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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.

October 7th, 2018 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Melbourne's hospitals are gouging record multi-million-dollar profits from patients and their families with parking fees as high as 435 a day.

A Herald Sun analysis has found nine of the city's biggest health services raked in a combined profit of \$45.4 million profit from paid car parking last year.

Combined profits for those hospitals—including the Alfred, St. Vincent's, and the Royal Melbourne—have surged almost 25 percent since 2015, when the state government ordered them to offer 'fairer' fees.

While hospitals have since moved to offer a range of discounted rates, the latest figures show car parking revenue has continued to increase.

Austin Health recorded \$11.5 million in car parking revenue last year and spent \$2.9 million on operating costs, netting a \$8.6 million profit.

Several hospitals have been locked into long-term deals to pay off government loans through car parking revenue.

The millions of dollars spent by hospitals on carpark operating costs mostly goes into the hands of private operators, while the health services argue that the revenue is usually re-invested in facilities and patient care.

The Royal Children's Hospital has typically topped the list for car parking revenue, raking in \$10.3 million in revenue in 2017. Its 2018 Annual Report will not be released until next month.

"Herald Sun", Mon. October 1

Monday's report of a staggering \$45 million profit from nine Melbourne-based health services does not really reflect on staff who are involved in the personal care of patients. But it doesn't put administrators in a good light as far as families are concerned. Is the "profit" directed to better health facilities, better-training for staff, higher-quality food for patients? Maybe... but maybe not.

Families with loved ones who are hospitalised incur enormous costs just getting to and from the hospital and often having to manage on a reduced household income. They are an integral and vital cog in the machine meant to restore a patient to the best possible health. However, unaffordable parking fees and the huge profits they gain arguably work in a direction directly opposite to genuine patient care.



So what are the most expensive car parking fees this side of Melbourne's CBD?

The competition might be strong, but \$11 for 15 minutes would be pretty hard to beat. That's not for valet parking at a 5-star hotel. It's what you pay at a significant hospital not far away, and not in a high socio-economic area.

Modern health care, if it's really working well, doesn't stop at surgery or medication. It recognises the high importance of the many components which contribute to overall personal well-being. Significant among these are the psychological and emotional support given by those people - family and friends especially - who play a unique supporting role in patients' lives.

So what happens to the quality of health care when the organisation providing that care imposes a burden of costs which compromise or even denies the capacity for loved ones to offer much-needed care and emotional support?

Sure, hospitals can incur heavy initial expenses in providing car parking - but so do any number of other organisations and businesses. But \$11 for 15 minutes? The Arts Centre at Southbank offers "Early bird" parking—in by 10am, out by 6.30pm for \$17!

The sign above is from an English hospital, where the fees are less than \$4 for two hours!

Rosters for weekend of 13th & 14th October 2018

Mass Time	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Reader Commentator	Kaye Williams Alex Van Rheenan	Cedrik Fick Brian Philp	Annabel Henriques Tony Biviano	Ricardo D'Rozario Cornelia Calimlim
Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Annie McNeill		Flowers Rosanna Almojera	
CLOW	Felicia Ahumada		Greg Woo/Audrey Lee	Elsa Lapiz
Help Desk	Abbie Ferdinands	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
Church Cleaning	Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, George Kertesi & Mike Joseph			
Counters	Carmel De Frece, Rupert Ferdinands, Guylaine Ardley, Tony Scarnivel			
Mass Recorder	Kristine Roque		Bus Driver	Carmel De Frece
Homily Typist	Michelle Goh			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Oct. 8

9.15am:- Mass (Church)
10.00am:- Mission Session (Church)
7.30pm:- Mission Session (Church)

Tuesday Oct. 9

9.15am:- Mass (Church)
10.00am:- Mission Session (Church)
1.30pm:- Craft (Church Foyer)
7.00pm:- Mass (Church)
7.30pm:- Mission Session (Church)

Wednesday Oct. 10

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Thursday Oct. 11

9.15am:- Mass (Church)
10.00am:- Mission Session (Church)
7.30pm:- Mission Session (Church)

Friday Oct. 12

9.15am:- Anointing Mass (Church)
10.00am:- Mission Session (Church)
7.30pm:- Mission Session (Church)

Saturday Oct. 13

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

Sunday Oct. 14 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Russell Stott, Matthew Kuek

Anniversary: Lina Bertone, Janina Mataska, Jayamani Kurien

BAPTISMS:

Lillian Nicole RUSSO, daughter of Matthew & Corrina Russo;
Rhyan Andrew KHANNA, son of Sunil & Frances Khanna

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Fete Committee: Monday October 8 at 7.00pm

** Food Stall Captains asked to attend, Side Chapel*

Parish Council: Tuesday October 16 at 7.00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jayden Collins, Deborah Rabot, Rita Ottewill, Shelaan Mathes,
Ethan Taggart, Patrick Ryan, Frank Bito, Adam Dalzotto,
Jeremy Ng, Daniel Smith, Catherine Stephen, Rick Hart

ST. SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE NEWS!!

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

FETE STREET SIGNS

We have 200 street signs, generously provided by Spikey Media, to publicise our Fete. Can you place one on your fence, after October 17? Homes on main thoroughfares will be especially effective. Please "sign for your sign" on the special form provided in the Foyer before you take one. They are to be returned asap after Fete Day.

MAJOR FETE RAFFLE

Raffle books have been distributed to school families and Parishioners on the Thanksgiving Program. Kindly return these books sold as soon as possible. Tickets are available in the foyer after Mass. Please feel welcome to pick some up.

