



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

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

Mr Lee Chew (Monday)

FINANCE ADMIN:

Mrs Christina Liew (Mon, Tue, Thurs)

SECRETARIES:

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

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:

Mr Phil Hesse: 9755 4222

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PRINCIPAL:

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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 12th, 2018 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Andrew Brayshaw's father has accepted the apology from Andrew Gaff and his family for the sickening punch that broke his son's jaw, while expressing concern for the welfare of the West Coast Eagles midfielder.

Gaff was suspended for eight weeks for punching Brayshaw in the head during Sunday's western derby fixture between the Eagles and Fremantle in Perth.

The blow, which was delivered behind the play, left the 18-year-old Brayshaw with a broken jaw and three dislodged teeth. He underwent surgery on Sunday night and will not be able to eat solid food for the next four weeks.

Gaff has both personally and publicly apologised to Brayshaw, while his father Craig has also reached out to Brayshaw's parents.

Although Brayshaw's brother Angus, who plays for Melbourne, likened the incident to an "assault" at "a nightclub or on the streets", his father Mark Brayshaw said he and his wife Debra appreciated the apology from Gaff and his family.

"Craig rang me and left a message. I called him back straight away. We had a really good chat," Mark Brayshaw told SEN Radio. "He apologised, and I said, 'It's not really for me to accept it, but Debra and I, accept your apology.'"

Gaff will miss the remainder of the AFL season because of the suspension. He again offered his sympathy to Brayshaw. "I see myself as a caring, gentle and measured person, and that's why it's disappointing so much more. I'm disappointed for Andrew. I'm disappointed in myself."

ABC News, Wednesday, Aug. 8



It is most often called a "brain fade". It's when we do something totally lacking in sense or meaning, light years away from our normal behaviour. The phrase is often used to refer to a mindless act of violence, such as the punch that destroyed the jaw of Fremantle's Andrew Brayshaw last weekend.

But there are many occasions other than in sport that a "brain fade" can lead to some disastrous consequence be it for the hapless subject of our ill temper or for ourselves as perpetrators and / or lack of judgement.

It might take the form of road rage, where an act of ignorance or stupidity on the part of another road user can send us into out-of-control fury. It might be a moment of greed gone crazy, when our otherwise honest approach to life is cast aside because what is on offer becomes too enticing to resist.

Anger is one of "Seven Deadly Sins". Is it the most deadly? Probably not. Most likely that honour belongs, not to "Lust", or "Pride", or even "Envy" - but to "Greed".

Anger can turn our own life upside down, not to mention the target of our anger. Anger can turn us from being "Dr. Jekyll" into "Mr. Hyde", where we become a totally different person - even if only for one horrific moment. Maybe that's what we mean if we say that someone is acting "out of character".

It has been reported that Andrew Gaff has deep remorse over his "brain fade" and its effect on so many people, with young Andrew Brayshaw, naturally, at the top of the list. But the sad incident is a timely warning for us all to recognise how much damage uncontrolled anger can cause, even if, perhaps especially if it is "out of character".

So let's be careful out there.



Rosters for weekend of 18th & 19th August 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader Commentator	Lachlan Azzopardi Kaye Williams	Neela Tatnell Brian Philp	Philomena Solari Annabel Henriques	Ingrid Kortesi Christina Liew
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield		Flowers Rosanna Almojera	
CLOW	Anita & Mikaela Mandarino		Greg Woo & Audrey Lee	Karen Beyrooti
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Veronica Galdames	Julie Cosentino
Church Cleaning	Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, George Kertesi & Mike Joseph			
Counters	Carmel De Frece, Rupert Ferdinands, Guylaine Ardley & Tony Scarnivel			
Mass Recorder	Peter Evans		Bus Driver	Michael Ng
Homily Typist	Michelle Goh			

PARISH DIARY

Monday 13th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

10.45am:- Funeral Mass—Fr. John Van Suylen

7.30pm:- Prayer Group

Tuesday 14th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm:- Craft Group (Side Chapel)

7.00pm:- Mass (Church)—Vigil of the Assumption

Wednesday 15th August: Assumption of Our Lady

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

11.30am:- Mass (Church) - School Mass

7.30pm:- Mass (Church)

Thursday 16th August

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday 17th August

8.15am:- Mass (Church)

Saturday 18th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

9.45am:- Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday 19th August

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Fr. John Van Suylen, Emilio Misa, Joseph Nedankauli, Joseph Tran Mink Duc.

