



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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

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Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)
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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 19th, 2018 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is too soon to know why a bridge in Genoa collapsed in a horrifying disaster – but the same problems could potentially afflict other bridges, experts have warned.

A thorough investigation will be required to ensure that the full causes of the incident are known – and any similar incidents in the future are prevented.

“At this stage it is very difficult to make a solid judgement on the cause of this catastrophic collapse,” said Mehdi Kashani, associate professor in structural mechanics at the University of Southampton.

Dr Kashani said that there are a range of bridges across the world that use many of the same techniques.

“The bridge was constructed using reinforced and pre-stressed concrete about 50 years ago. There are a large number of reinforced concrete bridges in Italy, Europe, USA, and Canada with the same age, which are suffering from corrosion of reinforcement and or pre-stressing tendon.

“Further investigation will be needed to know whether that helped contribute to the bridge's collapse, or if those similar bridges could ever suffer the same fate. There are a whole host of issues that could potentially be involved – from corrosion of the reinforcement in the bridge; the loads they undergo from traffic, wind and earthquakes that can gradually put fatigue on the structure; the effects of the storm that was happening at the time of the collapse; as well as work that was reportedly ongoing on the bridge.”

“The bridge engineering research community should take this seriously in their future research to improve the resilience of our infrastructure under extreme loading.” While some of the techniques used in the bridge's building are very common the design itself is relatively strange.” said Ian Firth a past president of The Institution of Structural Engineers, and a structural engineer specialising in bridges.

“The Independent”, Wed. Aug. 15



The 1945 thriller movie, “The Picture of Dorian Gray” told the chilling story of a man who sold his soul to the Devil in return for retaining his handsome looks. But his image in a hidden portrait showed the moral degradation of his life, revealed in a very scary moment near the end of the film.

The cause of the tragic collapse of the bridge in Genoa early this week may not be known for some time. However considerable suspicion is being cast on the possible corrosion of steel cables encased in concrete. The concrete casing made a safety inspection impossible, so major damage and corrosion would have gone undetected.

A design fault? Perhaps, and if so, it will be yet another example of what happens when things which are meant to have periodic examination are hidden, and are allowed to deteriorate undetected.

Like box gutters. Many a building has developed major structural issues because of what was meant to be a visual enhancement. But too often they hide what should have been in plain view.

Just this year, Royal Commissions into both the banking industry and institutional child abuse have highlighted how all can look well on the surface, but be full of dangerous corrosion underneath. Open, honest and periodic examination, facing the truth, could have minimised huge enormous damage to people who placed their trust in the surface image of what they saw.

What's right for bridges and Royal Commissions is right for us. A periodic, prayerful inspection of our lives - and maybe a sacramental inspection **from time to time - can help us detect trouble** before it's too late.

Rosters for weekend of 25th & 26th August 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader Commentator	Rick Forster Volunteer	Brian Philp Phil Mawdsley	Janina Woronczak Seamus O'Connor	Kakala Family Estela Banac
Altar Society	Elaine Gannon & Linda Eksteen		Flowers Mirella Louey	
CLOW	Judy Clarisse		Ewa Toomey	Elsa Lapiz
Help Desk	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Denise Hart
Church Cleaning	Rebecca Crellin, Mirella Louey, Marius Francis			
Counters	Helen Pongracic, Margaret & Gregory Carey, Irene Law			
Mass Recorder	Chad Cole		Bus Driver	Vincent Pius
Homily Typist	Sunita Nazareth			

PARISH DIARY

Monday 20th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday 21st August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm:- Craft (Side Chapel)

6.30pm:- Mass (Chapel - note change due to Parish Council meeting a 7.00pm.)

Wednesday 22nd August

8.15am:- Mass (Chapel - note time change)

Thursday 23rd August

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday 24th August

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Saturday 25th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

9.45am:- Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday 26th August

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

1st Anniversary: John Ranasinghe

Anniversary: Mario Milana, Christopher Schokman, Terzita Santa Maria & Giovanni Santa Maria, Fred Misso, Fred Rebeiro

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Terence Ting, Alain Ekanayake, Steve Hibon, Keefe Goh, John Kelaart, Lorna Dougherty, Joanie Frecker, Michelle Wong, Sonya Robson, Emily Mitchell, Judith Fernando, Kevin Liston, Adam Cole, Sheila Mallia, Caitlin Williams, Jannik De Silva, Chloe Hill,

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into our faith community:-

Brooklyn Taylor PIEDRABUENA, daughter of Olivia & Nicholas

Isa Grace NEVILLE-METE, daughter of Adriana & Nicholas

Ariana SANELLI, daughter of Brittany & Fabian

Sienna Mary JIRICEK, daughter of Belinda & Philip.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:

The New Thanksgiving Envelopes (starting in September) are ready for collection in the Church Foyer. We thank you for your support.

