



St Simon the Apostle Parish

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tues, Thurs)
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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, Tues, 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 9th, 2018 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ticket touts are thumbing their nose at new anti-scalper laws, selling high-demand seats to this week's AFL finals at hugely inflated prices.

New Victorian laws to stop scalpers were meant to protect footy fans from being fleeced by secondary ticket sellers.

Websites such as eBay and Gumtree have been selling seats for jacked-up prices since they went on sale last week.

Premium seats to Melbourne's elimination final against Geelong were going for \$1,525 each.

The State Government last night threatened action against illegal ticket sellers. But AFL Fans' Association president Gerry Eeman said authorities must be more vigilant and act more swiftly.

"Herald Sun", Tue. Sept. 4

I read with some amusement of the absolute tizz the Victorian government and the AFL are in about ticket scalpers. Isn't our economy one of free enterprise?

No one complains when car dealers sell cars at a huge profit or a homeowner sells a house at a price many times what they paid for it.

If some silly person wants to cough up a huge wad of cash to watch a game of footy that can be watched for free on TV, then that is a matter for that individual.

But obviously tickets sold by scalpers do not produce any rake-off for the government or AFL—hence their paranoia.

Peter Nunan, Dareton NSW

*"Herald Sun", Letters,
Wed. Sept. 5*



So whose side are you on? Do you think scalpers who sell tickets way above their face value are a disgrace to society and should be prosecuted without fear or favour?

Or is there no real difference between "scalping" a footy finals ticket to the highest bidder, and selling a house at a Saturday auction, or a car (or anything else, for that matter) to the highest bidder on eBay?

And what about "sold out" concert tickets? Or Olympic Opening ceremonies, or the Australian Tennis Open Final - or any event that is so extraordinarily "special" to someone that, for whatever reason, that they would pay "anything" just to be there?

There's no simple, easy answer to these questions because they touch on a constant challenge we face often, even daily. And it's this.

If there is something we want, we *really* want, how much do we want it? What is it *really* worth to us? Not to someone else, but to us.

And that applies not just to footy tickets. The question "What is this worth *to me*?" might be about a job we have longed for, or it might be an opportunity to do something we might never be able to experience again. Or it might be some family heirloom that has great sentimental value for us. What would we be ready to give, to pay or to sacrifice for it?

Jesus talked about the "pearl of great price" and the "treasure buried in a field" for which the man of whom He spoke would sacrifice everything else he had. Some things in life are truly "priceless". The monetary value is irrelevant. Asking ourselves, with total honesty, "What is this truly worth to me?" can provide us with genuine, truthful and helpful answers. We could do well to ask that question of ourselves often.

Rosters for weekend of 15th & 16th September 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader Commentator	Olivia Condina-Hibon Peter Pereira	Phil Mawdsley Cedrik Fick	Seamus O'Connor Volunteer	Jacqui Giuliano Christina Liew
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield		Flowers Sally Ann	
CLOW	Judy Clarisse		Greg Woo & Audrey Lee	Karen Beyrooti
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Veronica Galdames	Julie Cosentino
Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley, Chona Alpay			
Counters	Anna Smith, Frances Bowker, Desiree Sargent, Lorraine Van Vloten, Paul Lynch, John Duhau			
Mass Recorder	Kevin D'Rozario		Bus Driver	Sibi Sebastian
Homily Typist	Michelle Goh			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Sept. 10

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday Sept. 11

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm:- Craft (Church Foyer)

7.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Wednesday Sept. 12

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Thursday Sept. 13

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday Sept. 14

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Saturday Sept. 15

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

9.45am:- Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday Sept. 16—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Anna Mary Rasiah

Anniversary: Luigi Mirra (1st Anniversary), David Correa, Guiseppina Campisano, Alberto Villacorta, Martina Galang, Phyllis Gomez, Joseph Mataska, Adam Mataska

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Maryanne Augustin, Francis Cheong, Debbie Robson,
Zoe Evans, Theresa Calimlim, Shamaya Mathes,
Diane Heaton, Alan Moore, Molly Stagg

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Outreach Committee: Monday Sept. 10 at 7pm

Fete Committee: Monday Sept. 17 at 7pm

NEW PEWS AT ST. SIMON'S ???

Expressions of Interest forms for Memorial Plaques on the (potential) new pews for St. Simon's Church are on the "sample" pew in the Church foyer. You may wish to take one and consult with family members. We need a minimum of seventy plaques to be subscribed to for the new pews project to be financially viable for the parish at this time.

