



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

December 8th 2015 to November 20th 2016



Parish Priest: Fr. James Clarke **Parish Staff:** Loretta Hughes, Jacqui Giuliano, Suzette Diaz, Bernadette Ventura, Anabel Acosta-Harvey

9th & 10th January 2016 - The Baptism of the Lord

Happy Birthday to...

Natasha Redden, Shannon Stephen,
 Briana Braddock, Sharon Melder,
 Nathan Carey, Stanley Yeoh,
 Collin Mathews, Meghan Amarasekera,
 Jonathon Liew, Ashley Allas,
 Elizabeth Polec- Drozdz, Sharon Yeoh,
 Rachel Giulieri, Dylan Bernardo, Paul Sakkal,
 Jeremy Lim, Bernadine Archer,



Monday 10th January

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 11th January

7.30pm: Mass in Side Chapel

Wednesday 12th January

9.15am:- Communion Service

Thursday 13th January

9.15am:- Mass, side Chapel

Friday 14th January

9.15am:- Mass, side Chapel

Parish Office Closed



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



Please collect plates and containers waiting for collection from the Kitchen. If you provided a plate to one of our many events at the end of last year please check to see if these belong to you.

Rosters for weekend of 16/17 January 2016

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader	David West	Stephen White	Seamus O'Connor	Terry Redden
Commentator	Graeme Smith	Frank Sutherland	Mike Toomey	Susan Smedley
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Veronica Galdames	Mary Russo
Altar Society	Marita Falloon & Jessica Chew		Flowers: Anne Lobbo	
Church Cleaning	Lidwin Hudson, John & Anne Duhau, Kongolo Kalumba			
Counters	Michael & Margaret Ng, Aloysius Ting, Monica Kueh, Benedict Lim			

Collections:- 3.1.2016

Presbytery \$1345.90
Loose donations \$283.40



	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
Stewardship - Env. (2nd Collection)	\$3126.00	\$1883.60	75.1%
Stewardship - Credit Cards/Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3781.00		
2013/2014 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6907.00		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

9th & 10th January 2016 - The Baptism of the Lord

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

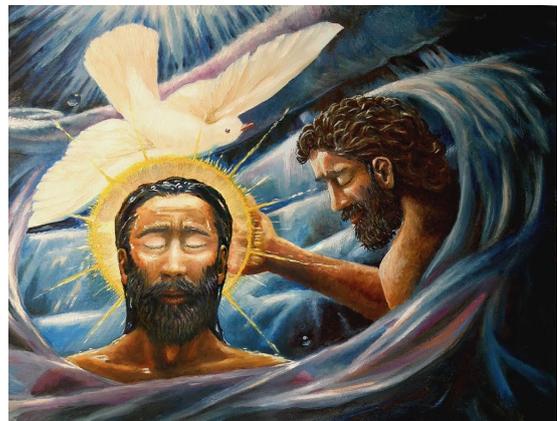
SECOND READING: TITUS 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Next Weeks Readings:
The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (YrC)
Is 62:1-5;
1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from the heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



Recent Death:-

Duncan Monisse

(1st Month Anniversary)

Giovanna Cannizzaro,

Anniversaries:-

Meliton S Geronimo,

Juaning Geronimo,

Percy Baldrey.



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.

