



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

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Mrs Loretta Hughes

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Mrs Suzette Diaz

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Mrs Bernadette Ventura

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ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:

Mr Phil Hesse 9755 4222

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PRINCIPAL:

Mrs Anne McDonald

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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

27th & 28th February 2016 Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Second Chance

Lent is a time to look beyond the surface
to look beyond the presenting issues.

Just as the fig tree was given a second chance to bear
fruit, we too need to take stock of our lives.

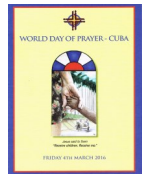
Maybe some of our attitudes, perceptions,
convictions, reactions etc. need a health check.

Change starts with acknowledgement, admission, and
repentance followed by a commitment to take the
road less travelled. Grace flows with our willingness
to change. God is our gardener, never giving up on us
until we are fruitful.



PLEASE NOTE:- Due to World Day Of Prayer on Friday the 4th March,
there will be no Stations of the Cross at & 7.30pm. Instead Stations of the
Cross will be held straight after 9.15 mass, Friday 4th March.

The World Day of Prayer On the first Friday of March each year,
people in over 170 countries, join a service prepared by the WDP
Committee of a different country, to celebrate both our unity in
Christ and our diversity in culture. This year St Simon's will host
the service prepared by the women of Cuba with the theme
"Receive children. Receive me".



Our guest speaker will be Sally-Anne Petrie and ALL ARE WELCOME
For more information please visit www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org
Please check the notice board in the foyer and take a pamphlet.
We are asking for helpers on the night – serving coffee, door greeters or
providing a plate We are also looking for the loan of potted palm trees
(approx. 1m high) for the night. Please contact Loretta at the Parish or
Philipa Warby 0408 331 340 or Jeanette Wallis 9764 3107.

Come along to our first Fundraiser for the Year

"A Zumba Night"

Saturday 23rd April in the Parish Hall

7.00pm - 9.00pm



\$20.00 per family or \$10.00 per individual.

Bring the whole family for an action packed night of fun.

More information to follow.

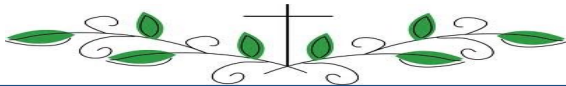
Rosters for weekend of 5th & 6th March 2016

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader	Jodie Marziano	Peter Kean	Margaret /Adrian Ng	Christina Liew
Commentator	Ymara Jayamanne	Cedrik Fick	Reg Emons	Cornelia Calimlim
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Felicia Ahumada		Elsa Lapiz	Jacqui & Sophia Giuliano
Help Desk	Sharon Melder	Cheryl Philp	Marie-Anne Duthil	Lorenza Spano
Altar Society	Desiree Sargent & Kalombe Kapumpa		Flowers: Nilmini Fernando	
Church Cleaning	Lidwin Hudson, John & Anne Duhau, Kongolo Kalumba			
Counters	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian & Brenda Harriss			

Community

Happy Birthday to...

Reza Orbien, Nikki Pecora,
Mary Sheehan, Cheryl De Silva,
Christian Borovic, Vijay Joseph,
Keely Williams, Charmie Alcazar,
JILDA Greco, Adrian Ng,
Stephanie Desler, Sajan & Priya Deol,
Mark Kanigowsky, Kathlene Don Paul, Dharam Deol.



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.

Recent Deaths:-

Les Ragg

1st Year Anniversary:-

Immacolata Magnifico,
Carl Brooks



WOOL URGENTLY NEEDED

Prayer Shawl Ministry is in urgent need of wool donations. Please kindly drop off at Help Desk or into the Parish Office. We meet at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All welcome.



Piety Stall

The Piety Stall currently has rosary beads from Lourdes & Fatima on sale at a very reasonable price. These rosary beads have been blessed by Fr. Jim.



Monday 29th February

7.30pm:- Lenten Group, Meeting Place

Tuesday 1st March

1.30pm:- Craft Group, Meeting Place

7.30pm:- Lenten Group, Chapel

Wednesday 2nd March

9.15am:- Communion Service, Chapel

10.00am:- Meditation, Meeting Place

2.00pm & 7.30pm:- Reco Parent Session, Chapel

8.00pm:- Lenten Group, Parish House

Thursday 3rd March

9.15am:- Mass, Chapel

10.00am:- Lenten Group, Chapel

7.30pm:- Lenten Group, Parish Office

Friday 4th March

9.15am:- Anointing Mass, Church

10.00am:- Seniors Morning Tea

10.00am:- Lenten Group, Chapel

7.30pm:- Stations of the Cross, Church



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 meditation regularly.

