

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 19th December, 2010 [Year A]
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Remembering especially the homeless at Christmas

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 laminated guide at each seat.

Hymn no. 646 **The Angel Gabriel**

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

During Advent there is no Gloria

A reading from the prophet Isaiah [7:10-14]
The maiden is with child.

Responsorial Psalm [23]

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans [1:1-7]
Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! [2x at 10.30 Mass]

**The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which
means 'God-is-with-us'**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [1:18-24]
Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

At the preparation of the altar and gifts:

Hymn 503 **O come, O come Emmanuel**

Communion antiphon: **The Virgin is with child and
shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.**

After Communion the Second Collection is for the
Parish Refurbishment Programme:

Music during collection: As the angel has said...

Closing hymn: **343 Holy Virgin, by God's decree**

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	For the people of the Parish
Sunday 10.30am	Michael Hayes RIP
12.15pm	James Sullivan (15 th anniv)
Monday 9.30am	Tony & Molly Hilliard
Tuesday 9.00am	Balden Panesar RIP
Wednesday 9.00am	Divya Patel
Thursday None	The church is closed Thursday
<u>Christmas Eve</u> 6.00pm	Peter Veerapen RIP
with <u>Mass at Midnight</u>	Private Intention
<u>Christmas Day</u> 10.30am	Catherine & Joseph Lonergan RIP
Sunday 10.30am	Lesley Irwin RIP
12.15pm	All our dearly departed RIP

**Please join us for Exposition on Monday from 9.45am
to 12.45pm with Rosary and Benediction at noon**

**If you are going to be alone on Christmas Day please
let Fr Adrian know as it may be possible to arrange a
communal Christmas lunch. Thank you.**

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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 phone Fr Adrian to make an appointment.

Collections

Thank you, for our collections last week, we raised
£537.09 for the running of the parish and
£150.00 for the Christmas flowers

*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.*

Our Jesse Tree symbols this week began with
Hezekiah's **Tent** to remind us of God's presence in
difficult times, and the **Ember and Tongs**
to represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of
our sins by the Lord and speak out his word to others.
The **Tears** of Jeremiah, represented his grief at how
God's people had turned from the Lord; Habakkuk's
Watchtower, symbolised his waiting in watchfulness
upon the day of the Lord's coming; with Nehemiah's
Wall around Jerusalem standing for how it should be
kept a holy place (a sad reference to the division in
the Holy Land today and how the current wall around
Jerusalem keeps people out). Next we have 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** this Sunday symbolises the purity of
Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the
dawn of life eternal. Monday's symbol will represent
the **Motherhood** of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth
and Tuesday's symbol represents how Elizabeth's
husband, Zechariah, used a **Writing Tablet**,
to proclaim the name of John the Baptist.
The **carpenter's hammer** on Wednesday's ornament
represents Joseph's profession and his unique role in
the story of our salvation; followed by the **white**
candle, symbolizing Christ; the light of the world and
reminding us of the white candle of our Advent wreath
which will be lit at the celebration of the Nativity of our
Lord. The Nativity is represented on our Jesse Tree
by **the manger** that cradled the infant Jesus and on
Christmas Day we place the last of our symbols,
the Chi-Rho monogram, a combination of the first
two letters for the Greek word of Christos, Christ – the
true Light that came into the world on the first
Christmas Day. As we draw nearer to Christmas let
us remember in prayer all those who find this a time
of difficulty and hardship, God bless, Fr Adrian

PARISH MINISTRIES:

LITTLE CHURCH	26 Dec	Bernard family
02 Jan Children's Mass	09 Jan	Children's Mass
16 Jan Breslin family	23 Jan	Dias-Hudspeth
30 Jan Godet family	06 Feb	Children's Mass

[Hall key-holders: Hudspeth & Karim Families]

HOLY COMMUNION 6pm	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>12.15am</u>	
26 Dec NB There is no 6pm Mass	D. Abebrese	R. Maria	
On Dec. 25th	T. Donoghue	T. Ofogu	
	D. Karim		
02 Jan	E. O'Keefe	E. Karim	R. Green
	M. O'Keefe	B. Monk	J. La'val
		S. Smith	
09 Jan	M. Esmonde	D. Abebrese	E. Maria
	M. Gonzy	T. Donoghue	R. Maria
		N. Kalimira	

