



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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Mrs Loretta Hughes (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
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BUSINESS & FINANCE:

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FINANCE ADMIN:

Mrs Christina Liew (Mon, Tue, Thurs)

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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.

August 5th, 2018 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Highly popular Australian golfer Jarrod Lyle has made the heartbreaking decision to cease active treatment in his third cancer fight and begin palliative care.

Lyle has twice battled and beaten acute myeloid leukaemia—once in 1998 and again in 2012. However, in July last year the 36-year-old's cancer returned for the third time.

Earlier this month Lyle's wife Briony spoke about the "mystery" symptoms that had impacted Lyle's eyesight and speech. "He has given everything that he's got to give, and his poor body cannot take anymore. We'll be taking him closer to home in the next couple of days so he can finally leave the hospital.

Jarrod knows he is loved, and the thousands of prayers and well wishes that have been sent his way have kept him going through some incredibly tough times. But he has reached his limit, and the docs have finally agreed that they can no longer strive for a positive outcome.

My focus as of today is on our girls and doing whatever I can to get them through the challenges ahead. Jarrod will be closer to them very soon, and will spend as much time as he can with them."

Former golfer Mark Allen told Macquarie Sports Radio that Jarrod Lyle had fans across the globe, particularly in the United States.

"He was always a loud character on the tour over there, and he was a very proud Australian and I think people loved him being Australian over there in America—he's got lots of fans over there," said Allen. "This will resonate right around the world."

"Herald Sun". Wed. August 1



Almost all of us have to deal with the reality of major sickness and death, be it for ourselves or for someone we love.

But from time to time, a public figure allows the rest of us to share that journey. Like singer Olivia Newton-John, or footy champs Neale Danaher or Jim Stynes.

Golfer Jarrod Lyle has chosen to go down a similar path and allows us, the public, to sharer in the fear, sadness and courage of both himself and his family. One word stood out in Briony Lyle's noble statement to the media. She thanked friends and the public for "their prayers and well wishes".

That's right—"prayers". Prayer doesn't get much prominence in public statement these days. Some are more likely to talk about 'positive energy'!

But Thursday's moving and beautifully crafted editorial in the "Herald Sun" took the prayer element in to the headline: *"Prayers for Jarrod"*.

Prayer, and the honour to God which it exemplifies, may not be as common in the public arena as it once was. But when it comes to the fundamentals of human life and death, and our dependence on and acknowledgement of God, then prayer becomes rightly an essential component with our daily living.

So let's do it. Let's 'pray for Jarrod', and not just for him, but for his wife and his children, and so many others who are nursing and supporting a sick family member, especially if the illness is terminal.

Briony Lyle has reminded us how important and uplifting those simple words, "I'll pray for you", can be.

Rosters for weekend of 11th & 12th August 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader Commentator	Kaye Williams Graeme Smith	Phil Mawdsley Cedrik Fick	Margaret/Adrian Ng Reg Emons	Marialisa Mandarino Zita Ragg
Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Elaine Gannon		Flowers Rosanna Almojera	
CLOW	Felicia Ahumada		Annabel Henriques	Abbie Ferdinands
Help Desk	Abbie Ferdinands	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
Church Cleaning	Nicole Saldutto, Sharon Melder, Vincent Pius, Victor Dare			
Counters	Peter Evans, Michael Fernando & Brian Philp			
Mass Recorder	Zoe Peters		Bus Driver	Janet Forster
Homily Typist	Sonya Rose'meyer			

PARISH DIARY

Monday 6th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

7.30pm:- Prayer Group

Tuesday 7th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm:- Craft (Side Chapel)

7.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Wednesday 8th August

9.15am:- Mass (Church - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

Thursday 9th August

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday 10th August

8.15am:- Mass (Church) **Please note change this day only**

Saturday 11th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

9.45am:- Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday 12th August

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Antonia Blank, Trish Mary Woods, Carmello Vincenzino, Eustace D'Souza.

Peter Golesteanu (teacher at Nazareth College since 2004)

Anniversaries: Mervin Hughes, Graeme Seymour, Daisy Damay (1st Anniversaries)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sheila Kelaart, Liji Abraham, Samantha Basa, Dominique Allas, Michelle Wong, Lauren Pecora, Leah Viney, Sanjay Robson, Hannah McDonald, Shaun Yeoh, Joseph Beyrooti, Simon Carey, Katrina Amoranto, Malishka Fernando, Maryanne Turnbull, Christopher Maxwell, Lisa Desler

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into our faith community:-
Anna Elizabeth SLOAN - daughter of Neil & Carolynne,
Kate Stephanie BEUS - daughter of Matthew & Caroline.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16—FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at St. Simon's at **9.15am, 11.30am** (School Mass) and **7.30pm**.

