



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8th 2015 to November 20th 2016



PARISH PERSONNEL

PRIEST:

Fr. James Clarke

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes

Mrs Jacqui Giuliano

BUSINESS MANAGER:

Mrs Suzette Diaz

SECRETARIES:

Mrs Bernadette Ventura

Mrs Anabel Acosta-Harvey

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:

Mr Phil Hesse 9755 4222

NAZARETH COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL:

Mrs Anne McDonald

9795 8100

PARISH OFFICE OPEN:

9.00am. to 4.00pm.

Monday to Friday

WEEKEND MASS:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am,
11.00am

MIDWEEK MASS TIME:

Tuesday 7.30pm

Thurs. & Friday: 9.15am

1st Wed 9.15am

Wed. Communion Service

9.15am

AFTER SCHOOL

R. E. CLASSES:

Tuesdays 4:00pm – 5.00pm

(not during school holidays)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 5.00pm - 5.30pm

BAPTISMS:

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
after preparation

WEDDINGS:

By appointment and after
Preparation

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

When required, and 9.15am
Mass on the First Friday of each
month.

MASS OFFERINGS:

Memorial Death Anniversary
Masses need to be confirmed with
the Parish Office.

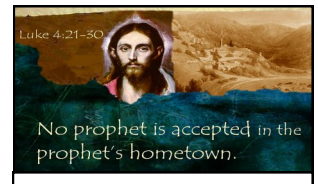
HALL HIRE:

Hall is available for hire
Saturday evenings and Sunday
Lunch. For enquiries
contact Parish Office during office

30th & 31st January 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When We Face Rejections

Though we often face in life, Rejections of every kind,
We need to know it's not the end and to leave it all behind
And carry on with faith in God, that He will see us through
To fulfil what He has called us for, the work we need to do
And sometimes these rejections, is a turning point in life
That lead to other avenues, to bring our dreams alive.



If we can only see this, as a chance to expand our wings
And see there's opportunity, to fulfil our godly dreams
For God knows what's best for us and He will show the way,
We only need to trust in Him and be on our knees each day
For He will bring it all to pass, releasing hope inside
As we keep walking with the Lord and in His love abide.

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Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Tuesday 9th February **Vigil Mass** at 7.30pm

Wednesday 10th February 9.15am & (school Mass) @ 11.30am

LENTEN PROGRAM – MERCY

Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels in Lent

With 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. (Please register in foyer)

SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE FOYER.

See Poster

Pick up a flyer



VOLUNTEER THANKYOU BBQ

The parish is cooking up a BBQ
this Sunday at 12.15pm as a *Thankyou* for all our
wonderful volunteers that have given so generous-
ly of their time throughout the year.

Date: Sunday, 31st January Time: 12.15pm

Place: Meeting Place Garden (behind Parish Office)

**Volunteer
Appreciation
BBQ**

**Pope Francis declared Feb 8th, Feast of St Josephine Bakhita,
as World Day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking**

(CathNews Jan 27) The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Australian

Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans resolutely support Pope Francis in this

Jubilee Year of Mercy. <http://cathnews.com/cathnews/24040-day-of-prayer-against-human>

-trafficking - Sr Anne Tormey (RSM) invites us to : * Learn about trafficking

locally & globally **Pray for the victims of human trafficking and for an end to slavery.

*** Buy fairtrade products if possible & advocate for legislation to protect victims.



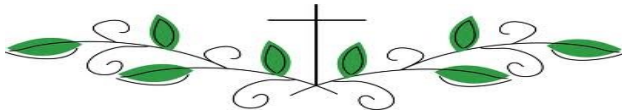
Rosters for weekend of 6th & 7th February 2016

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader	Kirk Dias	Phil Mawdsley	James Azzam	Ingrid Kertesi
Commentator	Ymara Jayamanne	Cedrik Fick	Evans family	Diane Carey
Help Desk	Sharon Melder	Cheryl Philp	Marie-Anne Duthil	Lorenza Spano
Altar Society	Marita Falloon & Jessica Chew		Flowers: Sally-Ann Cook	
Church Cleaning	Mikaele Vitolio, Rebecca Crellin, Mirella Louey, Vincent Pius			
Counters	David Wong, Graham Landers, Susan Wong			

Community

Happy Birthday to...

Shari Gilbert, Susan Smedley,
Michael Giaccotto, Jordan Rajendran,
Rowena Santos, Elissa Pirota,
Jessica Rajasingam, Dean Eley,
Alyssa Borovic.



Information on the Sick

Please inform the parish office if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing.

MEDITATION

“Come aside and rest awhile”

You are invited to join us for gentle, guided meditation and reflection as we take time out to experience God’s presence.

