



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

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

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wednesday)

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

Mr Lee Chew (Monday)

FINANCE ADMIN:

Mrs Christina Liew (Mon, Tues, 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 16th, 2018 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Guess what? Today Christmas is exactly one hundred days away!!

For St. Simon's Parish, these will be one hundred days that will fly because there are a number of significant events during this coming 3 months-plus "100 Days" for St. Simon's as a parish, and parishioners as individuals.

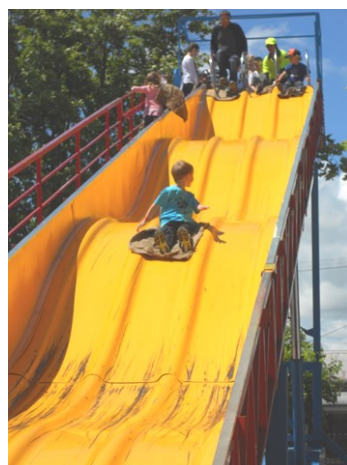


Weekend of October 6 / 7 to Friday October 12: Parish Mission with FR. Ray Sanchez CP.

Over a number of years, Fr. Ray has become a familiar and most welcome visitor to St. Simon's. This will be the fourth Mission he has conducted here and parishioners are invited to "save the dates" for what will be an engaging, challenging and faith-filled week. Relevant and helpful topics will be explored each morning after Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with the morning session repeated in the evening.

Weekend of Saturday October 27 and Sunday October 29: Feast of St. Simon the Apostle:

2018 marks 30 years since St. Simon's became a Parish, emerging from St. Jude's Scoresby. Fr. Noel Mackay was the Parish Priest of St. Jude's and nurtured the Parish into a life of its own. He will be celebrating the 6.00pm Mass on October 27, and the 30th anniversary of the Parish and the 25th anniversary of the opening of our Church will be recognised at all Masses that weekend. Bishop Les Tomlinson, first Parish Priest of St. Simon's and overseer of the building of the Church will return to celebrate the 9.30am Mass on Sunday November 18. Fr. Martin Dixon and Fr. Jim Clarke have also been invited to celebrate a Mass around this time but may not be available to do so.



Saturday November 17:

St. Simon's Family Fun Fete - our first Fete since 2014. Our dedicated Committee are working overtime to make this year's Fete a fantastic "comeback". With two months to go, the support of every parishioner can make a great difference to this central parish event. See inside this bulletin for how you can help. Every hour given, every volunteer stepping forward, will make a wonderful difference.

And .. on a date / time to be determined (but well before Christmas!):

our new Parish Centre will be open. The basic fabric of the building is in place, and the internal refurbishment and construction will begin within the next week or so. While we are a little behind the original time schedule, the overall budget is still in place and we can look forward to some great opportunities and events, hopefully from December onwards.

Rosters for weekend of 22nd & 23rd September 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
Reader Commentator	Terry O'Donnell Marita Murphy	Neela Tatnell Brian Philp	Alysha Rose'meyer Annabel Henriques	Pilar Danlag Estela Banac
Altar Society	Elaine Gannon & Linda Eksteen		Flowers Nilmini Fernando	
CLOW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Help Desk	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Mary Russo
Church Cleaning	Cion Romana, Ed & Ming Nicdao			
Counters	David Wong, Graham Landers, Susan Wong & Lin Tie			
Mass Recorder	Marius Nazareth		Bus Driver	Lorraine Van Vloten
Homily Typist	Sunita Nazareth			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Sept. 17

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday Sept. 18

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm:- Craft (Church Foyer)

No 7.00 p.m. Mass tonight

Wednesday Sept. 19

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Thursday Sept. 20

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday Sept. 21

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Saturday Sept. 22

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

9.45am:- Confessions

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday Sept. 23—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Anna Rasiah, Consuelo Rildraza Aquino

Anniversary: Patricia O'Donnell,
Maria Campanella (1st Anniversary)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ricardo D'Rozario, Jonathan Lee, Ryan Davis,
Edna Alvarez, Myrella Desosses, Sarah Porritt,
Cynthia Cheniart, Eustace Robson, Henryka Zalewska,
Troy Jnr. Mortier, Adele Jacobs, Glenn Williams

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday Sept. 17 at 7.00pm: Fete Committee

Monday Sept. 17 at 7.30pm: Share the Care *

Monday Sept. 24 at 7.00pm: Fete Committee *

Tuesday Sept. 25 at 7.00pm: Pastoral Committee

Thursday Sept. 27 at 7.30pm: Finance Committee

* Please note:

Sept. 17, 7.30pm: Held in School Meeting Room
Sept. 24: Food Stall Captains are required to attend, Side Chapel

FR. KEVIN AWAY

Fr. Kevin will be away on leave from
Monday September 17 until Tuesday September 25.

Fr. Rembert MGL will be saying most 9.15am Masses.

Fr. John O'Reilly, Fr. David Hofman O. Carm and
Fr. Len Thomas will say the weekend Masses.

Fr. Jim Staunton will say the 9.15am Mass next Saturday.
NB. There will be no Mass this coming Tuesday evening.
Many thanks to these Priests for the willingness to help and
maintain our normal Mass schedule.

*** FETE NEWS!! ***

FETE DAY - Saturday November 17, 9am to 4pm

VOLUNTEERS

Fifty (that's right, fifty!) **additional volunteers** are needed to assist with stalls on the day. A shift is only two hours. *Stalls needing help are: Asian Food, Devonshire Tea, Fairy Floss, Hot Chips, Hot Jam Donuts, Bric a Brac, Books, DVD's and CD's, Craft, Devotional, Face Painting, Gatekeeper, Gerberas, Lucky Envelopes, Raffle, Silent Auction, Ticket Booth / Wristbands.* If you are not already committed, please register at the Help Desk, phone the Parish Office: 9764 4058 or email: fete@stsimonsparish.com.au

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.

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...!!)

**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.

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!

PASTORAL CARE SERVICE:

'COMMUNION TO THE SICK'

Our pastoral team of around 18 Extraordinary Ministers provide Communion to the Sick and homebound in our Parish on weekdays and weekends. This is such a fulfilling time spent for all ministers to those in need and offering companionship and journeying through life together in God's grace.

Shawl Ministry New Procedure Notice:

Please call Elaine, Carmel or Cheryl to request shawls for the sick, elderly, bereaved or those in need.

Once contacted, delivery will be arranged to either the Help Desk for collection, or if needed, personally.

Elaine Gannon: 0408 560 288

Carmel Burmeister: 9752 8556

Cheryl Philp: 0448 433 255

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION:

Thank you for contributing to this collection, taken up to support over eighty retired priests in the Melbourne Archdiocese.

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.*

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

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

NEW PEWS AT ST. SIMON'S ??

Expressions of Interest forms for Memorial Plaques on the (potential) new pews for the 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 70 plaques to be subscribed to for the new pews project to be financially viable at this time.

**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 screening in our "St. Simon's Cinema", could you email Fr. Kevin with a list of the titles and running time.

If you are interested in being involved in the Cinema Committee please email:

office@stsimonsparish.com.au

COLLECTIONS: 9th September, 2018

Presbytery \$1731.25
Loose donations \$350.95

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	\$ 2366.65	85%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		



September 16th, 2018 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING:

ISAIAH 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

SECOND READING:

JAMES 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

GOSPEL:

MARK 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



Next Weeks Readings
 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wis 2:12, 17-20
 James 3:16- 4:3
 Mk 9:30-37

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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Marriage Preparation Course

Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano



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