The 7.00p.m Mass on **Tuesday August 14** will also be the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption.

EXCITING NEWS—LIGHT F.M:

Radio 89.9 Light FM together with our Parish Pastoral Council Outreach Team have been in discussion for a collaborative broadcast segment: "Life in the Parish".

The Outreach Team would like to meet with 6 to 10 interested parishioners in late August to discuss ideas and help prepare a proposal for 89.9 Light FM.

Radio or broadcast experience is not required.

If interested please contact:

David West 0408 650 095 westdcs@inet.net.au

Peter Evans 0427 511 037 peter_evans@netspace.net.au

SIGN OF PEACE A number of parishioners have raised the issue of how the Sign of Peace is exchanged during these winter months when so many coughs, colds, germs etc. are around.

Given that background, it's important to show consideration for others. If you are attending Mass and are battling a cold, it's best not to engage in physical contact (e.g. handshake) with those around you. A simple friendly nod of the head is best. It's a case of "Don't give away anything you don't want to receive!"

PARISH CENTRE PROJECT:

Over the next few weeks, access to the Parish Office may be limited from time to time. The walkway at the end of the drive should still be usable at most times, but if not, access can be through the Chapel during school hours. 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wednesday August 8 at 7.00pm: Finance Committee

Monday August 20 at 7.00pm: Fete Committee

Tuesday August 21 at 7.00 p.m.: Parish Council

ST. SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE:

Saturday Nov 17th, 9.00am to 4.00pm

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

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

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 Church.** Ring the Parish Office 9764 4058 or Reg on 9790 5616 or just come along on the night.

"Come and see."

PASTORAL CARE SERVICE - ASYLUM SEEKERS:

The Asylum Seekers Centre is an interdenominational Christian response to the material needs of asylum seekers and refugees.

The Centre is wholly voluntary (no paid staff) and has no committees, no budget and funded wholly by donations.

Parishioners can help by providing non-perishable food items for asylum seekers and refugees which can be left at St. Simons Parish Office during weekdays or at the helpdesk at the Church on weekends.

For further information concerning the Asylum Seekers Centre please call them on 9802 5268.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

This Tuesday (provided I wake up in time!), I'll be taking an 8am flight interstate to meet with three 'clients' of "Lifeboat Geelong". Each of them has to deal with the horror of sexual abuse from Church personnel during their school days, and the traumatic effect of those horrific experiences remain with them on a daily basis.

As I was while in Geelong, I am very conscious of the amount of time required to give them, and so many others like them, the time they deserve. I also realise that tis is time I am not spending in St. Simon's Parish. Some of you have asked of me house blessings, and other small services which are yet to be done. Some have sent emails and I haven't (yet) replied. Some of you might want to see me but wonder "He's probably too busy for the likes of me!"

Well, I'm not too busy for "the likes of you", but I know that the time I believe I must give to abuse survivors might seem disproportionate. If you feel like this, I can tell you I understand totally. And if you feel like that—even occasionally—then I genuinely ask for your forgiveness.

But can I also ask your understanding? For the people with whom I spend hours on the phone, or in a coffee shop somewhere, or even all day in an airport as I'll be doing this Tuesday—these people have all come from families like your family may well be. They were committed, faithful and faith-filled Catholics, regularly at Mass and the Sacraments, until it all came crashing down. And they did nothing to deserve what happened to them.

For five years, "Lifeboat" has been giving them help, and hope, and I've been giving them a lot of my time for more years than that, before "Lifeboat" began. And that is your time, I know. But I hope this bulletin note may perhaps help you to feel a small but positive part of this important mission to those who deserve so much, but have received too little to give them back their life.

Without being presumptuous, can I say "Thank You" for your understanding of this important work and ministry.

Fr. Kevin

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Social Afternoon, Fundraiser

Sun Sept 30, St. Simon's Hall, 12.30pm - 5.00pm

Fundraising for St. Simon's Church. Dancing with music by Glaxton Saunders. BYO lunch & snacks.

Tickets: \$15 Bookings: Phil: 9755 6878 or 0425 816 051

Collections : 29.7.18

Presbytery \$1431.30
Loose donations \$468.95

Stewardship - Env. (2nd Collection) \$2550.31
Stewardship - Credit Cards/Direct Debit (cumulative Average) \$3570.34
2016 campaign pledge (weekly) \$6120.65
Thank you for sharing your treasure.



Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2550.31	\$958.00	85.3 %
\$3570.34	\$3286.14	92.0 %
\$6120.65	\$5461.67	89.2 %

August 5th, 2018 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: EXODUS 16:2-4.12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, Why did we not die at the Lords hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death! Then the Lord said to Moses, Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the days portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God. And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, What is that? not knowing what it was. That said Moses to them is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Next Weeks Readings
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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