the Lord; with Habakkuk's **Watchtower**, symbolising his waiting upon the Lord's coming; with Nehemiah's **Wall** around Jerusalem to keep it holy (a sad reference to how today's wall around Jerusalem keeps people out). Next we had our first reference to the New Testament, with a **Scallop Shell** symbolising John's baptism and our own Christian journey of pilgrimage as we await the Lord's return. The **White Lily** symbolises the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal; with Saturday's symbol representing the **Motherhood** of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. Sunday's symbol represents how Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, used a **Writing Tablet**, to proclaim the name of his son John, as he had been initially unable to believe in the Lord's plan of salvation, whereby John would herald the Lord's coming. In our Gospel this Sunday we hear how the Archangel Gabriel heralds the coming of the Lord and, as a modern poetical form of the Annunciation story we listen after Communion this week to the word's of this song:

She contemplates can an angel really know her fate?
And when he shared this child that she bears is the Son of God.
'Cause she's been told that Salvation through her will unfold.
So now before she's even wed, thoughts running through her
head, by God she will be led. It's as the angel has said.
And through it all He'll offer her protection
A lot of love and direction. He's with her all along,
She'll follow his call wherever this may take her,
It's never going to shake her, God's with her through it all.
He won't forsake her, it's as the angel has said...

PARISH MINISTRIES:

LITTLE CHURCH ROTA 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
8 Feb Bernard Family 15 Feb Karim Family
[Hall key-holders: Hudspeth & Karim Family]

EXTRA-ORINDARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

21 Dec M Esmonde, F Adefenwa, R Maria
28 Dec M Gonzy, M Veerapen, M Abreu
4 Jan 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

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)

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
18 Jan Eastman 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

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 John1:35-42
Confirmation group: Feasey Family: Richard Hilliard

25 Jan Jonah 3:1-5.10 Psalm 24
Sun 3 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
John Fraser: Hudspeth Family: Lydia Ungaretti

News this week:

Reconciliation Service

Thank you to all who were able to make the service on Friday and a special thanks to Fr David, Fr Tom, Fr Philip and Fr John for supporting our joint Reconciliation service with St Matthew's and other deanery parishes.

Christmas Raffle for Parish Funds

Thank you to all who have helped to raise over £500 for our parish funds which will go towards the urgent work of repairing the fire escape. Four amazing prizes of Wii, PS2, PSP consoles and games for children, and a hotel break for adults, made £5 raffle tickets a rare treat, but everyone was in for a chance of winning as there were 32 runner-up prizes as well! Thank you for all your support. The raffle will be drawn at 11.45 in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday.

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 11.30pm, with Mass at Midnight. On Christmas Day we have Mass at 10.30am and 12.15pm and at noon on St Stephen's - 26th.

Prayers of Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Richard Colaco who died recently. Richard's Requiem will be at 9.15 on 30 December so there will be no Morning Prayer that day. Our heart-felt prayers and sympathy go to Richard's family, who are part of our Vigil Mass congregation.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Horan who had been house-bound for a while but very much part of our parish family. It is hoped that Eileen's funeral will be at 9.15 on Wednesday 7 January. Our heart-felt prayers and sympathy go to Eileen's family too.

Confirmation 2009

Please note applications are now closed. **The first meeting with parents and candidates will be on 17 January at 4pm in the Parish Hall**, but Fr Adrian will be writing to those who applied with details of the programme. Please put this date in your diary.

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.