



# St Simon the Apostle Parish

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## PARISH PERSONNEL

### PARISH PRIEST:

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### PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Wed, Thurs, Fri)  
Mrs. Abbie Ferdinands (Tues, Thurs)

### SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wednesday)

### BUSINESS & FINANCE:

Mr. Lee Chew (Monday)

### FINANCE & ADMIN:

Mrs Christina Liew (Tue - Thur)

### SECRETARIES:

Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)  
Miss Sophia Giuliano (Mon, Thurs, Fri)

### ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL

#### PRINCIPAL:

Mr Phil Hesse 9755 4222

### NAZARETH COLLEGE

#### PRINCIPAL:

Mr. Sam Cosentino 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

### OTHER MASS TIMES:

Monday to Saturday: 9.15am  
Tuesday: 7.00pm

### RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 9.45am

### BAPTISMS:

First Sat 11.30am, Third Sun 12.15pm

### WEDDINGS:

Contact Parish Office

### ANointing OF THE SICK:

When required, and 9.15am  
Mass on the First Friday of the Month

### MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARIES:

To be arranged through Parish Office

### PARISH COUNCIL:

Email: [parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au)

### MASS ON RADIO:

Mass from St. Simon's is broadcast on  
Light FM - 89.9, at 7am Sundays

**HALL HIRE:** St. Simon's Hall is available for hire Saturday evenings and Sunday Lunch. For enquiries, contact Parish Office during Office Hours - phone 9764 4058.

## June 24th, 2018 - The Nativity of St John The Baptist



It happened for Jill Meagher, with thousands walking through the streets of Brunswick.

It happened for 12 year-old Luke Batty and his brave and bereft mum, Rosie, when he died at the brutal hands of his own father.

And it happened again on

Monday at Princes Park, following the cruel and tragic death of 22 year-old Eurydice Dixon.

People came in great numbers - ten thousand or more. While some had known this young woman personally, many had not. But they all came with respect, with empathy, with sadness, and with a disconcerting sense of fear that something so wrong could happen so easily. They lit candles. They sang songs which reflected the sadness of the gathering. They laid floral tributes. For the most part, they stood in reflective silence.

Candles, flowers, reflection, music - these are all familiar components of the way we try to cope with death. It is often said that we live in a "secular society" - and that's probably true. Christian feasts are no longer "holy days", but simply "holidays". Cribbs and crucifixes are regularly outlawed from public display or gatherings, for fear they might "offend someone" - though few, if any, step forward to acknowledge that they are offended.

Yet when the reality and finality of death - especially lawless, violent death - strikes us, those expressions of solace, comfort and support that are central to the Christian recognition of death come to the fore.

Of course, that is not to say that appropriate funeral rituals are the sole prerogative of Christian faith. Most religions have rites and observances specifically designed to sooth the pain of personal loss, and project meaning, respect and recognition of a life that has been lost.

Nonetheless, in this nation, Christian tradition, prayer and practice has been extraordinarily formative and influential in public rituals - from the national stage of the opening of Parliament to the personal celebrations of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

We constantly hear loud harping from those who wish to rid our society of Christian "trappings". But from time to time that same community has to face and endure suffering of all kinds - be it from bushfires, floods, industrial tragedies, street violence or indeed anything that makes us all wonder "what's it all about". And it is then that the rituals of faith (and here in Australia, Christian faith especially), can bring the comfort, strength and resilience that are so sorely needed.

A "secular society"? Maybe that's true for many these days. But when we struggle to find meaning, when we're hurting, bewildered or fearful, our Christian rituals emerge as being not only meaningful but indispensable.

## Rosters for weekend of 30 June / 1 July 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
<b>Reader Commentator</b>	Alex Van Rheen Graeme Smith	Cedrik Fick Brian Philp	Evans Family Reg Emons	Wayne Beyrooti Zita Ragg
<b>Altar Society</b>	Desiree Sargent, Deepthi Perera		<b>Flowers:</b> Nilmini Fernando	
<b>CLOW</b>				
<b>Help Desk</b>	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Marie-Anne Duthil	Lorenza Spano
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Rebecca Crellin, Mirella Louey			
<b>Counters</b>	Helen Pongracic, Margaret & Gregory Carey, Noel Mulavey, Irene Law			
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Marius Nazareth		<b>Bus Driver</b>	Stephen White
<b>Homily Typist</b>	Sunita Nazareth		<b>THIS WEEK AT ST. SIMON'S</b>	

### Community

**Happy Birthday to...**

Alison Mitchell, Margaret Ng, Michael Umipig, Suzette Diaz, Chris Mann, Brian Philp, Jacinta Maxwell, Karen Wesley, Max Kertesi, Justin Failla, Samuel Rupasinghe.



#### IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

##### RECENT DEATH:

Terry Hollyoak, Craig Meredith

##### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Crisanto John Rodrigues



#### INFORMATION RE SICK PARISHIONERS:

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 of the Sick.

**PARISH STAFF CHANGES:** Many parishioners may be aware that both **Anabel and Bernadette**, our dedicated and ever-efficient Parish Secretaries, are stepping away from their role in the Parish Office. Anabel has been offered employment for work in which she has had a great interest for many years, while Bernadette has important family health support demands to address.