FATHERS' DAY CARDS: Next weekend, you are invited to write down your father's name - be he living or deceased - on a small card (provided by the parish). The cards will be brought to the altar in the Offertory Procession and placed on the altar at all Masses next weekend (Father's Day). This can be a small but effective means of prayerfully including our fathers (remember, we all have one) within our Fathers' Day Mass. No obligation - just if you would like to do so.

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 westdcsm@inet.net.au

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

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.

DROUGHT FARMERS APPEAL:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Appeal. We have received from your generous donation a total of \$533.95 for our needy farmers! THANK YOU.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday August 20 at 7.00pm: Fete Committee

Tuesday August 21 at 7.00pm: Parish Council

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL:

Envelopes will be available at every Mass next weekend to support the appeal for children and youth in need.

PPC OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

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@siferntreegully.catholic.edu.au

PASTORAL CARE SERVICE - SHARE THE CARE GROUP:

This wonderful group of 12 parishioners visits new and established families in the parish, all prep families at the school and families who have their children baptised.

The group was formed in 2003 under the leadership of Margaret Dalton. The group meets once a month to review and report on their visits.

When visiting families the group offers to assist them with any support that may be required. This support may be a referral to an organisation or some practical assistance like child minding.

Approximately 250 families are visited by the 'Share the Care Group' each year.

This group of parishioners are to be congratulated and thanked for a service to the community that is practical, worthwhile and reflects the values of the parish's mission in Rowville.

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
Sign Up: Sign up sheet in Church Foyer

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

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.

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'.

WANTED TO BORROW: BLU-RAY DISCS OF MOVIES OR CONCERTS

If you have **Blu-Ray** discs of movies or concerts which you would be willing to make available for a screening when our new "St Simon's Cinema" opens soon (hopefully mid-October), could you email Fr. Kevin with a list of the discs you would be willing to make available if required.

The soon-to-be-assembled Cinema Committee will be grateful for the occasional loan of these for screening to parishioners. (BluRay movies have a considerably better visual and audio quality than regular DVD's.)

If you are interested in being involved in the Cinema Committee please email the parish office.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC YOUTH GAMES X YUM:

The MCYG is back and this time it's bigger and better than ever! This annual event is host to over 100 youths, enthusiastically competing in sports and games to take home the trophy and title of champions. We've got something for everybody with dodgeball and basketball, through to uno and chess!

So grab your friends, sign up online (registrations **MANDATORY**) and come along for an afternoon of laughter and energy.

When: Saturday 25th Aug. 12.30pm with Youth Mass to follow at 6pm

Where: Mazenod College

Cost: \$5 (payable on the day)

Rego link: <http://bit.ly/MelbourneCatholicYouthGames>

Queries: youthunitedmmelbourne@gmail.com

Collections : 12.8.18

Presbytery \$1392.90
Loose donations \$350.00

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	\$1906.50	85.2 %

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FIRST READING: PROVERBS 9:1-6
 Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: Who is ignorant? Let him step this way. To the fool she says, Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-20
 Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58
 Jesus said to the crowd: '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.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



Next Weeks Readings
21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Joshua 24:1-2; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

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 <p align="center">ZUMBA FITNESS</p> <p align="center">CLASS TIMETABLE</p> <p align="center">PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Wentworth Avenue, Rowville</p> <p align="center">MON & WED 7.00 - 8.00pm SAT 10.30 - 11.30am</p> <p align="center">FREE TRIAL</p> <p align="center">CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALS & EVENTS AT www.zumbamelbourne.com.au</p>	 <p align="center">ChipKing Data Cabling</p> <p>NBN / Data Networks CCTV Security Cameras Digital & Cable TV Wi-Fi Speed Boost</p> <p align="center">Call Brad: 9803 8644 sales@chipking.com.au</p> <p align="center">Registered Cabler T08011 Security Reg. 936-086-80S</p>	<p align="center">Please call the Parish Office if you would like to advertise your business in our weekly bulletin</p>

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.