Wonderful health benefits for those who practice mediation regularly.

Day/Time: Wednesdays 10am – 11am

Place: Meeting Place (behind Parish Office)



Shawl Ministry

Our first Shawl Ministry meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February at 2.00pm in the Meeting Place.

SQUARE PATTERN: Please collect your square pattern from the Help Desk. We welcome and appreciate your knitted squares. Please drop them off at the Parish.

DONATIONS OF 8 PLY YARN WELCOME!



Tuesday 2nd February

7.30pm:- NO Mass

8.00pm:- RCIA, Parish house

8.00pm:- Lenten leaders Meeting, Side Chapel

Wednesday 3rd February

9.15am:- Communion Service

10.00am:- Meditation, Meeting Place

2.00pm & 7.30pm:- RECO Parent Session, Side Chapel

7.30pm:- PPC Meeting, Parish Office

Thursday 4th February

9.15am:- Mass, Side Chapel

2.00pm:- World Day of Prayer, Meeting Place



Friday 5th February

9.15am:- Anointing Mass, Church

10.00am:- Seniors Morning Tea

REMINDER:- LENTEN LEADERS:

Prep Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 2nd at 8.00pm.

ZUMBA Sat Feb 6th (7.00-9.00pm) \$20-00

Rowville Community Centre. Tickets: Call Marita 0430377208 Fundraiser - for Huntington’s Victoria.

“St Simon’s Seniors” Morning Tea

Please note change of dates from Wednesday to the FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH at 10.00am after the Anointing Mass. Please bring a small plate to share. Transport can be arranged by phoning Brenda on 97528410.



Included in this week’s Bulletin is our 2015 Annual Finance Report. If you would like any further information please contact Suzette at the Parish Office.

St Simon Parish, Rowville - 2015 Financials		\$
THANKSGIVING		
Thanksgiving (envelope collections)		279,449
Loose		27,247
DONATIONS (weddings, funerals, IGA Community benefit, Financial Planner)		4,214
OTHER FUNDRAISING		
Raffle		6,999
Hi-Tea, B&W night, Orient food fair, Family Fun Day (nett of expenses)		10,644
SUNDRY INCOME		
Catechists - ASRE (Parish contribution)		2,745
Interest Received (including Investment interest)		3,029
Parish Contribution (school families)		53,155
Rents - Hall Hire		35,200
Sacraments (Baptisms, candles, catechists, RCIA Ed, confirmation, Holy Eucharist)		9,784
Other (bulletin advert, calendars, memorial plaques, office space)		1,986
TOTAL INCOME		434,453
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CHURCH		
Employment Costs (Long Service Leave Fund, Superannuation, Workcover premium)		20,309
Office Costs (Church requisites, Pantry, Printing, Stationery & Publications, Photocopier & Leasing, Computer & Office expenses, Telephone & Postage, Professional Services-payroll, Super, security, accounting software, word of life, Repair & Maintenance Equipment)		34,482
Salary - Secretarial / Administration		89,337
Fees for Supply Priests		4,630
PASTORAL EXPENSES		
Sacraments Expenses (Baptisms, Catechists, RCIA Ed, Confirmation, Holy Eucharists)		4,981
Others (Pastoral & PPC Expenses)		614
Salary - Pastoral/Deacon		87,073
PROPERTY COSTS		
Insurance		11,841
Light, Heat & Power		9,245
Others (Cleaning-Hall, Gardening expenses (incl memorial garden), Rates & Municipal charges, Security)		10,328
Repairs & Maintenance (Buildings, Hall)		7,688
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES (incl Thanksgiving campaign costs)		1,332
FINANCE- INTEREST PAID ON LOANS		
Banks & Financial Institutions charges		2,211
Catholic Development Fund (loan) interest		4,847
LEVIES & SUBSIDIES (Archdiocesan Levies - Quota (Diocesan Pastoral & Development Fund)		28,000
LOAN REPAYMENTS		
Catholic Development Fund (Church Extension)		117,263
PURCHASE OF FIXED ASSETS		
Office / Equipment (Hall)		691
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE		434,872
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(419)

Collections : 23/1/16

Presbytery \$1120.55
Loose donations \$750.95



	<i>Weekly Pledge</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Stewardship - Env. (2nd Collection)	\$3126.00	\$1846.00	74.7%
Stewardship - Credit Cards/Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3781.00		
2013/2014 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6907.00		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

30th & 31st January -4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1:4-5.17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13

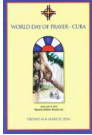
Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Next Week's Readings
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)
Is 6:1-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11;
Lk 5:1-11

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016



FRIDAY
March 4th

THIS YEAR THE
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SERVICE IS AT ST
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