



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 (Mon, Wed, Fri)

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Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wednesday)

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thurs)
Mr Lee Chew (Monday)

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Mrs Christina Liew (Mon, Tue, Thurs)

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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.

October 21st 2018 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Next weekend, St. Simon's will have a celebration of dual significance. This is the thirtieth year since St. Simon's was separated from St. Jude's Parish, Scoresby, becoming a Parish in its own right on Jan. 20, 1988.

Just five years later, on Nov. 13, 1993, and under the leadership of the first

Parish Priest, Fr. Les Tomlinson (now Bishop of the Sandhurst Diocese), our Parish Church was blessed and opened. You can see the Memorial Plaque in the Church Foyer.

The development in those early years of both the Church and the School were truly remarkable, both for the quality of the buildings and the extraordinary speed with which so much was achieved. For a new Parish to build a Church in less than six years was, and remains, a magnificent achievement for all concerned, and this is just one of the key components of our celebrations next weekend, the Feast of our Parish Patron, St. Simon the Apostle.

The observances will be simple and not overly dramatic. Acknowledgement of both the history and the accomplishments will be recognised at each of our four weekend Masses. Five years ago, the Silver Jubilee (25th Anniversary) of the Parish was fully celebrated with many events, and the Parish Council believed something simple but which *everyone* could prayerfully and gratefully celebrate would be the best way to go.

And so it will be, with the emphasis being the Masses and some "special hospitality" afterwards. Above all, it will (hopefully) be a chance for the Parish to draw together a little more strongly, fondly, openly. That can happen so readily - just a smile, a warm handshake, and a recognition of the Faith in Jesus which we share whenever we come together as "parish".



After just fifteen months at St. Simon's, I'm still very much the "new kid on the block". But I've experienced enough to know just what a strong faith community St. Simon's truly is - and always has been. The Church was opened 25 years ago, but the "church" is more than a building, more than a wonderful place to worship God and be with each other.

Our "church" is all of us - and all those who have worked with one another, given to one another, prayed for one another. And it's for that "church" that we especially give thanks at this important time of our Parish's history.

Fr. Kevin Dillon

Rosters for weekend of 27th & 28th October 2018

Mass Time	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Reader Commentator	Volunteer Volunteer	Neela Tatnell Brian Philp	Lanny Pincott Annabel Henriques	Ingrid Kertesi Christina Liew
Altar Society	Elaine Gannon & Lina Eksteen		Flowers Jackie DeVienne	
CLOW	Judy Clarisse		Rina Rose'meyer	Jacqui / Grace Giuliano
Help Desk	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Mary Russo
Church Cleaning	Annette & Samuel Leveque, Antony Singrasa			
Counters	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian Harriss, Nirmala Andrew			
Mass Recorder	Rick Foster		Bus Driver	John Duhau
Homily Typist	Janet Forster			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Oct. 22

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Tuesday Oct. 23

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

1.30pm:- Craft Group (Church Foyer)

7.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Wednesday Oct. 24

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

11.00am:- Meditation (Church)

Thursday Oct. 25

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday Oct. 26 - Parish 30th Anniversary

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Sat. Oct. 27 - Parish 30th Anniversary Weekend

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

3.00pm:- First Holy Communion

6.00pm:- Mass (in First Holy Communion)

Sunday Oct. 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time - Parish Anniversary Weekend.

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Dr. Basil De Silva, Marta Kraft, Margaret Whittle (mother of Carol McKinley)

Anniversary: Josie Muletta

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Elijah Andrews, Ciaran O'Connor, Liesl Cristanelli, Rachel Dammalage, Layla Balakas, Alena Francis, Aloysius Ting, Jason Castellucci, Alexa Sakkal

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Fete Committee: Mon. Oct. 22 at 7.00pm

St. Simon's School Board: Tues. Oct. 23 at 7.00pm

Finance Committee: Thurs. Oct. 25 at 7.00pm

ST. SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE NEWS!!