1st Anniversary: John (Nihal) Ranasinghe, Rosemary Morrell,

Anniversary: Gerard Stiglich

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Andrew Fong, Annalyse Carey, Evan Coates, Ryan Dennis, Laura Leanza, Kimberley Gray, Chris Chew, Regina Tan, Rebecca McPherson, Dawn Don Paul

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into our faith community:-

Brooklyn Taylor PIEDRABUENA, daughter of Olivia & Nicholas, Isla Grace NEVILLE – METE, daughter of Adriana & Nicholas, Ariana SANELL, daughter of Brittany & Fabian Sienna Mary JIRICEK, daughter of Belinda & Philip

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15 - 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 FM:

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 westdcsm@iinet.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:

Monday August 20 at 7.00pm: Fete Committee

Tuesday August 21 at 7.00pm: Parish Council

INVITATION:

The Missionaries of God's Love Brothers invite you to the **Profession of Perpetual Vows of Cameron Smith.**

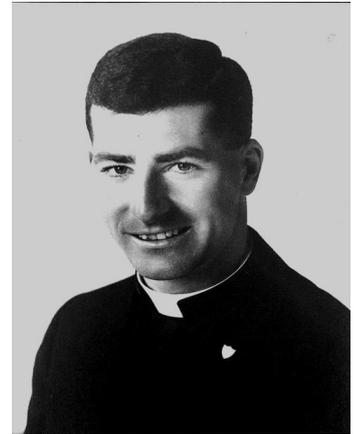
Saturday 1st September, 11am Mass.

Followed by lunch in the hall. Please bring a plate to share.

St. Benedicts' Parish—295 Warrigal Rd Burwood

RSVP or enquiries camsmith.mgl@gmail.com

Along with Cam's proud mum, dad and grandmother - our long-term fellow parishioners Christine, Graeme and Therese, we are thrilled to share Cam's great news with the Church Community that has been blessed with his music, leadership, love and laughter.



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.

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

PPC OUTREACH PORTFOLIO:

The Parish Pastoral Council Outreach Portfolio hopes to begin a small program by which visitors to the parish for sacramental ceremonies are welcomed by a brief statement from a parish representative, before the ceremony starts.

We are looking for at least 8 people on this roster, to be called on 3-4 times per year. Your commitment would involve 2-3 minutes of speaking before the service—we will prepare a script for you that you may adapt. We hope to begin in September for baptisms.

If you are interested please contact either Peter Evans: 0427 511 037 peter_evans@netspace.net.au or Gisella Koroknai: 0403 454 002 gkoroknai@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au

FR. JOHN VAN SUYLEN, RIP

In recent months, Fr. John Van Suylen often concelebrated the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Simon's. In a small but important way, our parish became his final "spiritual home".

To say he was the most dedicated priest in this country would not be an exaggeration. While there is a 32-year "story" to demonstrate the truth behind that statement, his commitment both to his vocation and to the people he served has been consistent from his earliest days of ministry, following his ordination as a priest in 1965.

The founding Parish Priest of St. Luke's, Wantirna, he was a gentle, generous pastor in every way, dearly loved by all who knew him for the man and priest he was.

He died at Caritas Christi Hospice last Sunday, aged 78 and in his 54th year as an ordained priest.

It was his wish to be buried from St. Simon's, and so his Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on **Monday (August 13) at 10.45 am.** The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Peter Comensoli, who generously visited and prayed for Fr John an hour or so after his death.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend. Recognising that for some people the Funeral Mass will be either too long or too late, Mass will still be celebrated at 9.15am, but will conclude by 9.40am to allow sufficient time to prepare for the Funeral.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

This month four adults began their RCIA journey to become Catholics at St Simon's. Thank you for your prayers and please continue praying for these courageous people on their journey.

If anyone else would like to enquire about becoming a Catholic please ring the Parish Office or Reg: 9790 5616 remons1@bigpond.com. Next session is 7.45pm, Tuesday 21 August in the Side Chapel. 'Come and see'.

Collections : 5.8.18

Presbytery \$1446.05
Loose donations \$530.75

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	\$2148.00	85.3%

August 12th, 2018 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a days journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. Lord, he said I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors. Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, Get up and eat. He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you. So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:30-5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



Next Weeks Readings
20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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<p style="text-align: center;">ZUMBA FITNESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLASS TIMETABLE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Wentworth Avenue, Rowville</p> <p>MON & WED 7.00 - 8.00pm SAT 10.30 - 11.30am</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">FREE TRIAL</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: red;">CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALS & EVENTS AT www.zumbamelbourne.com.au</p> </div>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">ChipKing Data Cabling</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">NBN / Data Networks CCTV Security Cameras Digital & Cable TV Wi-Fi Speed Boost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call Brad: 9803 8644 sales@chipking.com.au</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registered Cabler T08011 Security Reg. 936-086-80S</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">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