*** FETE NEWS!! ***

FETE DAY—Saturday November 17, 9am to 4pm DONATIONS

SATURDAYS, 10am to 12pm at the Hall (Basketball Court Car Park). Donations of clothes, books, toys, collectables, CD's & DVD's, devotional items (statues, holy pictures, religious books etc.), canned goods for the Grocery Stall (within the date!), small furniture, items for "Trash and Treasure" - but no "Trash" please! All donations (especially clothes!) should be in clean, sellable condition, or it will cost the parish time and money to dispose of them.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed (a) to help set up on Fri. Nov. 16, (b) to help on the day (Sat. Nov. 17), and (c) to clean-up on Saturday after 4 p.m. If you are not already committed, please register at the Help Desk, phone the Office: 9764 4058, or email: fete@stsimonsparish.com.au

MAJOR FETE RAFFLE

1st Prize \$2,000 Gift Cards of Winners Choice (donated by Barry Plant Rowville), plus 5 other great prizes, total value \$6,900. All prizes generously donated so total ticket sale price of \$2 goes to our parish and school. Thanksgiving contributors have been allocated one book of 10 tickets, which can be collected after Mass. All other parishioners encouraged to take a book (or two, or three...!!)

THE NIBLICK CATHOLIC GOLF CLUB

Seeking new members. Mondays at Council Golf courses around Melbourne.

Next on: 10am, Oct. 8, Tirhatuan Golf course, Rowville.

Non-Catholic friends also welcome as members.

The Club has an Annual Memorial Mass, a golf week away and attendance at plays in the city.

Ring Terry: 9763 3653 or 0407 719 360

or Club Secretary, Ernie Hughes:

9836 1499 or 0419 884 881

SOCIAL CHURCH FUNDRAISER:

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

Dancing with music by Glaxton Saunders.

BYO lunch & snacks. Tickets: \$15

Bookings: Phil: 9755 6878 or 0425 816 051

FR. BERNARD TEO: CSsR: DIVORCE AND RE-MARRIAGE:

On **Monday September 17 at 7.30pm**,

Fr. Bernard Teo CSsR (Redemptorist) will be speaking in the Chapel about the challenging topic which affects so many Catholic families – divorce and re-marriage within a Catholic framework. Fr. Bernard presents a compassionate, practical yet theologically sound approach to many of the key issues facing Catholics today. Don't miss out on this most valuable opportunity.

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 teachers / 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

Please **finalise payments** as soon as possible!

FORUM FOR PARISHES: Pope Francis' Laudato Si' - Transforming Communities.

Sat. Sept. 15, 9am - 1pm.

Cost: \$30 (includes book and light refreshments)
Concessions available.

St. Francis Xavier Church, 1087 Whitehorse Road,
Box Hill. <https://www.trybooking.com/WOQR>

Enquires: Lucia Brick Tel: 9287 5566
or email: lucia.brick@css.org.au

PASTORAL CARE SERVICE: "BEREAVEMENT GROUP"

This dedicated team consisting of five members offers 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.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION:

Normally this collection, taken up in every Parish to support over eighty retired priests in the Melbourne Archdiocese, is held on 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**.

PALMS AUSTRALIA:

"Palm's vision inspires us to bridge difference and nurture togetherness in the world; to realise the passage of Galatians 3:28 that *under Christ Jesus there is no longer Jew and Greek, Slave and Free, Male and Female*.

The Palms mission offers the challenge to reach beyond cultural, class and gender differences, to affirm the dignity of all." - Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli

For information regarding short encounters or long commitments volunteering with Palms Australia go to palms.org.au

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.

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 and 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 September 14**.

Please include cover letter and resume, with contact details for two referees.

COLLECTIONS: 2nd September, 2018

Presbytery \$1600.80
Loose donations \$561.85

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

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$ 2240.05	84.9%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		



September 9th, 2018 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING:

ISIAH 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

SECOND READING:

JAMES 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.



GOSPEL:

MARK 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Next Weeks Readings
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 50:5-9
 James 2:14-18
 Mk 8:27-35

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.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h3>Super Steve's Cleaning Team</h3> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * General House Cleaning * Commercial Clean * Window Cleaning * Rubbish Removal * Builders Clean * Light Trauma * Carpet Cleaning * Tenant Vacate Clean <p style="text-align: center;">For a FREE QUOTE call 0423 496 516</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Appliance Repairs & Installation Service</p> <p>We specialize in the repair of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing Machines • Dishwashers • Dryers • Electric Ovens • Microwaves • Cooktops / Range hoods • Fridges / Freezers • Test / Tag Services <p>Contact: Ash (0413 913 619)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Marriage Preparation Course</u></p> <p>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>
 <p style="text-align: center;">ZUMBA FITNESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLASS TIMETABLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Wentworth Avenue, Rowville</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MON & WED 7.00 – 8.00pm SAT 10.30 – 11.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px;">FREE TRIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px;">CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALS & EVENTS AT www.zumbamelbourne.com.au</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">ChipKing Data Cabling</p> <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>	<p>Please call the Parish Office if you would like to advertise your business in our weekly bulletin</p>