Day/Time: Wednesdays 10am – 11am

Place: Meeting Place (behind Parish Office)



“Simon's Seniors” Morning Tea

We meet on a monthly basis on the 1st Friday of each month at 10.00am after Anointing Mass in the Church foyer.

Next meeting, Friday 4th March.

If transport is required, phone Brenda Harriss on 9752 8410. Please bring a plate.



St Simon's Parish Fundraising Events Planned for 2016

- Zumba with Marita, 23rd April 7pm – 9pm in the Parish Hall.
- Meet & Greet Lunch, 1st May, 12pm – 5pm in the Parish Hall.
- 'Winter Wonderland' Dinner Dance, 18th June, 7pm – onwards in the Parish Hall.
- Family Feud, 27th August in the Parish Hall.
- High Tea, 11th September, 12pm & 2pm in the Parish Hall.



Please save the dates in your diary now. More details will follow closer to each event.

Fridges Required

We also need second hand fridges in good working order. Please call us at the parish if you have one you would like to donate and we will organise the collection.

New Parishioners

Please add your name to the New Parishioners book at the Help Desk in the foyer.



Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 7.30pm in the Church



Agape Encounter Seminars & Workshops Saturdays 10am - 1pm

We present monthly life changing workshops & seminars where people experience clarity, peace & healing in a safe space.

Seminars:- Dealing with Conflict, April 9th
How to be Free from Shame & Blame, June 4th

Workshops:- The Power of Attitude, March 5th
How to be Respected, May 14th
Happiness vs Depression, July 9
Venue, MacKillop Room, St. Francis Pastoral Centre, Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth St Melbourne.
Contact 9580 0950, ask@agapeencounter.org or www.agapeencounter.org for further information.

We desperately need extra help!

We get together every Thursday at 9.00am to keep the lawns and gardens maintained around the Church and parish office area. Afterwards we enjoy a coffee and chat. Ring the parish office on 9764 4058 or just come along on any Thursday.



TAIZE

Where:- Don Bosco Centre
465 Lysterfield Rd Lysterfield

When:- 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Friday February 26th, March 4th, 11th and 18th.
Further details please contact Fr. Martin Tanti on 9752 2432 or mtanti@salesians.org.au
All Welcome



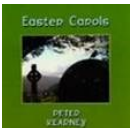
Support for Asylum Seekers

Your continued practical support through the provision of toiletries and cleaning products can make life on the margins of the Australian community a little easier. Goods can be left in the shopping trolley near the Help Desk. Thank you to the generous parishioners who continually leave goods, they are gratefully accepted and appreciated.



EASTER CAROLS : PETER KEARNEY

The CD contains little-known traditional Easter carols, thought-provoking songs from the late great English writer Sydney Carter (Lord of the Dance is his best known song) and 'Ashes to Easter' an original song from Peter. The recording features an excellent trio of female vocalists accompanying Peter's lead-vocals and guitar. CD \$25 + \$3 p&p.



St Simon's Youth Group next Activity

Where:- St Simon's Church

Time:- 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Date:- 28th February 2016

Theme:- "Farewell to Summer"

Who:- Year 7 -10 students

Cost: \$5.00

Reminder: Parents are required to sign your child in and out.



Collections : 21/02/2016

Presbytery \$1606.25
Loose donations \$406.85



Stewardship - Env. (2nd Collection) \$3126.00
Stewardship - Credit Cards/Direct Debit (cumulative Average) \$3781.00
2013/2014 campaign pledge (weekly) \$6907.00

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$3126.00	\$2005.20	74.7%
\$3781.00		
\$6907.00		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

27th & 28th February Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

FIRST READING: EXODUS 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. I must go and look at this strange sight, Moses said, and see why the bush is not burnt. Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, Moses, Moses! he said. Here I am he answered. Come no nearer he said. Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he said the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow. Then Moses said to God, I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you. But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them? And God said to Moses, I Am who I Am. This he added is what you must say to the sons of Israel: I Am has sent me to you. And God also said to Moses, You are to say to the sons of Israel: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and

it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL:

LUKE 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." '

**Next Week's Readings:
4th Sunday in Lent (Year C)**
Joshua 5:9-12;
2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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