



# St Simon the Apostle Parish

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## Extraordinary Jubilee Year 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

### 16th & 17th January 2016 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Happy Birthday to...

Damian Biviano, Jay Joseph,  
Abbey Goulet, Madeleine Giuliano, Robert  
Desfosses, Geman Zhu, Sarah Viergever,  
Alysha Wanigaratne, Yvonne Muspratt.



### 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..



## Baptism...

We welcome this weekend into our faith community:  
Francis James SANTOS, son of Alfredo & Aguilon.

### Monday 18th January

Normal Parish Office Hours Resume

### Tuesday 19th January

7.30pm: Mass in Side Chapel

### Wednesday 20th January

9.15am:- Communion Service

### Thursday 21st January

9.15am:- Mass, Side Chapel

### Friday 22nd January

9.15am:- Mass, Side Chapel



### REMINDERS:-

**BAPTISM CO-ORDINATORS MEETING**  
JAN 23RD AT 12.00PM—MEETING PLACE.

### LENTEN LEADERS:

PREP. MEETING : TUE FEB 2ND AT 8.00PM.

Throughout the Christmas & New Year  
period there will be no CLOTW.

However CLOTW sheets will available  
from the help-desk in the Church foyer.



### Rosters for weekend of 23rd & 24 January 2016

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
<b>Reader</b>	Sally-Ann Cook	Mary Thisgaard	Michael Toomey	Marita Murphy
<b>Commentator</b>	Kirk Dias	Kevin Murray	Peter Evans	Tony Biviano
<b>Help Desk</b>	Sally-Ann Cook	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Denise Hart
<b>Altar Society</b>	Desiree Sargent & Kalombe Kapumpa		<b>Flowers:</b> Anne Lobbo	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Ann & Vijay Joseph, Nicole Saldutto, Sharon Melder			
<b>Counters</b>	Anna Smith, Frances Bowker, Desiree Sargent, John Duhau			

### Collections:- 10.1.2016

**Presbytery** \$1374.35  
**Loose donations** \$268.25



	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
Stewardship - Env. (2nd Collection)	\$3126.00	\$1614.50	74.90%
Stewardship - Credit Cards/Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3781.00		
2013/2014 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6907.00		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

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### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named Forsaken, nor your land Abandoned, but you shall be called My Delight and your land The Wedded; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

#### •LENTEN PROGRAM – MERCY \$7.00 Spiritual guidance (CD) from

Sr Hilda Scott (Vocations Director)

Fr Ken Barker ( Founder of MGL)

#### GROUPS COMMENCE MONDAY FEB 8

#### •6 CONVENIENT SESSIONS to chose from:

MORNINGS: Thursday & Friday

EVENINGS: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thur

•SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE FOYER.

*Next Weeks Readings:  
The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (YrC)  
Neh 8:2-6, 8-10;  
1 Cor 12:12-30;  
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

**Anniversaries:-**  
Derek Schokman,  
Jennifer Mawdsley,  
Michael Sheehan,  
Francesca Bertone.  
Tim Viergever



#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

FRIDAY - March 4th

THIS YEAR THE ECUMENCIAL  
SERVICE IS AT ST SIMON'S PARISH



**The country in focus : CUBA**

Theme : Mark 10:13-16

Receive Children – Receive Me.

**We need volunteers who are interested in being part of the organising team.**

Please leave your name at the help desk.

For enquiries please call the parish office or call Philippa 0408331340.

The issue of domestic violence also features strongly in this year's service.

