



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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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 28th 2018 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of St. Simon the Apostle

An unusually frank statement from the Vatican announced on Oct. 13 that two retired Chilean bishops have been expelled from the priesthood for the "manifest abuse of minors". Coming only a day after Pope Francis accepted the resignation of U.S. Cardinal Donald Wuerl over mismanaging past abuse cases, the move suggested that church leaders are recognising the seriousness of the sprawling child-sex-abuse scandal - though it remains unclear whether the Pope will take the zero-tolerance stance that victims and advocates demand.

The abuse, which has also rocked Ireland, Spain, Germany and Australia in recent years, has shaken trust in the Catholic Church and contributed to its global decline in influence. The percentage of Catholics who attend Mass at least once a week has dropped in Europe from 37% in 1980 to 20% in 2012; in the Americas, it fell from 52% to 29%.

"Time" Magazine - Oct. 29, 2018

Scott Morrison has offered a tearful apology on behalf of the nation towards survivors of child sexual abuse suffered at the hands of Australia's most trusted institutions. The emotional Prime Minister told federal parliament that Australian society and religious institutions had covered up crimes and not believed victims for generations. "To the children we failed: sorry. To the parents whose trust was betrayed and who have struggled to pick up the pieces: sorry. To the whistle-blowers who we did not listen to: sorry. To the spouses, partners, wives, husbands, children who have dealt with the consequences of the abuse, cover-ups and obstruction: sorry. To generations past and present: sorry".

"Herald Sun" Tues. Oct. 23



and wonderful achievements at St. Simon's Parish over the past 30 years.

There is every reason to be both proud and grateful. Proud of a parish which has had a great spirit from the outset, and grateful for the generosity of service given, with God's grace, by so many for so long.

Nonetheless overshadowing our gentle celebrations this weekend is a cloud which has hovered over the entire Church across the globe for more than forty years. And to date it shows no signs of lightening, let alone disappearing. If anything, its impact is becoming more severe.

This week's edition of "Time" magazine carries yet another significant report on the church-related child abuse scandal which has, for decades, devastated Catholics across the world.

That a magazine with such a large international circulation should correctly identify the scandal, forty years after it publicly surfaced, as still being critical, demonstrates just how serious this issue remains - for all of us.

And on Monday, Prime Minister Morrison and Opposition Leader Shorten were unified in presenting an important and totally necessary apology to Australian victims of institutional child abuse and their families, so many of whom are still suffering enormously. The apology was the formal follow-through from the 5-year Royal Commission, in which our own Catholic Church has, tragically, been "front and centre".

Many who treasure their faith and love the Church probably "wish it would all go away". But until those who have been so sorely damaged are truly cared for, until deep and practical contrition defines the attitude of the Church, celebrations such as we rightly have this weekend cannot be undertaken quite as happily as they deserve to be.

Rosters for weekend of 3rd & 4th November 2018

Mass Time	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Reader Commentator	Keely Williams Kaye Williams	Brian Philp Phil Mawdsley	Janina Woronczak Seamus O'Connor	Kakala Family Estela Banac
Altar Society	Desiree Sargent & Deepthi Perera		Flowers Jackie DeVienne	
CLOW	NO CLOW	NO CLOW	NO CLOW	NO CLOW
Help Desk	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Marie-Anne Duthil	Lorenza Spano
Church Cleaning	Clara Gallo, Donna Lanzone, Ida Lancuba			
Counters	Michael & Margaret Ng, Aloysius Ting, Monica Kueh, Benedict Lim			
Mass Recorder	Zoe Evans		Bus Driver	Lorraine Van Vloten
Homily Typist	Sonya Rose'meyer			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Oct. 29

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday Oct. 30

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm:- Craft Group (Church Foyer)

7.00pm:- Mass (Chapel)

Wednesday Oct. 31

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

10.00am:- ** Meditation ** (Chapel)

Thursday Nov. 1 - All Saints Day

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday Nov. 2—All Souls Day

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

11.30am: - Mass (Church)

7.30pm: - Mass (Church)

Saturday Nov. 3

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday Nov. 4 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Marjorie Mawdsley, Margaret Whittle, Lina Aiello; Jack & Neal Bourgeois (*Toni Coates nephews in Canada*)

Anniversary: Dennis Rodrigues, Ellena Baker, Allwyn Eade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Chantelle Payet, Lynton Pieterse, Cameron Betts, Arden Perkins, Aedan Kertesi, Amanda Heidenrijk, Angela Wong, Ming Nicdao, Ann Joseph, John Catanzariti, Glenn Dennis, Penny Watson, Benjamin Rebeiro, Nicholas Viergever, Kylie Wesley, Stephen Chin

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Mon. Oct. 29 at 7p.m.: Fete Committee

Wed. Nov. 14 at 7pm: St Simon's School Board



RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

We have 6 major prizes, all sponsored, totalling \$6,947, don't miss out on this great opportunity to have a chance to win one of them.

All sold & unsold books need to be returned by November 16th.

RIDES! RIDES! RIDES!

Wrist bands are on sale now & the forecast is for good weather on Fete Day, so please take advantage of the pre-Fete discount price.

ALL DAY WRISTBANDS RIDES \$35

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DONATIONS

Canned Goods and Packets for Food Mart

Please drop off in church foyer in boxes marked FETE.

FETE MEETINGS & ACTION DATES!

Weekly every Monday night until Fete day.

7 pm to 8:30 pm - Teachers Lunch Room in the School

All stall captains must attend this Monday 29th October meeting.

WORKING & INFORMATION BEES

Saturday November 3rd – 9 am until finished. Stall Captains, Service & Set Up Volunteers. November 3rd – 3 to 4 pm – Food Stall Captains Shopping – Pick up the supplies you need to run your stall on fete day.

Your container with all your supplies need to be gathered & stored ready for you to take to your stalls on Friday the 16th. No exceptions.

Thank you for your support! We are all looking forward to a fantastic Family Fun Fete!

**** 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).



Thank you for your contribution and we will have 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 73 "Expressions of Interest" forms for Memorial Plaques on the (potential) new pews for St. Simon's Church. Further "Expressions of Interest" are most welcome, but we now are able to progress to "Step 2". Within the next week, those who have expressed written interest will be contact to make a commitment to a memorial plaque. This will enable the parish to progress the new pews with financial security. More work is to be done as to the pews themselves to ensure we get the best possible result within our financial capacity.

SOPHIA GIULIANO

Sophia Giuliano has assisted the parish office, supporting us in the transition of our new secretaries and parish team.

Sophia thank you for your dedication, and efforts in efficiently serving our parish with much love and joy.

We wish you a safe holiday and a bright future!



PARISH CENTRE: Yes we know progress is slow - but it's all in hand! Building regulations which were gazetted in late March have involved additional compliance issues, which inevitably take more time. They are able to be resolved without too much difficulty, but as with all matters of compliance and regulations etc, it all takes time! In the meantime, we ask for your patience, and especially thank our staff for their co-operation working under somewhat cramped circumstances But we will get there! The wait will be worth it.

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 where 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@siferntreegully.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 21st, 2018

Presbytery \$1467.50
Loose donations \$492.90

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	\$2162.30	85%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

October 28th 2018 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING:

Ep 2:19 - 22

You are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathize with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

GOSPEL:

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



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

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