



The Weekly PARISH POST



Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church, Streatham Hill, London

Abridged version

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice

Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

Saturday 13 December 2025

5.30 pm: Lighting of the Christmas Tree by Jaydon Smith

Sunday 14th December 2025

11 am: Bambinelli Sunday on Gaudate Sunday

•✠ **Blessing of the Statues of the Baby Jesus**

•✠ **Presentation of the Statues by:**

- ✠ The First Holy Communion Catechism Class of 2025/2026
- ✠ The Confirmation Children Catechism of 2025/2026

•✠ Papal Blessings & Awards to Parishioners

•✠ **Happy 90th Birthday to John Everard on 14/12/2025**

Parish Pre-Christmas Party Today after Mass:

Join us in the Parish Hall after the 11 am Mass. Celebrate with fellow parishioners and meet new friends in our parish church community. Everyone is welcome.

Regular Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil Mass is at 5:30 pm; Sunday Mass is at 11:00 am, and Weekday Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are at 9 am.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 13th December 2025 Vigil Mass for 3rd Advent Week	5.30 pm: Donor's Intention
Sunday 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent	11 am: Donor's Intention
Monday 15th December 2025 Third Week of Advent	9 am: Donor's Intention
Wednesday 17th December 2025 Third Week of Advent	9 am: Donor's Intention
Thursday 18th December 2025 Third Week of Advent	9 am: Donor's Intention
Friday 19th December 2025 Third Week of Advent	11 am: Mass of the Sick - Nursing Home 11.30 am: Funeral Mass - In Church
Saturday 20th December 2025 Vigil Mass for 4th Advent Week	5.30 pm: Donor's Intention
Sunday 21st December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent	11 am: Donor's Intention
Monday 22nd December 2025 Fourth Week of Advent	9 am: Donor's Intention
Tuesday 23rd December 2025 Fourth Week of Advent	9 am: Donor's Intention



**Check the
Pigeonhole if you
have a letter or a
Christmas card**

The Great O ANTIPHONS

The 'O Antíphons' are said on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve (17–23 December).

December 17: Wednesday Mass at 9 am

O Sapientia [O Wisdom]

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18: Thursday Mass at 9 am

O Adonai [O Lord and Ruler]

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19: Friday Mass at 9 am

O Radix Jesse [O Root of Jesse]

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20: Saturday Mass at 5.30 pm

O Clavis David [O Key of David]

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21: Sunday Mass at 11 am

O Oriens [O Rising Dawn or Morning Star]

O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22: Monday Mass at 9 am

O Rex Gentium [O King of the Nations]

O King of all na7ons and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23: Tuesday Mass at 9 am

O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

December 24:

Christmas Eve Mass at 6 pm

Christmas Midnight Mass at 12 am

December 25:

Christmas Dawn Mass at 11 am

O come let us adore Him

Unto us is born our Saviour

JESUS CHRIST

These are the names they call him:

WONDERFUL;

COUNSELLOR;

THE MIGHTY GOD;

THE EVERLASTING FATHER;

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Isaiah 9:6



SSJ@120: 1906 - 2026

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A Parish One-Year Anniversary Celebration *from 20th July 2025 to 20th July 2026*

SSJ @120

THE 6th FESTIVAL for our 120th Anniversary:

A Festival of ENCOUNTER: Parishioners walk the Parish Boundary

Date: Saturday, 20th December 2025 at 10 am



Note the updates to the Encounter Walk

- ✂ A gentle walk, with a shorter route to allow the seniors to join us.
- ✂ Arrive at 9.45 am at the Church.
- ✂ Opening Prayer: SSJ @120 Anniversary Prayer.
- ✂ Walk in small groups or in pairs, preferably with someone you have not spoken to before, chatting, rambling, getting to know each other better.
- ✂ The Route will start at the Church at 10 am, going through High Tree Estate and into Brockwell Park through the Cressingham Garden entrance. From here, we will loop around the park, passing by the pond and Brockwell Hall. At Brockwell Park we say for the Rosary.
- ✂ After the Rosary, we gathered for a relaxed refreshment with Shobha and Joseph as our hosts near Norwood Lodge, enjoying mulled wine, soft drinks, and some baked goods before heading back to the Church via Brockwell Park Garden and Trinity Rise.
- ✂ The walk ends with a closing Prayer and a blessing in the Church.
- ✂ Departures at noon.

See you then

An Advent Fundraising Cake Sale Project

Dear fellow Parishioners,

We would like to invite you to take part in our Advent Fundraising Project.

We are Edward Cassin (4th yr Senior) and Jack Cassin (2nd yr Senior), and we both attend the London Oratory School in West Brompton, a state secondary school. We intend to support our form house Advent Fundraising Project by praying for the victims of crime, and working toward the rehabilitation of those in prison to reduce their reoffending. One small way we would like to do this is to offer kindness this Christmas to men in prison who practice the Catholic Faith. We believe such acts of kindness can inspire them in their transformation.

This Advent, our form house has received special dispensation to raise money for the Catholic chaplaincy of HMP Wandsworth. One of our form teachers, who has been volunteering in the prison chaplaincy with Catholics for several years, noted that this year the chaplaincy is in particular need of support to carry out its good work of rehabilitating prisoners through Faith. Monies raised are going towards a Christmas gift bag for prisoners who practice the Catholic Faith, including sachets of coffee and chocolate, a Christmas card, and a pair of socks. We have set a target to cover the costs of the items to go inside the bag. We both feel passionate about giving back and would like to organise a cake sale next Sunday, 21st December, after the Mass, to support this fundraising. All proceeds will go to this worthy cause.

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We thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,
Edward and Jack.



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