



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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2nd & 3rd January 2016 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Rosters for weekend of 9/10 January 2016				
Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader	Ymara Jayamanne	Cedrik Fick	Janina Woronczak	Georgette Lamvohee
Commentator	Sally-Ann /Kirk Dias	John Dorton	Seamus O'Connor	Estela Banac
Help Desk	Helen Welsford	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christine Liew
Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs		Flowers: Nilnini Fernando	
Church Cleaning	Cion Romana, Ed & Ming Nicdao & Edna Alvarez			
Counters	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian & Brenda Harriss			

Happy Birthday to...

Mikala Viney, Tatum De Silva,
Emma White, Cameron Young,
Geert Brink, Greg Sheehan, Sarah King,
Jonathon Cheniart, Emmanuel Chan.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank each & every parish family for the tremendous support you have given to our St, Vincent de Paul conference. If Christmas is all about giving then it feels like Christmas all year round at our parish. We have been able to support a number of people & families & other projects with your help. Your generosity & humanity far exceeds any expectations. We sincerely wish you a blessed Christmas & look forward to your continuous support. May the spirit of Christmas be yours all through 2016.



The members of SVDP Rowville

Monday 4th January

Office Closed

Tuesday 5th January

7.30pm: Mass in Side Chapel

9.00am:- Parish Office Open

Wednesday 6th January

NO MASS OR LITURGY OF THE WORD

9.00am:- Parish Office Open

Thursday 7th January

9.15am:- Mass, side Chapel

9.00am:- Parish Office Open

Friday 8th January

9.15am:- Mass, side Chapel

Parish Office closed



Note Mass Times next week:-

7.30pm Mass Tuesday 5th January, 9.15am Mass on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January.

NO Mass or Liturgy of the Word Wednesday.

Throughout the Christmas & New Year period there be no CLOTW. However CLOTW sheets will available from the help-desk in the Church foyer.

Collections:- 27.12.2015

Presbytery \$1715.40
Loose donations \$773.20



	<i>Weekly Pledge</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Stewardship - Env. (2nd Collection)	\$3126.00	\$2837.00	75.3%
Stewardship - Credit Cards/Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3781.00		
2013/2014 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6907.00		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

2nd & 3rd January 2016 - The Epiphany of the Lord

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

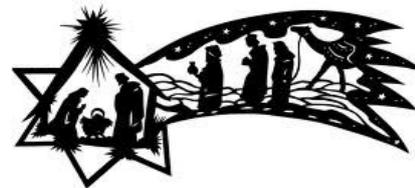
SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

*Next Weeks Readings:
The BAPTISM of the Lord
of the Lord (Yr C)
Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 ;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

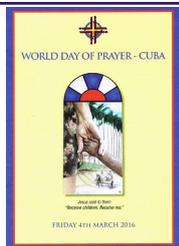
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.



World Day of Prayer 2016

In March 2016, St Simon's will host the annual inter-faith World Day of Prayer service. We are looking for interested people to form a small committee to help implement the service which includes bible readings, prayers, guest speaker and hymns, with a shared supper afterwards. Please call the parish office on 9764 4058 or call Philippa Warby on 0408 331 340 if you would like to get involved. The country of focus is CUBA, with the theme taken from Mark 10: 13-16- "Receive children. Receive me." The issue of domestic violence also features strongly in this year's service.



Volunteers BBQ

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for all your hard work throughout 2015. We really appreciate your dedication. Please join us for a BBQ on Sunday 31st January at 12.15pm..



**Thank
you!**