CO-ORDINATORS – READERS: D Abebrese **MUSIC:** L. Clarke

FLOWERS: Will all helpers please give Fr Adrian their contact details

22 Dec **10am all available teams to help please**

01 Jan J. Sharland, N. Sesay, N. Tripp

08 Jan T. Dempsey, O Adelekan, T. Donoghue

15 Jan S. Hayes, M-M.Ovonlen & C. Baker

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

26 Dec S. Herbert & L. Clark

02 Jan M. & A. Knoop & S. Hayes

09 Jan F. Campbell, O. Adelekan & J. Adediji

16 Jan Karim Family

23 Jan Grant & Abebrese Families

30 Jan D. Feasey & D. Van Spall

06 Feb Murphy 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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Will everyone who's able to help clean please stay behind after the Tuesday morning Mass. Thank you.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

26 Dec R. Ebite, B. Kealy – including the collection boxes

02 Jan A. Abel, J. Sullivan

09 Jan P. Hutchinson, M. Gonzy

16 Jan K Gernon, L. Ungaretti

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETAILS: Childline advice 0800 1111

Local Advisor: Teresa Dempsey 020 8670 7565

Diocesan Advisor: Helen Sheppard 020 7960 2504

SACRISTANS M. Abreu, R. Green, P. Hutchinson,
K Gernon & L Ungaretti

GIFT AID J Fraser, R Ebite, M Gonzy

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

READERS

26 Dec Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6ff Psalm 127

Holy Family Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15.19-23

No Vigil Mass : To be arranged : Lydia Ungaretti

02 Jan Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71

Epiphany Ephesians 3:2ff Matthew 2:1-12

John Fraser : Van Spall Family : Chris Watts

09 Jan Isaiah 42:1ff Psalm 28

Baptism of Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

the Lord **Paul Hutchinson : Malusa Kilonda : Alan Quinn**

16 Jan Isaiah 49:3ff Psalm 39

Sun 2 OT 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Paula Wynne : Sirr Family : Lydia Ungaretti

23 Jan Isaiah 8:23ff Psalm 26

Sun 3 OT 1 Corinthians 1:10ff Matthew 4:12-23

Campbell Family : Clare Hensman family : Chris Watts

30 Jan Zephaniah 2:3ff Psalm 145

Sun 4 OT 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

John Burbage : Smith Family : Alan Quinn

News this week

Our Christmas charity collection this year is for the Spires and we have already donated one car-load of items. If you

have any breakfast cereal, mince-pies, or chocolates or can donate winter clothes, especially socks, underwear, gloves, hats and scarves, please place these by the sanctuary so we can help those who are homeless and in need this Christmas.

OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES NEED VOLUNTEERS

If you help out at our Masses with Welcoming, Reading or giving Holy Communion, then please consider helping out over our Christmas Masses. There's a Ministry sheet in the sacristy for you to sign or please see Fr Adrian. Thank you.

OUR WELCOME TEAM still needs volunteers to help with this important ministry. The aim is to have an identified team of people that will help at each particular Mass they normally attend by greeting people at the door, handing out newsletters and Gift Aid envelopes and helping latecomers to find a seat. Please see Fr Adrian if you can help in any way.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Thank you for all the ways you support the work of our parish. Fr Adrian does not receive a salary but is supported directly by the donations you give in the Christmas offering which, together with the offering at Easter and any Mass stipends, has to provide his income for the whole year. Offertory envelopes are available in the church porch and can be given in at our Christmas Masses or posted through the letter box. **If you are likely to be away for Christmas please use an offering envelope and place it in the collection or letterbox today to provide a donation that will help support Fr Adrian throughout the year.** Thank you for your generous support.

CHRISTMAS TIMES FOR MASS are provided on a leaflet available in the porch. Please note there is no 12.15 Mass on Christmas Day, but our Sunday Masses will be at the normal times of 10.30 & 12.15.

Thank you, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week is for our Parish Refurbishment Programme.** Please remember if you contribute via the Gift Aid scheme to use the envelopes provided at the entrance to the church. To help plan your giving please take enough envelopes home for the month so that you can complete the details of the envelope beforehand and bring them with you to church.

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.