



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL

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 12.15pm

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.

November 11th 2018 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Here it is (almost) - after a four-year "holiday"! The St. Simon's Fete (or more correctly, the "Family Fun Fete") is less than a week away, the culmination of nearly 18 months' planning and preparation.

For many years, the Fete was a pivotal parish event, with who-knows-how-many people "doing their bit" to assist the work of the parish (and this year, also St. Simon's School).

In addition to both "fund-raising" (for our parish and our school), and also "fun-raising" (for all who are part of it in any way), our Fete reaches out to welcome so many in the Rowville and Lysterfield community and beyond, inviting them to share in our "party".

We know that the fundamental mission of the Church is to "take the Gospel" - the "Good News" of God's love for us - to everyone. Sometimes we do that well. Sometimes not so well. And sometimes we can acquit ourselves quite poorly. That's because while we are a Church with Christ as "the Head", we who are "the members" are ordinary people with virtues and vices, strengths and weaknesses, good points and bad points alike.

But on Fete Day, we open our doors, our gates to everyone. Not to get them to spend their money (though if they do, we'll put it to good use!), but to ask them to enjoy our company, our talents, our bargains, our food, and to be part of our community. We do this because we are truly an integral part of our community-at-large, not an isolated, independent segment of it.

This is not to suggest our Fete is simply a "Public Relations" exercise. It is a gesture of warm welcome and inclusion to many who, for any number of reasons, may not be connected strongly or in any way to a Church - Catholic or otherwise. If they have a great day at the Fete - get a bargain, enjoy good food and company - then perhaps for some a few important bridges have been built.

Thank you to all who have given much to help the Fete work: the Fete Committee (who meet throughout the year), ably led by Toni Coates and Jenny Maxwell with many others alongside them; all Stall Captains (who make things work so smoothly); our Sponsors (whose generosity is so helpful); our School communities (who give on so many levels; all stall helpers (whose time and effort is indispensable).


But there are so many others: those responsible for the design, distribution and printing of the brochure; the entertainers, whose talent is so enjoyable; the donors of an enormous stock of goods e.g. clothes, books, bric a brac etc.; those who will help set-up on Friday and with the clean-up on Saturday. And let's not forget the raffle ticket sellers and purchasers, and so many others.

Any number of individual names could and probably should be mentioned. But ours is a "community", a "family" Fete, and, in the long run, it belongs to all - those who did a little, those who did a lot, and those who did much more than a lot.

Sincere thanks, and every blessing, to one and all.

Fr. Kevin Dillon

Rosters for weekend of 17th & 18th November 2018

Mass Time	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Reader Commentator	Alex Van Rheenan Graeme Smith	Cedrik Fick Brian Philp	Evans family Reg Emons	Christina Liew Zita Ragg
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper, Margaret Lancefield		Flowers Mirella Louey	
CLOW 	Felicia Ahumada		Elly Bare	Elsa Lapiz
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Veronica Galdames	Julie Cosentino
Church Cleaning	Cion Romana, Ed & Ming Nicdao			
Counters	David Wong, Graham Landers, Susan Wong, Lin Tie			
Mass Recorder	Chad Cole		Bus Driver	Michael Ng
Homily Typist	Sunita Nazareth			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Nov. 12

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
1.00pm:- Reflection Group (Chapel)
7.30pm:- Prayer Group (Parish Office)

Tuesday Nov. 13

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

Wednesday Nov. 14

9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)

Thursday Nov. 15

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Friday Nov. 16

9.15am:- Mass (Church)

Saturday Nov. 17 (St. Simons Family Fun Fete)

7.00am:- Mass (Chapel)
9.15am:- Mass (Chapel)
6.00pm:- Mass (Church)

Sunday Nov. 18 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Anniversary: Neliya Kelaart, Maurice Kelaart,
Muriel & Joseph Rebeiro

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Aidan Spano, Dorian Jacobs, Rodney Rebein, Hiranthi Mathes, Casey Watson, Thomas Harris, Grace & Nathaniel Louey, Therese Tanti, Conor Welsford, Imelda Williams, Kerrie-Anne Lee, Ida Mae Padua, Trevor Ekanayake, Craig Ferres, Arlene Scarnivel, Carol McKinwley

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Mon. Nov. 12 at 7.00 p.m.: Fete (Chapel)
Mon. Nov. 12 at 7.00 p.m.: Outreach (Parish Office)
Wed. Nov. 14 at 7.00 p.m.: St. Simon's School Board
Wed. Nov. 14 at 7.30 p.m.: St. Vincent De Paul (Parish Office)



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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 10.00am 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 this week beginning Sunday (Nov. 11). Brochures are available for collection in the Foyer.

CAR PARK ATTENDANTS ON FETE DAY

We still need 4 people to assist with carparking - 2-hour shifts from 8.00am onwards.

RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

All sold & unsold books need to be returned to the Parish Office latest by Tuesday, November 13.

GERBERA PLANT STALL

Order forms at the Help Desk. \$12 each or 2 for \$20.00.

DONATIONS

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

IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL STALL CAPTAINS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE FINAL FETE MEETING ON MONDAY, NOV 12 at 7.00pm in the CHAPEL.

DAILY MASS MEMORIAL BOOK:

A "Memorial Book" will soon be placed on the Altar at daily weekday (Mon. to Sat.) Masses. People whose anniversaries of death occur on a given day will be remembered by name at that Mass.

If you would like a loved one to be included in the Daily Memorial Book, complete the form (in the seats during November and at the Help Desk from December onwards), and hand in the completed form either with any collection, at the Help Desk or Parish Office.

Please use CLEAR BLOCK LETTERS, and ensure that the noted date of death is accurate.

NEW PEWS AT ST. SIMON'S ?

We have now received 80 "Expressions of Interest" forms for Memorial Plaques on the (potential) new pews for St. Simon's Church. This will not constitute a commitment of any kind. If you have an "Expression of Interest" form, it would be helpful if it could be returned as soon as possible.

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.

ST SIMON'S SENIORS' MORNING TEA:

Our next morning tea will be on the 2nd Friday of December at 10.00am, after the Anointing Mass on 14th December in the Side Chapel.

BISHOP LES TOMLINSON has indicated that other commitments will prevent him from celebrating the 9.30am Mass next Sunday in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Blessing and Opening of St. Simon's Church (13th November). He sends his prayers and best wishes to the people of St. Simon's at this important time of celebration.

INFORMATION RE SICK PARISHIONERS:

Please inform the Parish Office if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS: 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.

TRANSPORT FOR 9.30am MASS

If you require transport to & from the 9.30am Mass, please leave details at the Help Desk or call the Parish Office on 9764 4058.



Marriage Preparation Course

Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano



For more details please contact the Parish Office.

Phone: 9764 4058

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Come join our PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We gather together once a month for friendship and a cuppa whilst creating and wrapping shawls and rugs that are then passed on to those struggling with life. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is always in need of 8 ply wool donations. Please kindly drop off at the Help Desk or into the Parish Office. We meet at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. If you love to knit or crochet and enjoy a chat and a cuppa please contact Cheryl Philp on 0448 433 255.

COLLECTIONS: November 4th, 2018

Presbytery \$1,865.25
Loose donations \$ 315.60



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Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)
2016 campaign pledge (weekly)

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$1,950.00	84.7%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

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FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink. She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. Please he said, bring me a scrap of bread in your hand. As the Lord your God lives, she replied, I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die. But Elijah said to her, Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth. The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the

last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



Next Week's Readings
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

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