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

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. More tickets are available in the foyer after Mass. Please feel welcome to pick some up.

FETE STREET SIGNS

We still need to distribute nearly 100 more 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.

DONATIONS

SATURDAYS, 10am to 12pm, **Parish Office Portables**

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.

GERBERA PLANT FETE STALL

\$12 each or 2 for \$20



Marriage Preparation Course



Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai
and Jacqui Giuliano

For more details please contact the Parish Office.

Phone: 9764 4058

Email: office@stsimonsparish.com.au

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 **NEXT WEEKEND**.

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.

On **Sunday, November 18**, Bishop Les Tomlinson, Bishop of the Sandhurst Diocese, will celebrate the 9.30am Mass. This will be a great chance especially for long-term parishioners to catch up with our Founding Parish Priest.

ALL SOULS DAY

Friday Nov 2nd will be the "Commemoration of All Souls". It is a special Day of Prayer for those who have died, especially our own loved ones.

At St. Simon's, there will be three "All Souls Day" Masses, at 9.15am, 11.30am, and 7.30pm.

(At the 7.30pm Mass, there will be a special remembrance at of those who have died in the past twelve months)

NEW PEWS AT ST. SIMON'S ?

We have now received 65 "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. So if you have an "Expression of Interest" form, it would be helpful if it could be returned soon.

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**.

ST. SIMON'S PARISH NEW BUSINESS / OFFICE MANAGER –PETER EVANS:

Congratulations to Peter Evans, long-term parishioner and Parish Councillor, who has been appointed as our Business / Office Manager. Peter was chosen from a large number of impressive applicants, who were short-listed to five interviewees. He brings with him a wealth of both relevant experience and awareness of the spirit and needs of our Parish. Peter will work two full days and two half-days each week.

ANOINTING MASS - NOVEMBER 9

Because All Souls Day falls on the First Friday of November (Nov 2), the Anointing Mass for November will be celebrated on Friday November 9 at 9.15am, followed by the customary "Seniors' Morning Tea".

ST. SIMON'S TEAM:

RELAY FOR LIFE 2019

4pm Sat. 16th March to 10am 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@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au

We will meet before the end of 2018.

MISSION BOOKS

Thank you to all who attended the recent Mission with Fr. Ray Sanchez.

Booklets are ready for pick up at the Help Desk for Parishioners who have requested a printed copy.

Those who provided some great meals for Fr. Ray & Fr. Kevin can collect their food containers from the Sacristy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Members of the St. Simon's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will speak at all Masses on the weekend of Sat Nov 3 and Sun Nov 4 about the quiet, effective and wonderful work undertaken by members of the Society from and within our own parish, and all across Australia.

COLLECTIONS: October 7th, 2018

Presbytery \$1963.80
Loose donations \$529.30

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	\$2695.70	85%

October 21st 2018 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: CORINTHIANS 11: 23 - 26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

GOSPEL:

LUKE 9: 11 - 17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand people. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets



Next Week's Readings
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ep 2:19-22; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

<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"> * Spring Clean Outside Windows (streak free) <li style="padding-left: 20px;">* Carpet Cleaning <li style="padding-left: 20px;">* Tenant Vacate Clean * General House cleaning <p style="text-align: center;">For a FREE QUOTE call 0423 496 516</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Appliance Repairs & Installation Service</h3> <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>ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS TIMETABLE</p> <p>PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Wentworth Avenue, Rowville</p> <p>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="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALS & EVENTS AT www.zumbamelbourne.com.au</p>	 <h3 style="margin: 0;">ChipKing Data Cabling</h3> <p>NBN / Data Networks CCTV Security Cameras Digital & Cable TV Wi-Fi Speed Boost</p> <p>Call Brad: 9803 8644 sales@chipking.com.au</p> <p>Registered Cabler T08011 Security Reg. 936-086-80S</p>
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Please call the Parish Office if you would like to advertise your business in our weekly bulletin