



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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Mrs Loretta Hughes (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
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Mr Lee Chew (Monday)

FINANCE & ADMIN:

Mrs Christina Liew (Tue - Thurs.)

SECRETARIES:

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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 the Parish Office during Office Hours - phone 9764 4058.

July 22nd, 2018 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUBLIC transport fare evaders fall into three distinct categories, with the deliberate ticket dodging costing millions of dollars a year, a worldwide study by Monash University researchers has found. Other types are accidental fare evaders who don't intend to dodge the system and people who are quick to avoid paying for their trip because of problems with getting a ticket.

Faulty ticket machines, overcrowding, and short-distance journeys were some of the excuses of the "unintentional" fare evader who usually did the right thing. Dr Alexa Delbosc from Monash's civil engineering department found that "deliberate" fare evaders did so if the benefits outweighed the risks.

"Despite making up the lowest percentage of the market, our study in Melbourne found that 'deliberate' fare evaders are responsible for the majority of fare evasion trips and, by extension, foregone revenue," Dr Delbosc said.

"Deliberate fare evaders are small in number but big in impact. Some do it out of desperation in that they can't afford the fare, and some of them do it because they don't think it's worth paying.

Dr Delbosc said "unintentional" evaders were on the fence. "They want to pay their way but are relatively quick to fare evade if ticketing is made too difficult. Every barrier to easy ticketing — such as complex fare structures, long ticket queues or difficulty 'topping up' their smartcard — provides a potential excuse to fare evade in the minds of this group of people."

Latest data from Public Transport Victoria showed that fare compliance of train, tram and bus passengers was 95.3 percent. Bus travellers were more likely to avoid paying for their ride.

"Herald Sun", Wed. July 18



"Tell 'im he's dreamin'!" A classic line from a classic (1997) Aussie movie. The line belongs to "Dad", Darryl Kerrigan, as he replies to one of his sons calling out the latest bargains from the "Trading Post".

Founded in 1966 by an enterprising lady, Margaret Falkiner, and her husband Charles, the weekly newspaper carried advertisements for goods available for private sale. Advertising was free, and the only fee was a voluntary small percentage of the item's sale price if it was sold.

The daring strategy worked, because most of the sellers did the right thing and "paid when they sold". Which reminds us that, in so many cases, *most of the people are pretty good most of the time.*

A report in the "Herald Sun" this week brought to our notice the issue and cost of fare evasion on public transport. It reported how millions of dollars are lost each year through deliberate evasion.

But further on, the report indicated that more than 95 percent of public transport users "do the right thing". 95 percent!!

We could do with some good news, surely, and while it might be true that we are probably more nervous of our neighbours than we used to be, we can take some comfort when we know that the overwhelming majority still pay their fares.

That's not being cynical. That's the fact. And while it won't change the world. But it might help us to be a little more optimistic about life and how we live it, and about those with whom we live it.

Rosters for weekend of 28th & 29th July 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader Commentator	Kaye Williams Alex Van Rheenan	Volunteer Phil Mawdsley	Reg Emons Mike Toomey	Nihal Mudalige Christina Liew
Altar Society	Elly Bare & Luvy Esquejo		Flowers Anne Lobbo	
CLOW	Mandarinos		Ewa Toomey	Elsa Lapiz
Help Desk	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
Church Cleaning	Cion Romana, Ed & Ming Nicdao			
Counters	David Wong, Graham Landers, Susan Wong, Lin Tie			
Mass Recorder	Dennis Tam		Bus Driver	John Duhau
Homily Typist	Sunita Nazareth			

PARISH DIARY

Monday 23rd July

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

7.30pm: - Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday 24th July

9 150am:- Mass (Chapel)

7.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Wednesday 25th July

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Thursday 26th July

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday 27th July

9.00am:- Mass (Church) (note change: **9.00am**)

Saturday 28th July

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

9.45am:- Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday 29th July

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Anniversaries: Brenda Harriss

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Bernadette Ventura, Ethan Collins, Christine Pereira, Arnold Quiambao, Axelle Domingue, Steffi Pereira, Paul McKinley

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into our faith community:-

Lucas Archer Noel DEAN, son of Andrew & Natasha

Zoe McPHEE, daughter of Chris & Jade

William ALTNICKLE, son of Thomas & Thi

Nadia Sophia PELUSO, daughter of Melissa & Robert

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL:

The annual appeal for the Propagation of the Faith (Pontifical Mission Society) will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of July 28 / 29.

Your generous support will be appreciated.

ANABEL AND BERNADETTE:

At the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday July 29th, our dedicated Parish Secretaries, Anabel Acosta-Harvey and Bernadette Ventura will be formally thanked for their years of committed service to our Parish. Both have given a warm welcome and wonderfully efficient service to all who came through the Office. They remain involved and treasured parishioners, but will be sorely missed in the "front line". Thank you both for all you have done and for who you are.

FR. BERNARD TEO C.SsR. will give an address after the 7 p.m. Mass on Tuesday July 24th, on the challenging and informative topic:

"A Catholic Response to Suffering and Dying".

I suggest we confront our suffering and dying squarely through the lens of Jesus' own life, and not be afraid to experience it as a family and Community. Let the suffering and dying give to others the privilege of looking after them, while at the same time teach the living on how to live and how to die as believers in the One Crucified and Raised.