Both will be sorely missed. Twenty two applications were received for Anabel's 3-day position, and parishioner Felicia Ahumada is the selection of a specially-convened sub-Committee of the Parish Council. Welcome Felicia, and sincere thanks to all applicants!

An appropriate "Farewell" (though both remain as involved members of the parish) and expression of thanks will be arranged within the next couple of weeks in accordance with the wishes of Anabel and Bernadette. Abbie Ferdinands and Sophia Giuliano will cover Bernadette's 2 days with the extra work demands due to Office relocation.

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

7.30pm: - Prayer Group (Chapel)

#### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm:- Craft (Parish Office)

7.00pm:- Mass (Church)

#### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

#### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

#### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

#### **End of Term 2**

#### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

9.45am:- Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am:- Mass (Church)



#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Wed. July 4, 7.30pm: Administration & Development Committee

Mon. July 16, 7pm: Fete Committee

Mon. July 16: 8 pm. Fete Stallholders

Tues. July 17, 7 pm: Pastoral Care Comm.

#### **AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Sincere thanks to the dedicated and generous team of catechists who conducted ASRE this past Term. Your commitment and generosity is deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Rosetta Scheepers, who put an enormous amount of time and energy into getting the program off and running for this year.

**LIFEBOAT** has been providing practical and pastoral support to victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia for five years. Its first Melbourne-based fundraiser will be held on **Friday July 6, 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. at Tosaria Restaurant, Henderson Rd. Rowville.** Entertainment from renowned singer Sue Jones. Finger food served through the evening. Tickets just \$40 and available after Mass or from St. Simon's Parish Office  
office@stsimonsparish.com.au

**LECTOR TRAINING : (St Simon's Parish) For Existing and New Lectors:**  
Thursday June 28th 7.00pm to 9.00pm. This is open to our deanery and surrounding parishes. For our convenience Mary Ryan from the Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation will be leading us in formation. Clipboard in Foyer. Lectors please place this date in your diary.

**NEW PARISHONERS - WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU PERSONALLY!**  
If you have recently moved into the area, or have decided to make St Simon's your parish home, please register your details in the New Parishioners' Book at the Help Desk. One of the members of our Welcoming Team will be in touch.

**SIMON'S SENIORS' MORNING TEA:**  
We meet on the 1st Friday of each month at 10.00am, after the Anointing Mass in the Side Chapel.  
We next meet on Friday, July 6.  
Please bring a plate to share.



**PARISH COUNCIL** If you have ideas, suggestions or comments to put to the Council email to: parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au Please ensure you include your name & a contact phone number. A Parish Council member will respond to your email as soon as possible.

**TRANSPORT FOR 9.30am MASS**  
If you require transport to & from the 9.30am Mass, please leave details at the Help Desk or call the Parish Office on 9764 4058.

**ST. SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FAIR: Sat. Nov. 17 A CALL for MORE and NEW SPONSORS:**  
Do you know people connected to commercial businesses or services which might favourably consider helping our parish school through sponsorship of our Family Fun Fair? As a major community event, St. Simon's Family Fun Fair offers commercial great opportunity for businesses and services. We are seeking:  
# Stall Sponsors (\$250 per stall),  
# Major donations for Raffle, Main Auction,  
# Smaller donations for Silent Auction, or  
# Provision of services e.g. printing.  
This week-end we will be asking parishioners to indicate anyone we (or you) can approach or whom the Family Fun Fair Committee can approach for sponsor support. Can you give this some thought this week? **We will circulate Clipboards at all Masses.**

**ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE THINKING ALONG THESE LINES?** Adults entering the Catholic Church or those just thinking about it, follow a process called RCIA: the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is for: Adults who are not baptised; Adults baptised in another Christian church; and also for non-practising Catholics wishing to renew faith. At St Simon's new sessions begin with an **information night on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018 from 7.45pm in the Parish Office.** Ring the Parish Office 9764 4058 or Reg on 9790 5616 or just come along on the night. **"Come and see."**

**PIETY STALL:** Beautiful new stock, including Confirmation gifts, are now available in the foyer.

**PRAYER GROUP: Monday 25th June.**  
Place: Chapel, Time: 7.30pm., 2nd & 4th Mondays.  
A time to reflect on the Word of God, pray together and spend quiet time in God's presence.  
Enquiries : loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au or phone Parish Office 9764 4058.

**SUGGESTION BOX**  
The Suggestion Box is at the Help Desk.  for your ideas, comments and suggestions. Your input is valued, so please include your name, contact number and email address so we can acknowledge and respond to your suggestions.

**Collections : 17.06.18**

**Presbytery** \$1515.95  
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\$3570.34		
\$6120.65		

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**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-6**  
 Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mothers womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified; while I was thinking, I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**SECOND READING: Acts 13:22-26**  
 Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that

one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal." 'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-66, 80**  
 The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy. Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.



**Next Weeks Readings:**  
 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24  
 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
 Mk 5:21-43

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**Craft Group** Meetings will be on every Tuesday of the school term @ 1.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome to join us for a cuppa and chat. Come along and share your artistic ideas with us.

**ZUMBA**  
FITNESS

CLASS TIMETABLE

**PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 Wentworth Avenue, Rowville

**MON & WED 7.00 - 8.00pm**  
**SAT 10.30 - 11.30am**

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