ALL DAY RIDES

For discount prices order your All Day Rides Wristbands through Try Booking: www.trybooking.com/XSJR

COUNTING

We need 3 more counters to assist on Fete Day. Even a couple of hours would be of great help. Contact the Parish Office if you can be available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have not already volunteered, please register at the Help Desk, phone the Office: 9764 4058, or email: fete@stsimonsparish.com.au

DONATIONS

SATURDAYS, 10am to 12pm, **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.

ANNIVERSARY OF PARISH AND CHURCH



This year St. Simon's celebrates its 30th Anniversary of establishment as a Parish (1988), and 25 years since our Church was built and opened (Nov. 1993).



These anniversaries will be celebrated at all Masses over the weekend of October 27 / 28, Oct. 28 being the Feast of St. Simon the Apostle.

Please mark this weekend in your diary and in the coming weeks we will be asking for your help with our anniversary preparations.

NEW PEWS AT ST. SIMON'S ??

We have received 60 "Expressions of Interest" forms for Memorial Plaques on the (potential) new pews for St. Simon's Church. We need a minimum of 70 to 100 to confirm the immediate viability of the project. This will not constitute a commitment of any kind, but simply be a helpful guide.

LADIES RETREAT

Facilitated by Fr. Ray Sanchez CP .
October: Fri 26th to Sat 27th.

Fri: 6.30pm - 8.30pm & Sat: 9.00am - 4.00pm
No overnight stay: \$50.

Overnight stay: single \$100, shared \$90.

St. Paul's College, Norton's Lane, Wantirna.

Contact: loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au, 9764 4058

All welcome, please pick up a letter in the Foyer.

Please **finalise payments if registered**.

INVITATION: ALL WELCOME

A gathering of parishioners to explore the purpose, scope and to participate in a "Listening and Dialogue" session, as we contribute to the Plenary Council 2020.

Presenter: Jacqui Giuliano

Coordinator of Parish Leadership Formation
for the Archbishop's Office for Evangelization

Wed. Oct. 17, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Orange Grove, Bayswater.

Cuppa & Sandwiches provided upon arrival.

Enquiries: yahc@bigpond.com or Leigh: 0430 194 590

SOCIAL CHURCH FUNDRAISER:

Thank you to everyone who helped raise \$1570 at last Sunday afternoon's function. Special thanks to Phil Accom, for her dedicated and skilful organisation.

FOR SALE:

2003 Lexus ES300, excellent condition. 4 new tyres, 6 months reg., Roadworthy Certificate. 170,000kms. Wine (burgundy) metallic duco. Parrot Bluetooth system. Front and rear sensors. \$7,500 ono.
Contact Fr. Kevin Dillon 0421 777 360.

RELAY FOR LIFE—MAR. 16 / 17, 2019,

We need a team of 10 - 15 people from St. Simon's to make a team across 18 hours - 4pm Sat. to 10am Sun.
Contact Peter Evans 0427 511 037 or Gisella Koroknai 0403 454 002

MISSION SESSIONS

SUNDAY: 7pm to 9pm: DEALING WITH CHANGE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE CHURCH

We live in a time of change for the world and for the Church. We like stability and feel insecure when change comes. So as to better deal with this time of transition, in this session we explore how we construct a sense of security, based on our perceptions of reality and how change affects us personally.

**NOTE: All following sessions:
10am - 12pm & 7pm - 9pm**

MON: POPE FRANCIS IN A TIME OF TRANSITION

Our belief system is how we make sense of the world around us and our place in it. When we find ourselves in a time of change, we can feel that our security in our beliefs is threatened and can act out of fear, battering down the hatches and trying to find security in the letter of the law. Pope Francis challenges us, by his words and example, to move forward with confidence in Jesus' love and compassion, and to live in the light of the Gospel, remaining open and welcoming of people.

TUESDAY: THE EUCHARIST AS COMMUNION MEAL AND SACRIFICE

In a time of change and transition, we do need anchor points and sources of spiritual nourishment. We call the Eucharist the source and summit of our faith. In this session we will explore the Eucharist from the point of view of a communion meal, then as the Sacrifice of the Mass so that, with a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist, we can draw more riches from the experience of participating in the Mass.

WEDNESDAY: NO SESSION

THURSDAY: TRANSITIONS AND SOLITUDE

When change takes place we are pushed, often reluctantly, into a time of transition. In this session we look at the experience of transition itself. Something has ended and can never be the same again. We move into an in-between time that we cannot avoid, but is necessary before something new can begin. In such times it is important to stop and reflect. In our tradition we are called at times to Christian Solitude as an inner resource.

FRIDAY: THE CHURCH IN A TIME OF CHANGE

Just as we can struggle personally with change in our lives, the Church struggles when it is called to change. In this session we look at the changing Church paradigm and what it means to transition into real community. We conclude the mission with a celebration of reconciliation.

Parishioners are welcome to a BYO supper after this session.

COLLECTIONS: September 30th, 2018

Presbytery \$1501.45
Loose donations \$436.50



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

<i>Weekly Pledge</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>
\$2,550.31	\$1991.50	84.8%
\$3,570.34	\$3160.45	88.5%
\$6,120.65	\$5323.67	87.0%

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

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FIRST READING:

GENESIS 2:18-24

The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate. So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man. This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

SECOND READING:

HEBREWS 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendor because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

GOSPEL:

MARK 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



Next Week's Readings
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

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