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ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL

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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

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

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.

July 1st, 2018 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THOUSANDS of dollars will be paid out to victims of a Puffing Billy paedophile after a damning ombudsman's report revealed the monumental failings of senior management that allowed him to prey on children for decades.

Ombudsman Deborah Glass said we would never know how many victims child predator Robert Whitehead was able to abuse while working at various Victorian railway groups between 1961 and 1991.

The year-long investigation found senior members of the Puffing Billy board "time and time again" acted to protect the reputation of the organisation rather than deal with dozens of abuse allegations.

Wayne Clarke, who was subjected to horrific abuse as a 13-year-old, said it had been a long journey to reach this point.

"I'm just relieved," Mr Clarke told the *Herald Sun*. "(The report) has been a long time coming, so I'm relieved it's finally finished."

Lawyers acting on behalf of six of Whitehead's victims have issued proceedings in the Supreme Court claiming damages. It is understood the state government has indicated it will enter into settlement negotiations.

The Ombudsman's scathing report prompted the disbanding of the Emerald Tourist Railway Board last week and resignation of the entire Puffing Billy board, including CEO John Robinson.

"Herald Sun", Mon. June 25

Despite a population half that of Australia, Sweden has led the world in many achievements. It was the first nation, in 1809, to appoint an "ombudsman" as the 'Defender of the people in their dealings with government'.

In 1973, the Office of Ombudsman was established in Victoria, and is now an integral means of holding to account governments and their instrumentalities. Ombudsmen open to ordinary citizens the chance for an external review of actions or inactions deemed to be unfair or unjust.

Just this week, the value of the Office was again demonstrated when current Ombudsman Deborah Glass delivered a scathing report on the operation of Puffing Billy. She was especially critical of the Board turning a blind eye to ongoing paedophilia by one of its leading and long-term volunteers.



If only the complaints which led to her report had been taken to the Ombudsman some years ago! How many children might have been spared the appalling damage that was inflicted on them?

The "Puffing Billy" denials and cover-up condemned by the Ombudsman prompted many commentators to draw a parallel with similar actions by the Church. This arguably could prompt the question: Might a Church Ombudsman have lessened, even minimised the number of crimes and scandals which have enveloped our Church for more than twenty years?

Proposals for a truly independent "Church Ombudsman", for all aspects of Church administration and responsibility, have been suggested on numerous occasions, but such an office is still "vacant".

There should be nothing to fear from independent reviews of all levels of church administration, including but not limited to areas such as sexual abuse.

The Church's functions as an employer and as an insurance company are just two areas where complaints can emerge and independent assessment can be required for justice to be done and to be seen to be done. Perhaps those calls for a "Church Ombudsman" need to be heard again.

Rosters for weekend of 7th & 8th July 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader Commentator	Graeme Smith Helen Welsford	Phil Mawdsley Cedrik Fick	James Azzam Elizabeth Kueh	Jacqui Giuliano Christina Liew
Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs, Annie McNeill		Flowers: Nilmini Fernando	
CLOW				
Help Desk	Abbie Ferdinands	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
Church Cleaning	Annette & Samuel Leveque, Antony Singarasa			
Counters	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian Harriss, Nimala Andrew			
Mass Recorder	Rob		Bus Driver	Brian Crowley
Homily Typist	Janet Forster		This week at St. Simons	

Community

Happy Birthday to...

Stefanie Olivetti, Hannah Petrie, Natalie Melder, Shane Leonard, Baby Orbien, Stephanie Yeoh, Francis Don Paul, Olivia Rolfs, Brian Dalton, Emily Faella, Dharshika Fernando, Caitlyn Petrie, Tomas Nowacki, Samantha Ray,



IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS: RECENT DEATH:

Jose Baquero

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Mimi Nagawan, Cyril Mahon, Patricia Rozario, Amy Cairns



PARISH OFFICE DEMOLITION this week will mean a few adaptations are necessary. On **Wednesday July 4**, Mass will be at **7 a.m.** and the Church will be "off limits" for the rest of the day. The new Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, but phone calls to the Office (9764 4058) will be answered. Thank you for your understanding of these necessary restrictions.

"ST. SIMON'S CINEMA" might be somewhat of a tongue-twister, but part of our new Parish Centre will be a 48-seat cinema. We are the fortunate recipients of comfortable theatre seating, and the high-quality projection and sound equipment has been purchased at "bargain" prices. The Cinema will provide an opportunity for the parish to screen movies for both adults and children, and also to provide a venue for community groups to gather and / or fundraise.

We invite parishioners who might be interested in forming a "Cinema Committee" to express their interest in writing, either by email to Fr. Kevin or by writing to "Cinema Committee", 2 Taylor's Lane, Rowville 3178. The Committee's purpose will be to "manage" the Cinema and it's operation, including selection of movies for parish screenings.

Monday 2nd July

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
7.30pm: - Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday 3rd July

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
7.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Wednesday 4th July

7.00am:- Mass (Chapel)
Office Closed

Thursday 5th July

9.15am:- Mass (Church)
Office Closed

Friday 6th July

9.15am:- Mass (Church) **Anointing Mass**
10.00am:- Senior's Morning Tea
Office Closed

Saturday 7th July

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
9.45am:- Reconciliation (Church)
6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday 8th 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.

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.

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

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.



PIETY STALL: Beautiful new stock, including Confirmation gifts, are now available.

WINTER CRAFT STALL: HELD AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND!

We welcome your generous support. The Craft Group

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GIRL:

Presented by SJB Productions

Thursday 5th July—7.30pm
Friday 6th July—7.30pm
Saturday 7th July—7.30pm
Sunday 8th July—2.00pm

Adult \$12 Concession \$10 12 & under \$8
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Ticket sales through
office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2018:

We have received \$1,621.35 and a generous amount of non-perishable goods for this appeal. Our heartfelt thanks for your support & generosity and would like to express our sincere gratitude on behalf of those we assist. Rowville Conference

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.
Please contact our Family Fun Fair Committee with any queries at fete@stsimonsparish.com.au

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 7th 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."**

PRAYER GROUP: Monday 9th July.

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.

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.

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 : 24.06.18

Presbytery \$1650.25
Loose donations \$324.95



	<i>Weekly Pledge</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Stewardship - Env. (2nd Collection)	\$2550.31	\$2471.65	85.3 %
Stewardship - Credit Cards/Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3570.34	\$3155.51	88.4 %
2013/2014 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6120.65	\$5331.45	87.1 %

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

July 1st, 2018 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

Death was not Gods doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be - for this he created all; the worlds created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devils envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL: Mark 5: 21-43 When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.<

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself, 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?" ' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said, 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking > some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 2:2-5: 2
Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6



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