



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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PARISH PRIEST:

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Mrs Abbie Ferdinands (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wednesday)

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

NAZARETH COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL:

Mr Sam Cosentino: 9795 8100

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 26th, 2018 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the bishops share in the Pope's "determination to protect young people and vulnerable adults". Archbishop Coleridge said: "What Church leaders in Australia have said in the past is consistent with what the Pope has written now: *'It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others'*. "These are important words from Pope Francis, but words are not enough. Now is the time for action on many levels. We again thank the survivors who have so courageously shared their stories."

The Age reports that new Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has also written to the faithful: encouraging victims of abuse by members of the Church to report it to police, saying he had "already exercised that duty" in reporting abuse that has occurred in the archdiocese. He said he was committed to reporting abusive behaviour despite his intention to "uphold the seal of confession".

Meanwhile, Chris MacIsaac, the president of abuse victims' advocacy group Broken Rites, described Pope Francis' letter as "all too little too late" and words rather than action. "So often they fall very short of dealing up justice for the victim," she said. Ms MacIsaac said the various arms of the Church remained autonomous and decided what action to take in response to individual cases.

Cath News - Tuesday Aug. 21



Most photos we see of Pope Francis show a smiling, kind and gentle man - which he truly is. But the picture above is of a man worried and deeply distressed - as he is. It was taken this year during his visit to Chile, a visit over which hangs a pall of gloom and shame because of that country's (like so many others) shocking record of church-related sexual abuse.

The Holy Father spoke similar words this week following revelation of more appalling crimes in Pennsylvania, US. His words were echoed by Archbishop Coleridge of Brisbane, who called for "action", thanking the Royal Commission and the brave testimony of 4400 victims.

One critical area of "action" will be for Church leaders to avoid at all costs the self-serving "poor pitiful me" attitude which some, perhaps many of them still put forward in response to the pleas of victims' for much-deserved support.

Just this week, one senior church leader emailed a sick and distressed victim: *"With the pressure of trying to meet the demanding requirements of the Redress Scheme and the implementation of the Recommendations of the Royal Commission, I am snowed under and not coping too well. I am sorry that delays have occurred but that is due to the considerable difficulties that face us. We are coming to the end of our capacity and are finding it difficult to know where to turn."*

Those words may have been accurate and well-intentioned, but they also demonstrate that far too many church authorities, the Royal Commission notwithstanding, still don't "get it". The Holy Father's compassionate words require implementation by others, further down the chain of command, and an entrenched culture of self-interest needs an immediate and radical turn-around. The action needed is true contrition, and genuine and effective amendment.

Rosters for weekend of 1st & 2nd September 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader Commentator	Alex Van Rheenan Graeme Smith	Kerry McAleer Phil Mawdsley	Michael Toomey Peter Evans	Pia Pagotta Cornelia Calimlim
Altar Society	Desiree Sargent & Deepthi Perera		Flowers Mirella Louey	
CLOW	Felicia Ahumada		Volunteer	Abbie Ferdinands
Help Desk	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Marie-Anne Duthil	Lorenza Spano
Church Cleaning	Annette & Samuel Leveque, Antony Singarasa			
Counters	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian Harriss, Nirmala Andrew			
Mass Recorder	David West		Bus Driver	Derek Lobo
Homily Typist	Janet Forster			

PARISH DIARY

Monday 27th August

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

Tuesday 28th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
1.30pm:- Craft (Church Foyer)
7.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Wednesday 29th August

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
10.00am:- Meditation

Thursday 30th August

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday 31st August

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Saturday 1st September

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

Sunday 2nd September

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Agostino Olivetti, Lorraine Sinclair
Anniversaries: Nancy Lancefield, Rodrigo Nicdao, Ron Rule

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Krishan Paulpillai, Janelle Auricchio, Daniel Frederic, Bernadette Bito, Miranda Koroknai, Michelle Kueh, Allen Sebastian, Antony Thabesan, Ben Pirotta, Peter Evans, Terry Redden, Helen Welsford, Tuanjai Haining,

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into our faith community:
Isaac Benjamin HICKCOX, son of Meghan & Joel,
Michael Aaron PORTELLI, son of Marielle & Anthony

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:

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

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL:

Envelopes will be available at all **Masses this weekend** to support the appeal for families in need of counselling, and a wide variety of other areas of personal support.

FATHERS' DAY 2018: This weekend, you are invited to write down your father's name - be he living or deceased - on a small card (in the Church Foyer). 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/ westdscm@iinet.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 mid-October. In the meantime, we ask for your understanding and patience as a few less-convenient-than-usual weeks are negotiated.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday September 3 at 7.00pm: Fete Committee
Tuesday September 18 at 7.00pm: Parish Council

POSITION VACANT: St Simon's Parish is seeking an experienced **Business and Office Manager** – a part time, 3-day per week role reporting to the Parish Priest. Responsibilities include management of parish business, finance and office administration (including HR and supervision of 3 staff) functions. The successful applicant will have excellent communication and time management skills and appropriate understanding of cost and financial reporting. Monthly bank reconciliations and financial reports, including BAS and PAYG, analysis of budgets, preparation of reports to the Parish Finance Committee; familiarity with accounting packages e.g. MYOB, PACS, with advanced MS Office suite skills. Current Police Record Check, Working with Children Card are required. Applications can be hand-delivered to the Parish Office or emailed to Fr. Kevin: frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au. Closing date **Friday Sept. 14**. Please include cover letter and resume, with contact details for two referees. More details on St. Simon's website: www.stsimonsparish.com.au

ADVANCE NOTICE: Ladies Retreat, facilitated by Fr. Ray Sanchez CP. Fri. Oct. 26 (6.30pm to 8.30pm), & Sat. Oct. 27 (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

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.

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

BIG NEWS—CONGRATULATIONS!

Father Jim celebrates his Silver Jubilee - 25th Anniversary of Ordination. We give thanks for his 25 years of priestly ministry, especially his seven years here at St. Simon's. Please keep him in your prayers that God will continue to guide and help him and keep him in good health over many more years.

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 and love.

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

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 titles and running time. 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.) Interested in being involved in the Cinema Committee please email: office@stsimonsparish.com.au

FETE WORKING BEE: Saturday Sept 1st, 12-3 pm. Working bee to clean, sort out fete storage & put donations received in the hall fete room. Sewers needed to help sew aprons. Need 3 more sewers. Aprons are all cut out. Overlocking & straight sewing. Contact Toni: 0409 855 889.

CATHOLIC MISSION - HEALING A NATION APPEAL: Thank you also to everyone who contributed to this Appeal. We raised a total of **\$1,617.90!** THANK YOU.

TOTAL DROUGHT FARMERS APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Appeal. We have received from your generous donation a total of **\$1030.10** for our needy farmers! THANK YOU.

COLLECTIONS : 19th August, 2018

Presbytery \$1615.55
Loose donations \$434.95

Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)
 Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)
 2016 campaign pledge (weekly)

	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
	\$2,550.31	\$1868.00	85.1%
	\$3,570.34		
	\$6,120.65		



Thank you for sharing your treasure.

August 26th, 2018 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord. The people answered, We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his

father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



Next Weeks Readings
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Deut 4:1-2,6-8;
James 1:17-18,21-22,27;
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">TRANSPORT for 9.30am MASS</h3> </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>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Marriage Preparation Course</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano</p> <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>
<h2 style="color: orange;">Please call the Parish Office if you would like to advertise your business in our weekly bulletin</h2>	