IMPORTANT RESEARCH PROJECT:

Christina Westmore-Peyton is a Doctoral student investigating Generation X and their relationship to the Catholic Church. Generation Xers were born between 1965 and 1980 i.e. are between 38 and 52. Interviewees will be people who grew up with both parents being active and participating Catholics, and took their children to Mass. Most of their schooling was in Catholic schools. They may or may not be Church attenders now or may have become disaffiliated with the Church altogether. She wants to find out about the spiritual and religious life of this age group with about 10-25 Gen Xers.

If you are interested, please take a flyer from the Foyer for further information. The research may help explain why many Gen Xers no longer practise their faith as their parents did. **Christina will be here after all Masses this week-end for enquiries.**

SUGGESTION BOX: The Suggestion Box forms for your constructive ideas, comments and suggestions are available at the Help Desk. Please write your name, contact number and email address so that we may update you on the consideration of your suggestion. Thank you for your willingness to be in dialogue with us.

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

CRAFT GROUP 2018: Thank you for the generous support to the craft stall. The proceeds of this stall helps with running costs, making more Items for this year's Fete. Thank you to the Craft Group for your time and talent, we meet every Tuesday of the school term @ 1.30pm in the School Hall. All welcome. Melanie: 9763 1229

ST .VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:
We have received \$1,621.35 and a generous amount of non-perishable goods, including many winter coats, for this appeal. Our heartfelt thanks for your support & generosity and would like to express our sincere gratitude on behalf of those we assist.
from the Rowville Conference

ADVANCE NOTICE: Ladies Retreat, facilitated by Fr. Ray Sanchez CP October 26th to 27th
Friday: 6.30pm - 8.30pm & Saturday: 9.00am – 4.00pm
No overnight stay: \$50
Overnight stay: single \$100, shared \$90.
Venue: St. Paul's College, Norton's Lane, Wantirna.
Contact: loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au, 9764 4058

ADVANCE NOTICE: Social Afternoon, Fundraiser
Sun Sept 30th, St. Simon's Hall, 12.30p.m. - 5.00pm.
Fundraising for St. Simon's Church. Dancing with music by Glaxton Saunders. BYO lunch & snacks.
Tickets: \$15. Bookings / Information: Phil: 9755 6878 or 0425 816 051

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 Tues 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."

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Monday July 23, 7.00p.m: PPC Outreach Committee
Tuesday July 31, 7.30pm: Liturgy Committee

ST. SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE:

Saturday November. 17, 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 Fete? As a major community event, St. Simon's Family Fun Fete 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

PRAYER GROUP: Monday 23rd 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.

PARISH OFFICE CONSTRUCTION:

Hopefully, by the time you read this the former Parish Office will have been demolished—or demolition will be close to completion. Visitor parking around and near the Parish Office will be limited over coming weeks. Please use either the school basketball court down the driveway or, if available, pedestrian access around the safety fence surrounding the old Office.

We expect the relocation of the classrooms which will be the core of our new Parish Centre to begin on the weekend of August 5/6. Refurbishment of the buildings will commence almost immediately, and the project should hopefully be completed by late September. In the meantime, we ask for your understanding and patience as a few less-convenient-than-usual weeks are negotiated.

PASTORAL CARE SERVICE—

SHAWL MINISTRY: The shawl ministry consists of several devoted members who knit and crochet shawls and rugs to comfort anyone suffering illness or grief. Most wool is donated and completed items are placed on the altar at the Anointing Mass on the first Friday of the month where they are blessed by Fr. Kevin.

They are then wrapped with a small prayer added and are available free of charge from the helpdesk after Mass on a weekend or by calling the Parish Office - 9764 4058. Feedback from recipients of the shawls is very positive and they are of great comfort to them. Shawls are also available for babies and children when required.

COLLECTIONS : July 15th, 2018

Presbytery \$2,452.00
Loose donations \$ 525.50

	<i>Weekly Pledge</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)	\$2,550.31	\$2,929.50	85.5%
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3,570.34		
2013/2014 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6,120.65		
Thank you for sharing your treasure.			

July 22nd, 2018 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks! See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by

restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL:

MARK 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



Next Weeks Readings
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <h3>Super Steve's Cleaning Team</h3> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * General House Cleaning * Commercial Clean * Window Cleaning * Rubbish Removal * Builders Clean * Light Trauma * Carpet Cleaning * Tenant Vacate Clean <p style="text-align: center;">For a FREE QUOTE call 0423 496 516</p>	<h3>Appliance Repairs and Installation Service</h3> <p>We specialize in the repair of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing Machines • Dishwashers • Dryers • Electric Ovens • Microwaves • Cooktops / Range hoods • Fridges / Freezers • Test / Tag Services <p style="text-align: center;">Call Ash: 0413 913 619</p>	<h3>Marriage Preparation Course</h3> <p>Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">For more details please contact the Parish Office. Phone: 9764 4058 Email: office@stsimonsparish.com.au</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coming soon: flyer in the foyer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ZUMBA FITNESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLASS TIMETABLE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Wentworth Avenue, Rowville </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> MON & WED 7.00 - 8.00pm SAT 10.30 - 11.30am </p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;">FREE TRIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: small;">CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALS & EVENTS AT www.zumbamelbourne.com.au</p>	<h3>ChipKing Data Cabling</h3> <p>NBN / Data Networks CCTV Security Cameras Digital & Cable TV Wi-Fi Speed Boost</p> <p>Call Brad: 9803 8644 sales@chipking.com.au</p> <p>Registered Cabler T08011 Security Reg. 936-086-80S</p>	<h3>TRANSPORT FOR 9.30am MASS</h3> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>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.</p>

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to advertise your business in our weekly bulletin