



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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PRINCIPAL:
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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 12.30pm

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.

November 4th 2018 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

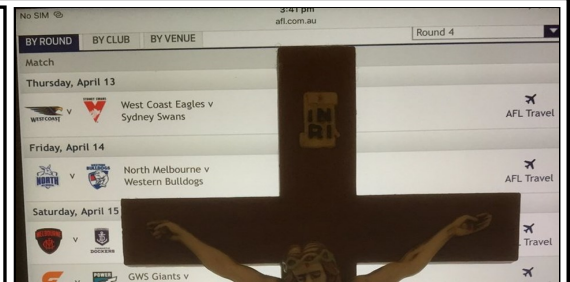
The AFL has scheduled an historic Good Friday double-header as part of a controversial 2019 fixture in which Essendon will gain yet another blockbuster clash.

The league has gone all-in on the religious holiday, and North Melbourne's Good Friday opponent Essendon will play in three marquee matches next season.

The Bombers will take on North at 4.20 p.m. on Good Friday, April 19, at Marvel Stadium, followed by the West Coast—Port Adelaide clash at Perth Stadium at 8.10p.m.

The AFL accepts the controversial nature of playing on Good Friday, having had AFL Commission's permission for several years but scheduling the first game only in 2017.

Herald Sun: Wed. Oct. 31



Next Sunday will mark the centenary of the Armistice which brought an end to the horrors of World War I, or the "Great War" as it was called for many years. Nearly 10% (416,000) of the entire Australian population enlisted. 60,000 were killed, with 156,000 wounded, gassed or taken prisoner.

Across the nation, and in this parish at each Mass, prayerful remembrance will be offered for those who sacrificed so much amid such appalling slaughter.

Remembrance Day is one of our two national days of mourning and recognition for our war dead and wounded. Anzac Day (April 25) carries the additional recognition of being a national Public Holiday, with all other areas of activity, such as sport and retail trading, being suspended, if not forbidden, until the Anzac March has concluded. This is to ensure nothing competes with the singular reason for the day being a Public Holiday.


We can only hope - and pray - that Anzac Day doesn't go down the same slippery slide as the other day originating from respect rather than celebration - Good Friday. Scheduling an AFL match on Good Friday seemed inevitable over recent years, and the "push", based on the AFL's insatiable appetite for revenue, and the footy public's insatiable appetite for entertainment, ushered in the first Good Friday match last year. Not surprisingly, the 2019 fixture will now feature a second match (in WA) on what used to be a sacred day.

Like Anzac Day, Good Friday is a Public Holiday of "respect". Without a Public Holiday, there would be no thought of AFL footy on a Friday afternoon. As with Anzac Day, Good Friday observances (which in most cases conclude around 4.30pm to 5.00pm), should never be forced to compete with other "public events".

If we allow fans reasonable time to "get to the game" (so as not to "compete" with the reason for the holiday), then no match should start before 6.00pm at the earliest. Without a Public Holiday occasioned by Good Friday, daytime footy on a Friday would not even be considered for one moment. Only when the usual Good Friday ceremonies have been observed, can other public activities be considered as not "competing" with the reason for the Public Holiday.

Will Good Friday football spell the end of civilisation as we know it? Unlikely! But if we "have to have it", then it must show appropriate regard for the commemorations which determine the day as a Public Holiday. For a society which is happy to take a day off for a "religious holiday", even if it's their religion or they have no religion, competing with the reason for the holiday should be "out of bounds".

Rosters for weekend of 10th & 11th November 2018

Mass Time	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Reader Commentator	Terry O'Donnell Volunteer	Peter Kean Phil Mawdsley	Michael Toomey Peter Evans	Christina Liew Cornelia Calimlim
Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Annie McNeill		Flowers Jackie DeVienne	
CLOW 	Abbie Ferdinands		Annabel Henriques	Karen Beyrooti
Help Desk	Abbie Ferdinands	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley, Chona Alpay			
Counters	Anna Smith, Frances Bowker, Desiree Sargent, Lorraine Van Vloten, Paul Lynch, John Duhau			
Mass Recorder	Peter Evans		Bus Driver	Samuel Leveque
Homily Typist	Michelle Goh			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Nov. 5

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday Nov. 6 - Public Holiday

10.00am:- Mass (Church)

NB: No Evening Mass this Tuesday. Office closed.

Wednesday Nov. 7

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

12.00pm:- Sacramental Catch-up 1 (Chapel)

Thursday Nov. 8

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

6.30pm:- Year 2 - Getting to Know Jesus night (Church)

Friday Nov. 9

9.15am:- Anointing Mass (Church)

10.00am:- Seniors Morning Tea (Chapel)

Saturday Nov. 10

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

9.45am:-Reconciliation

6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday Nov. 11 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Lino Cassera; Fr. Leo Griffin P.E.;

