



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## PARISH PERSONNEL

### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Kevin Dillon 0421 777 360  
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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, 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 23rd, 2018 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Resales of AFL footy finals tickets have been pulled from auction website eBay and classified site Gumtree as authorities launch dozens of investigations into ticket scalping.

With fewer than 40,000 of Richmond and Collingwood fans snaring tickets, many were left disappointed.

On auction websites on Monday, tickets for "standing-room only" at the MCG had attracted a bid of \$1,200, while three concession tickets had exceeded \$1,600. Victoria's anti-scalping laws ban people from reselling tickets to 'declared major events' for more than 10 per cent above the face value of the ticket.

A Government spokesman said there are more than 65 anti-scalping investigations being run into online listings of tickets to upcoming AFL finals matches.

*ABC News, Tues. Sept. 18*

Demons fans desperate to make it to Perth have said airline ticket prices are soaring, prompting some to add an international leg to the trip. When die-hard Melbourne fan Shirley Pettman saw her flight to Perth would cost close to \$1,000, she decided to tack on a stopover in Singapore.

"I go to every interstate game and I was quite shocked at the price." But some fans simply cannot afford the flights from Melbourne to Perth, which Ms Pettman said have cost cheer squad members as much as \$1,400 return.

Ms Pettman said her \$1,050 ticket via Singapore, which includes a 24-hour stopover, is money well spent. "Wherever they go I will go, even if I have to pay a bit more money to see my team play," she said. "It's money well spent."

*ABC News, Tues. Sept. 18*



Three weeks ago, the promised government crackdown on Finals ticket "scalping" was the background on this page for a wider question: "What do we *really* value?"

This week, the scalping by airlines of return tickets from Melbourne to Perth also prompts another, deeper question: "What is it in human nature that preys on soft targets?"

Rightly we are appalled when thugs and gangs attack elderly or vulnerable people. The cowards won't take on anyone capable of fighting back.

Now the government is well-prepared to prosecute some individual trying to make a quick dollar on eBay or Gumtree with a sought after finals ticket. But those same authorities turn a blind eye when airlines increase four or five-fold the cost of flights to attend the same game! Not a word of criticism is heard, let alone a threat of a "scalping" prosecution. The soft target of a lone scalper is far easier to prosecute than major business that we all use and need.

There can be "soft targets" in all our lives - those who are physically, mentally or emotionally weaker than ourselves. They won't, or can't fight back, so even subconsciously we can make life unnecessarily hard for them, while still being fearful of those tougher and stronger than we are.

So we can ask ourselves: "Do I have any 'soft targets' in life? The word "bully" is used widely these days, but might there be some who could justifiably use it to describe us?"

Maybe worth a thought.



## Rosters for weekend of 29th & 30th September 2018

Mass Time	6.00p.m.	8.00a.m.	9.30a.m.	11.00a.m.
<b>Reader Commentator</b>	Marita Murphy Alex Van Rheenan	Brian Philp Phil Mawdsley	Stephen White Peter Evans	Terry Redden Diane Carey
<b>Altar Society</b>	Elly Bare & Luvy Esquejo		<b>Flowers</b> Nilmini Fernando	
<b>CLOW</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Help Desk</b>	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Veronica Galdames	Abbie Ferdinands
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	John & Anne Duhau, Kongolo Kalumba			
<b>Counters</b>	Ed & Ming Nicdao, Armando & Cion Romana, Edna Alvarez & Vicky Quiambao			
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Rob		<b>Bus Driver</b>	Stephen White
<b>Homily Typist</b>	Sonya Rose'meyer			

### PARISH DIARY

#### Monday Sept. 24

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

#### Tuesday Sept. 25

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

#### Wednesday Sept. 26

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

#### Thursday Sept. 27

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

#### Friday Sept. 28

10.00am:- Mass (Church) Public Holiday—note change

#### Saturday Sept. 29

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

#### Sunday Sept. 30 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



#### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

1st Anniversary: Magdalen Daniel

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Crispin Gomez, Sonya Rose'meyer, Cathryn Mann,  
Alesia Dalle-nogare, David Fong, Jaime Brohier,  
Adrika Sri Bawan, Joshua Goh, Lisa – Marie Harris,  
Phil Solari, Francis Pulikkottil, Gerard Augustin Amirtham,  
Sarah Theresa Abraham, Julian Belisario, Andrew Stagg,  
Shaun Rajasingam, Shayana De Mel

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Fete Committee:** Monday Sept. 24 at 7.00pm \*

**Pastoral Committee:** Tuesday Sept. 25 at 7.00pm

**Finance Committee:** Thursday Sept. 27 at 7.30pm

**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday October 2 at 7.00pm

**Fete Committee:** Monday October 8 at 7.00pm

**Parish Council:** Tuesday October 16 at 7.00pm

\* Food Stall Captains required to attend, Side Chapel

### FETE NEWS!!

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

#### DONATIONS

SATURDAYS, 10am to 12pm at the Hall

**\*\*Upper School 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](mailto: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...!!)

**SINCERE THANKS** to Fr. David Hofman O. Carm., Fr. John O'Reilly P.E., and Fr. Len Thomas P.E, who are supplying the weekend Masses this weekend. Also to Fr. Rembert MGL and Fr. Jim Staunton P.E who have been much-appreciated celebrants of the weekday Masses. Fr. Kevin will return on Tuesday.

### 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. It will help clarify in this project if those who have interest return their forms over the next fortnight or so.

### 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](mailto:loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au), 9764 4058

**All welcome**, please pick up a letter in the Foyer.  
Please **finalise payments if registered**.

### 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

### 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

### OUR PARISH MISSION

#### THEME: LIVING IN A TIME OF CHANGE

Facilitator Fr. Ray Sanchez CP  
First session Sun. October 7th at 7.30pm

### 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](mailto:office@stsimonsparish.com.au)

### ST. SIMON'S TEAM: RELAY FOR LIFE 2019

4.00pm Sat. 16th March to 10.00am Sun. 17th March

We are calling out to people interested in taking part in the 2019 Relay for Life in Knox.

This raises funds for the Cancer Council's research, prevention, information and support services.

We need a team of 10-15 from St. Simons to make it viable across the 18 hours. You may be interested in taking part if you are a cancer survivor, cancer patient or their carer, or to honour family and friends lost to cancer.

Please register your interest by contacting either Peter Evans: 0427 511 037 [peter\\_evans@netspace.net.au](mailto:peter_evans@netspace.net.au) or Gisella Koroknai: 0403 454 002 [gkoroknai@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gkoroknai@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au)

We will meet before the end of 2018.

Further information is available at  
[http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?fr\\_id=5714&pg=entry](http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?fr_id=5714&pg=entry)

### COLLECTIONS: September 16th, 2018

**Presbytery** \$1432.60  
**Loose donations** \$649.55

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	\$2043.00	85.0%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		



## September 23rd, 2018 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: WISDOM 2:12.17-20

The godless say to themselves, Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is Gods son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.

### SECOND READING: JAMES 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

### GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



*Next Weeks Readings*  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Num 11:25-29;*  
*James 5:1-6;*  
*Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

**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

For more details please contact the Parish Office.  
 Phone: 9764 4058  
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 Coming soon: flyer in the foyer

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