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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 14th, 2018 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A retired Qantas baggage handler has been forced back to work to fund a David and Goliath battle with the airline's superannuation fund.

Andrew Rizzo, 63, is being pursued for almost \$50,000 mistakenly paid to him by Qantas Super, which admitted the error but is demanding the back.

Six years after making the incorrect payment, the superfund has now launched court action in a bid to recover the money.

Mr. Rizzo, who worked for Qantas for 17 years, said he used the money to settle debts from his family breakdown and enter retirement. "When I retired, I had a statement from Qantas Super. I didn't go to university.. I looked at that statement and looked at the bottom line".

Mr. Rizzo said he sought financial advice based on the statements provided to him by Qantas Super. Qantas Super launched proceedings against Mr. Rizzo in May.

"Herald Sun", Mon. Oct. 8

Sewage testing shows Victorians are the nation's biggest heroin users, but drink less than other Australians.

An Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission report put Victorians' annual heroin use at 348kg, compared with 239kg in NSW, 75kg in Queensland and 38kg in SA.

The ACIC report said sewage tests in 23 countries identified Australians as the second biggest users of the four most common illegal stimulants.

Only Americans snorted, smoked and swallowed more ice, speed, ecstasy and cocaine. They had 78 hits a day per 1,000 people; Australians had 40, the Dutch 37, the Swiss 30, and the Brits 28.

The ACIC chief executive said: "We estimate that two tonnes of methylamphetamine (mainly in its crystal form, "ice") is consumed in Victoria each year.

"Herald Sun" Tues. Oct. 9



Former Qantas employee Andrew Rizzo

Next week-end (and at one Mass on the following Saturday) over 60 children from St. Simon's Parish will receive Holy Communion for the first time.

At First Communion time, parishioners are encouraged to pray for the children taking a new and vital step in the development of their Catholic Faith. So we pray that they will find the sustaining power of the Eucharist something which will give them continuous spiritual purpose and guidance throughout their lives.

But we also know that, as we move towards the end of 2018, there exists ample evidence that these young children will face more than their fair share of moral and practical challenges in a world often described as having "gone mad".

A superannuation Fund, linked to one of Australia's most successful companies (\$1.4 billion profit in 2017) is reported to have admitted to making a mistake which cost that Fund \$50,000. Now the report then tells us they are going all out to make up for that mistake (*their* mistake!) by claiming it back from the Fund member who did nothing wrong! And you know what? They'll probably get it back, not because he's wrong, but because he won't have the money to fight them.

Then we read an article in the "lesser" pages of the "Herald Sun" telling us that we sports-loving, techno-savvy, sun-bronzed, laid-back Aussies are also the most second-most prolific users of illegal drugs in the world, second only to the US.

It's in this world, with its enormous personal challenges, its leadership crises, and its rapidly progressing abandonment of those "pillars of faith" which have sustained so many in the past, that today's children will have to manage their lives in just a few short years.

Sure, today's world is not all "doom and gloom" - and nor should it be. God's goodness and grace are still abundant. But our First Communicants, and all little kids, will still have to find their way in a most difficult world.

Let's not forget them in our own prayers.

Rosters for weekend of 20th & 21st October 2018

Mass Time	6.00 p.m.	8.00 a.m.	9.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Reader Commentator	David West Graeme Smith	Phil Mawdsley Cedrik Fick	Margaret / Adrian Ng Reg Emons	Petrie Family Zita Ragg
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield		Flowers Jackie DeVienne	
CLOW	Mandarinos		Ewa Toomey	Abbie Ferdinands
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Veronica Galdames	Julie Cosentino
Church Cleaning	Rebecca Crellin, Mirella Louey, Marius Francis			
Counters	Helen Pongracic, Margaret & Gregory Carey, Noel Mulavey, Irene Law			
Mass Recorder	Dennis Tam		Bus Driver	Francis Dragwidge
Homily Typist	Sunita Nazareth			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Oct. 15

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday Oct. 16

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

Wednesday Oct. 17

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
11.15am:- Reconciliation (1st Holy Communion Candidates)
6:30pm:- Eucharist Reflection Evening (Church)

Thursday Oct. 18

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday Oct. 19

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Saturday Oct. 20

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
9.45am:- Reconciliation (Church)
3.00pm:- 1st Holy Communion Mass (Church)
6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday Oct. 21 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am:

(1st Holy Communion will be received by St. Simon's School and After School Religious Education children at the 6p.m., 9.30a.m. and 11a.m. Masses.)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lucky Alcazar, Melissa Giaccotto, Ralph Santos, Rebecca Giaccotto, Melissa Desfosses, Lucas Lar, Subo Joseph, Hushie Duggan, Adel Tabbaa, Lily Ting, Ryan Fynn, Jessica Ryan, Sybil Donohue, Shernis Fernando, Cheryl Rebein, Andrea Siriwardena, Victor Tanti, Teehanee De Silva, Cassandra Lar

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Fete Meeting: Mon. Oct. 15 at 7.00pm

** Food Stall Captains asked to attend, School Staff Room*

Share the Care: Mon. Oct. 15 at 7:30pm

Parish Council: Tues. Oct. 16 at 7.00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society : Thurs. Oct. 18 at 7:30pm

ST. SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE NEWS!!

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

FETE STREET SIGNS

We wish to give a huge thank you to Mark Minkiewicz at Spikey Media who has generously donated 200 street signs 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.

ALL DAY RIDES

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

MAJOR FETE RAFFLE

Please return all sold books as soon as possible after Mass, through the school tubs or at the Parish Office. More raffle books are available in the foyer of the church so please feel free to take some. Thank you.

PARKING ATTENDANTS NEEDED

Kindly register at the help desk if you are available to help from 8am to 1pm. Clipboard in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

DONATIONS

SATURDAYS, 10am to 12pm, Lower 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.

For more information about our Fete, please visit **St. Simon's Parish website:** www.stsimonsparish.com.au/fete

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Anniversary: Caterina Fortuna, Dora Milana

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).



We're asking for your help in providing light refreshments to be shared after all Masses over the weekend of 27/28 October.

Please add your name to sign-up sheets in the church foyer if you're able to bring a plate of cakes/slices or sandwiches.

No hot food is required, as we'll have a free sausage sizzle in the front garden.

Thank you for your contribution and we look forward to a wonderful weekend of celebration.

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. If you are interested, return of the form will provide 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.

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INVITATION: All Welcome

A gathering of fellow 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

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

When: Wednesday October 17th

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Orange Grove, Bayswater

Cuppa & Sandwiches provided upon arrival.

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

RELEASING THE GENIUS FROM WITHIN:

A workshop for spiritual directors and those accompanying others on their spiritual journey.

Contemplative in nature, it will offer opportunities to explore how one might use creative arts to assist in the 'unfolding experience'.

At Heart of Life, Box Hill,
Saturday 20 October, 10am-4pm.
Cost \$60 (BYO lunch).

Enquiries and bookings - holsc@bigpond.com
or Ph: 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne

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 or Gisella Koroknai: 0403 454 002

gkoroknai@siferntreegully.catholic.edu.au

We will meet before the end of 2018.

PARISHIONERS ATTENDING: 11am Mass

Sun 21st Oct: please consider attending an earlier Mass for the convenience of more car parking access and seat availability in the church, due to our First Holy Communion Masses.

COLLECTIONS: October 7th, 2018

Presbytery \$1541.60
Loose donations \$484.65

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.



Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$2198.50	84.8%

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FIRST READING:

WISDOM 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than scepters and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

SECOND READING:

HEBREWS 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.



*Next Week's Readings
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45*

GOSPEL:

MARK 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

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