

St Simon † St Jude

Roman Catholic Church Streatham Hill

Sunday 27th November, 2011

1st Sunday of Advent [Year B]

Remembering especially the needs of our Parish

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY MASS

Please join in with the words below in bold and follow the prayers of the Mass in the laminated guide.

Hymn no. 307 **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

Entrance Antiphon: **To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be 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] Sung - Lord make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Said: **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, alleluia! [x2 at 10.30]
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
Alleluia, 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 147 **At the name of Jesus**

Communion antiphon: **The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.**

After Communion the Second Collection is for the parish refurbishment programme: during the collection:
Hymn 214 **Come, Lord Jesus come** V1-4

Closing hymn: 214 **Come, Lord Jesus come** V5-6

Mass details	Intentions
Saturday 6.00pm	Peter Boyle RIP (anniv)
Sunday 10.30am	Proceso Vergara
12.15pm	For the people of the Parish
Monday 9.00am	Mary O'Donavan
Tuesday 9.00am	Richard Colaco RIP
Wednesday 9.00am	Raymond Lobo RIP
Thursday None	The church is closed today
Friday 9.00am	Donal Maher RIP (anniv)
<i>Next weekend</i>	<i>Next Saturday & Sunday</i>
Saturday 6.00pm	Jim Dempsey RIP
Sunday 10.30am	Helen O'Toole
12.15pm	For the people of the Parish

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Monday with Rosary and Benediction at noon.

Thank you to all those who helped to raise funds during our Autumn Fair for charities that help feed children in the developing world, that help care for children with cancer in the UK and to help care for the those in need in our local community.

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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 **£482.72** for the running of the parish and **£242.32** for the Catholic Youth Service & Parish Youth. *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.*

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 Advent is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and dates back to the Middle Ages, with some ancient cathedrals having Jesse Tree designs in their stained-glass windows. In modern times we often use Advent calendars to *count down to Christmas* but the Jesse Tree can be seen as the first type of Advent calendar.

Our Parish 'count down' continues, so please take one of our Parish survey forms this weekend. Even if you have registered with the Parish before, please take a form so that we can update your details. Thank you and

God Bless, *Fr Adrian*

PARISH MINISTRIES:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHILDREN'S LITURGY *has begun again for all children aged 5 and under, with those aged 6 and above staying in the church. If you haven't registered your child for our children's group please see Fr. Adrian.*

[Hall key-holders: Dias-Hudspeth, Karim & Murphy Families]

	<u>HOLY COMMUNION 6pm</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>12.15am</u>
04 Dec	E. O'Keefe M. O'Keefe	T. Donoghue N. Kalimira E. Karim	E. Maria R. Maria
11 Dec	M Esmonde P. Hutchinson	D. Karim S. Smith D. Abebrese	T. Ofogu R. Green
18 Dec	M. Gonzy C. Menezes	B. Beech T. Donoghue N. Kalimira	R. Green J. La'val

READERS: D Abebrese **MUSIC:** L. Clarke

FLOWERS: 03 Dec. & 17 Dec. - no flowers

11 Dec R. Ebite, E. Karim, J. McDonagh & M. Ellis [*Gaudete*]

23 Dec **flower-arranging & decoration of the church at 7pm**

31 Dec T. Dempsey, O. Adelekan, T. Donoghue

07 Jan S. Hayes, C. Baker & M-M. Ovonlen [*Epiphany*]

REFRESHMENTS (SUNDAY AFTER 10.30 MASS)

04 Dec Campbell, Adelekan & Adeniji families

11 Dec Karim family **Please note changes to dates**

18 Dec Feasey & Van Spall families

25 Dec & 01 Jan No refreshments on these two dates

08 Jan Grant & Abebrese families

15 Jan Murphy families

22 Jan Herbert, Clark & Donnelly families

29 Jan Hayes, Knoop & Okaro families

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

04 Dec R. Ebite, B. Kealy

11 Dec A. Abel, J. Sullivan

18 Dec P. Hutchinson, M. Gonzy

01 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, M. Ryan, K Gernon & L Ungaretti **GIFT AID** J Fraser, R Ebite

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

READERS

04 Dec Isaiah 40:1-5 Psalm 84ff

Advent 2 St. Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

Francesca Campbell: Diana Abebrese : Ron Leyman

11 Dec Isaiah 61:2 Psalm 1ff

Advent 3 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8

John Fraser : Bernard family : Lydia Ungaretti

18 Dec Isaiah 61:2 Psalm 1ff

Advent 4 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Paul Hutchinson : Louise Watson : Alan Quinn

25 Dec Isaiah 62:11-12 Psalm 96

Christmas Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

See sign-up sheet in the sacristy to volunteer please

01 Jan Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 66

BVM Galatians:4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

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News this week:

Please be aware: Lambeth police have been in contact to warn everyone in the neighbourhood that there have been two attempted abductions of children by a man in a white van driving along Becmead Avenue. Further information is available from local police if you have any concerns but please be vigilant at all times.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who were able to help with our Autumn Fair this Saturday either by donating items, helping on the day or coming along to support us and purchasing some wonderful gifts for Christmas. It was great to see so many families from the local area and a treat to taste and see the donations we had for our baking and floral art competition so **thank you to all those who helped.**

STOP PRESS: the Parish now has a Twitter account under the name **@StSimon_StJude** If you use Twitter please sign up to 'follow us' for the latest updates, including a 'thank you' and photo from the Parish Gift Day this weekend.

In addition to using the technology of Twitter, we now have the ability for people to make online donations to support the work of the Parish by debit or credit card. Donating through **JustGiving** is simple, fast and totally secure (so no spam emails) and gives the parish the opportunity to claim Gift Aid on every eligible donation by a UK taxpayer. When donations are made by text or through our JustGiving webpage the donations are sent to the Diocese who forward them on to us for the direct work of the Parish and the support of our charities. To give by credit/debit card please go online and visit our JustGiving page <http://www.justgiving.com/StSimon-and-StJude>

To give by phone text **JUDE 77 £10** (for example) to the number **70070**. You'll receive a text back with a link to how you can Gift Aid to boost your donation at no extra cost. Thank you for all your support and for considering making a donation this way. God bless.

Thank you, as always, for your contributions to the Parish collections. **Our second collection next week is for the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral.** 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.