



# St Simon the Apostle Parish

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## PARISH PERSONNEL

### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Kevin Dillon 0421 777 360  
Email: frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au

### 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.

## September 2nd, 2018 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Of all the furniture items within our church—or any Catholic church - the most significant are surely the altar, the tabernacle and the crucifix. These are central to prayer and worship, which are basically the key reasons for building the church in the first place.

St. Simon's Church is 25 years old this year. In so many ways, it is an

engaging, practical and attractive building. But there is one item of furniture which could / should be improved. In fact, there are fifty such items. They are .... the pews.

There are six different styles, sizes even colours of pews, and a number are not in good repair. And that's without mentioning the zig-zag aisles!

When the church was built in 1993, only second-hand pews could be afforded. They have served St. Simon's well, but an "upgrade" could make the world of difference.

So the question arises: can we afford to improve this important component of our parish worship place? As in many other challenges in life, a positive answer to the question might be found if the load is shared.

The original plan of the church shows a design of 4 fan-shaped banks of seats, fifty in total, and 200 metres combined. (A copy of that 1992 plan is on the Church notice-board). The foremost manufacturer of Church pews in Australia quotes a cost of around \$500 per metre for timber pews with upholstered seats. So to equip St. Simon's with new pews would cost \$100,000.

Many parishes have funded necessary church restoration projects by inviting parishioners to place a plaque on the pews. In some cases a significant donation of thousands of dollars was requested. The proposal, considered positively by the Parish Council at its August meeting, is to invite parishioners to consider the opportunity of having a permanent memorial plaque on a pew. This would be available for a donation (hopefully affordable for most, be they individual or families) of \$500.

100 plaques would therefore cover half the cost of new pews, and it is likely that the remaining \$50,000 could be borrowed over 15 years, with annual repayments of around \$5,000 per annum. Plaques would carry an inscription provided by the donor, such as "In Loving Memory of..." or "Please Pray for ..." etc.

An "Expression of Interest" brochure concerning this proposal is available in the church foyer. No commitment is necessary at this stage. But if there is sufficient interest, it may be possible for the Finance Committee to give a green light to an improvement in our church which will be of major benefit to all, and for many years to come.

## Rosters for weekend of 8th & 9th September 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
<b>Reader Commentator</b>	Abbie Ferdinands Helen Welsford	Cedrik Fick Brian Philp	Elizabeth Kueh Reg Emons	Wayne Beyrooti Zita Ragg
<b>Altar Society</b>	Melanie Jacobs & Annie McNeill		<b>Flowers</b> Sally Ann	
<b>CLOW</b>	A & M Mandarino		Elly Bare	J & G Giuliano
<b>Help Desk</b>	Abbie Ferdinands	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Clara Gallo, Donna Lanzone & Ida Lancuba			
<b>Counters</b>	Michael & Margaret Ng, Aloysius Ting, Monica Kueh & Benedict Lim			
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Fiona Gonsalvez		<b>Bus Driver</b>	Kevin Rose'meyer
<b>Homily Typist</b>	Sonya Rose'meyer			

### PARISH DIARY

#### *Monday Sept. 3—St. Gregory the Great*

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

#### *Tuesday Sept. 4*

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

#### *Wednesday Sept. 5*

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

#### *Thursday Sept. 6*

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

#### *Friday Sept. 7—Anointing Mass*

9.15am:- Mass (Church)  
10.00am:- Senior's Morning Tea (Chapel)

#### *Saturday Sept. 8—Birthday of Our Lady*

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

#### *Sunday Sept. 10—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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



### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

**Recent Death:** Antonina Cristiani,  
**Anniversary:** Alwyn Eade, Francesco Nania

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Gil Barcial, Veronica Tanti, Emma Leonard, Melissa Savaglio, Annika Joseph, Steve De Silva, Carmela Condina-Hibon, Xavier Luc Orbien, Larry Amoranto, Samantha Liew, Karen Beyrooti, Christine Moore, Josiah Archer, Angelica Suson, Rod Whaler, Zerah Subeen Mathew

### BAPTISMS:

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

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Fete Committee:** Monday Sept. 3 at 7pm  
**Outreach Committee:** Monday Sept. 10 at 7pm  
**Fete Committee:** Monday September 17 at 7 pm

### 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:** This weekend, you are invited to write down your father's name - be he living or deceased - on a small card (provided by the parish), which 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.

### HOTEL BOOKING AVAILABLE:

Fr. Kevin was to go to Sydney this coming week but is unable to do so. A Hotel booking (September 3 to 11) is available to any interested parishioner. Booking is at the Travel Lodge Motel in Martin Place, Sydney. Contact Fr. Kevin for further information (0421 777 360)

### EXCITING NEWS—89.9 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/ westdcsn@inet.net.au  
Peter Evans: 0427 511 037/ peter\_evans@netspace.net.au

### PARISH CENTRE PROJECT:

After a few weeks of administrative delays, work on our new Parish Centre project will start up again within the next 7 to 10 days, after which progress will be significant. Most projects of this nature will "take longer and cost more". Certainly we have had some unforeseen delays, but so far the budget is on target!

### A HELPING HAND:

We were thrilled to receive a heart warming email from Carmel who attended the 9.30am Mass last Sunday. We wish to pass on Carmel's thanks and appreciation to her anonymous rescuers who assisted her after a fall and to let them know her recovery is progressing well. Thank you for extending a helping hand.

*"With a huge thank you from hubby Pat and myself." Carmel*

### CLERICAL ASSISTANCE WANTED:

The ASRE (After School Religious Education) team would be grateful for the help of a volunteer to assist with the clerical work associated with the program, which will run for three terms in 2019. The work involved ought not be burdensome but will be of great help to our teacher / catechists. Some preparatory work would be needed towards the end of this year to facilitate an efficient start to next year's program. For further information, contact Fr. Kevin (frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au) or 0421 777 360.

**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

### PASTORAL CARE SERVICE: "BEREAVEMENT GROUP"

This dedicated team consisting of five members offer support to those who have lost their loved ones by providing assistance at funerals and organising follow up visits to family members when required. They also co-ordinate preparation of meals for families who have loved ones who are ill and require much needed support.

### 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

**Gisella Koroknai:** 0403 454 002

gkoroknai@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION:** Normally this collection, taken up in every parish to support over eighty retired priests in the Melbourne Archdiocese, is held today, Fathers' Day. Due to its proximity to the recent collection to support the work of Catholic Care, the Priests' Retirement Foundation Collection will be taken up on the weekend of September 15 / 16th.

### ADVANCE NOTICE:

**Social Afternoon, Fundraiser:** Sun Sept 30th, 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.)

If you are interested in being involved in the Cinema Committee please email: office@stsimonsparish.com.au

**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.

### COLLECTIONS : 26th August, 2018

**Presbytery** \$1598.80  
**Loose donations** \$472.45

Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection) \$2,550.31  
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average) \$3,570.34  
2016 campaign pledge (weekly) \$6,120.65

*Thank you for sharing your treasure.*



<b>Weekly Pledge</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
\$2,550.31	\$ 1759.50	84.9 %

# September 2nd, 2018 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation. And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?

## SECOND READING: JAMES 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

## GOSPEL:

**MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



*Next Weeks Readings*  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)**  
Is 35:4-7  
James 2:1-5  
Mk 7:31-37

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### Marriage Preparation Course

Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano



For more details please contact the Parish Office.  
Phone: 9764 4058

Email: [office@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:office@stsimonsparish.com.au)

Coming soon: flyer in the foyer

### 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.

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