Anniversary: Brian Henderson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Cedric Gomez, Amy Smith, Peter Pereira,
Manoj Fernando, Thelma Auld, Isaac Haining, George Lar,
Matthew Augustin, Sharna Valenzuela, Tony Biviano,
Melanie Jacobs, Rhonda Dennis, Sophia Giuliano,
Kirsty Ventura, Kirsty Ventura, Fr. Peter Conroy,
Matthew Castellucci, Annalese Lambert, Ciely Baria,
Kaiden Diaz, James Watson, Tissa Lokuge,
Michael De Silva, Joy Amoranto, Jake Ciampoli,

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Mon. Nov. 5 at 7.00 p.m.: Fete Committee

Mon. Nov. 12 at 7.00 p.m.: Outreach Committee

Wed. Nov. 14 at 7.00 p.m.: St. Simon's School Board



ST. SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

This weekend, we are passing around a Clipboard in order to recruit as many people as possible to assist in setting up the Fete on Friday November 16, any time from 10.00 am onwards. Some work might involve some "lifting" (not too heavy!), but most will be relatively easy. Even one hour will make a difference! The more people help, the less the burden for all.

BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION

We have 10,000 Fete brochures to letter-box deliver across Rowville and Lysterfield during the week beginning next Sunday (Nov. 11). We need 100 people to deliver around 100 brochures, probably taking 30-40 minutes. Brochures will be available for collection in the Foyer from next Saturday. Please take a bundle!

CAR PARK ATTENDANTS ON FETE DAY.

Also on the clipboard will be an invitation to assist with carparking - 2 people needed per shift of 2 hours, from 8.00 am onwards.

RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

All sold & unsold books need to be returned by November 13.

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
www.trybooking.com/XSJR

GERBERA PLANT STALL

Pre-orders now taken. Order forms in the Church Foyer.

DONATIONS

Canned Goods and Packets for Food Mart
Please drop off in church foyer in boxes marked FETE.

FETE MEETINGS & ACTION DATES!

Mon. Nov. 5 and Mon. Nov. 12 at 7.00 p.m., in the Teachers' Lunch Room in the School.



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 OUR PARISH & CHURCH

Thank you to everyone for coming together to celebrate our anniversary as a parish and church. Congratulations to Peter Evans our new Business / Office Manager, for an outstanding visual presentation to mark such a significant milestone in our parish community.

NEW PEWS AT ST. SIMON'S?

We have now received 75 "Expressions of Interest" forms for Memorial Plaques on the (potential) new pews for St. Simon's Church, and more are welcome. Those who have returned forms will be contacted this week and invited to submit an "Order Form".

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE:

Bring your family and friends to our upcoming tour, **Sunday 11 November, 10am**. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. A visit will enable your family to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community. Visit materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.



QUARTERLY INTER-PARISH WALK

Sat 17 Nov 2018, meet at 1.45pm, Pound Bend Car park, Warrandyte State Park, Warrandyte.

30 mins from St John Vianney's. Rides can be arranged. Join us for a walk around Warrandyte State Park, enjoy the abundance of native life from kangaroos and kookaburras, cockatoos, galahs, and (apparently!) a koala too. Easy, flat walk on unpaved path. Share coffee, cake and a chat afterwards. See flyer for more details or call Nimmi 0413135889, Thuy 0423882718.

5th ANNUAL WOMEN'S NETWORK DINNER

Thursday, 29th Nov 7.30pm

Cabaret Function Room—Village Green Hotel

Cost: \$50.00pp—3 course dinner

Join women from St Simon's and other local parishes.

Pls RSVP by 26th November

<https://www.trybooking.com/YZEL>

Full details on brochure in Church Foyer.

ANOINTING MASS - NOVEMBER 9

Because All Souls Day fell on the First Friday of November (Nov 2), the Anointing Mass for November will be celebrated this coming Friday, Nov. 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: peter_evans@netspace.net.au, or 0427 511 037 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.

NEW PARISHONERS

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU PERSONALLY!

If you have recently moved into the area, or have decided to make St. Simon's your parish home, please register your details in the New Parishioners' Book at the Help Desk. One of the members of our Welcoming Team will be in touch.

COLLECTIONS: October 28th, 2018

Presbytery \$1760.45
Loose donations \$452.45



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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$1504	84.3%
\$3,570.34	\$3,166.84	88.7%
\$6,120.65	\$5,329.25	87.1%

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6: 2 –6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7: 23—28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints

high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Next Week's Readings
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1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

<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 PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Wentworth Avenue, Rowville MON & WED 7.00 – 8.00pm SAT 10.30 – 11.30am FREE TRIAL CHECK OUT OUR SPECIALS & EVENTS AT www.zumbamelbourne.com.au</p>	 <h3 style="text-align: center;">ChipKing Data Cabling</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">NBN / Data Networks CCTV Security Cameras Digital & Cable TV Wi-Fi Speed Boost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call Brad: 9803 8644 sales@chipking.com.au</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registered Cabler T08011 Security Reg. 936-086-80S</p>
<h3 style="text-align: center;">South Eastern Public Accountants</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Public Accountant & Registered Tax Agent Business Tax Returns Specialist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prior year tax returns welcome. Very moderate rates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bala. S. Balachandra on 0412 798 201 (All hours) 2 Silkwood Way, Rowville</p>	

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Parish Office
if you would
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your business
in our
weekly bulletin