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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 (this week 6.30pm)

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 18th 2018 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We would like to thank Dad's friends, customers, and all the wonderful people that have come forward to pay their respects and show their love and support. We are deeply moved by all the flowers, gifts and condolences. To the people of Melbourne, your heartfelt tributes have shown us why our Dad loved this great city so much. To the emergency services personnel; our gratitude and appreciation for all your hard work and efforts. Especially the first responders and police that put themselves in harm's way to protect others, your bravery and heroism is a representation of the strength and solidarity of our community. Dad was a larger than life character and his natural generosity made every individual he met feel welcome and important. Each customer of Dad's was given the same respect and service regardless of their standing in society. "To him everyone was special. His love and passion for his customers remained the same for over 40 years. To him it was a joy to go to work every day. In honour of Dad's memory, the wonderful staff at Pellegrinis are determined to continue his legacy with the same passion. He was a distinctly recognizable figure in his colourful choice of clothing and his flamboyant personality. To us he was just a beautiful man, a loving husband and a doting father."

Public statement from the family of Sisto Malaspina.



The tragic murder in Bourke St. of restaurateur Sisto Malaspina focussed attention on many things. One was the link we often forge with those who serve us in the retail,

service and hospitality industries.

As well as the expected advice and service they provide, shop assistants, waiters, chefs, and "tradies" often play an additional role. It's not in their "job description". They're not usually paid for it, or recognised by management when they perform it well. They have no formal training for it, but it "goes with the job". And for the most part, they're good at it.

That role is to be a "listener", "confidante", maybe a counsellor, even a friend. For whatever reason, customers can find a special connection with those who "serve" them with "services" in some way. Especially if the client or customer has chosen a relatively quiet time when the shop, café or store is not too busy.

Many people have stories of sharing a problem or headache with a caring shop assistant, waiter, barman or tradie. They may have met only once, but somehow the encounter was critical. It was the friendly, listening ear of a total stranger who cared. And that was all that was required.


Possibly some wise and helpful advice was offered. Maybe it was followed, maybe not. But it was the conversation itself which proved sufficient to help a troubled person - who just happened to be a client or customer - over a speed hump which was becoming a mountain range.

Some "service providers" get to know their customers over many visits, even many years. The client sees the other as a trusted friend, even sharing concerns they have entrusted with no-one else.

As Melbourne mourns the tragic loss of a much-loved restaurant proprietor whom they may not have personally known, we should spare a thought or prayer for the people who "serve" us. With their mostly infinite patience and resilience, can well be a "friend indeed" when we hit a rough spot, and no-one else is willing to listen.

So, amid the sadness of last Friday week, let's hear it for the "Service Providers".

Rosters for weekend of 24th & 25th November 2018

Mass Time	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Reader Commentator	Graeme Smith Helen Welsford	Phil Mawdsley Cedrik Fick	Seamus O'Connor Peter Evans	Kakala Family Christina Liew
Altar Society	Elaine Gannon & Linda Eksteen		Flowers Mirella Louey	
CLOW 	Judy Clarisse	N/A	Greg Woo/Audrey Lee	Jacqui Giuliano
Help Desk	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Denise Hart
Church Cleaning	John & Anne Duhau, Kongolo Kalumba			
Counters	Ed & Ming Nicdao, Armando & Cion Romana, Edna Alvarez & Vicky Quiambao			
Mass Recorder	David West		Bus Driver	Vincent Pius
Homily Typist	Janet Forster			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Nov. 19

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday Nov. 20

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm: Craft Group (Church Foyer)

6.30pm: Mass (Chapel) - **Note change this week only**

Wednesday Nov. 21

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

10.00am: Meditation (Chapel)

Thursday Nov. 22

9.15am: Mass (Church)

6.00pm: Nazareth College Year 12 Graduation Mass

Friday Nov. 23

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday Nov. 24

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday Nov. 25

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Recent Death: Michael Donovan (Diane Carey's uncle),
Johannes Lemewu (Father David's Dad), Dorothy Beanland,
Jim O'Boyle (Ireland)

Anniversary: Jacob Stevens; John Dillon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY :

Georgia Young, Eve Zarra, Steven Hann, Callum Porritt,
Brad Smith, Jacqui Giuliano

BAPTISMS:

Alora Miga, daughter of Monalisa & Gary Schellebeck
Emilio Parente, son of Kristina & Michael Parente
Angela Boyce, daughter of Alisa Basa & Marle Boyce
Payden Theo, son of Priscilla & Collin Sequeira

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Wed., Nov. 21 at 7.30pm: Pastoral Committee



As this bulletin is being printed, the St. Simon's Family Fun Fete of 2018 is still 20 hours away. The weather forecast is positive, twenty degrees and sunny, with most logistical arrangements in place.

Next week's report will be more detailed, and will include raffle results and an overall assessment of what will, please God, have been a "Great Fete".

Irrespective of the financial return, or even the odd "issue" that can sometimes arise despite the best plans and preparation, there is no doubting the competence and dedication of the Committee. Some of whom have been working on the Fete every day for weeks and, in some cases, throughout the year so as to ensure our first Fete since 2014 is a success.

Personal safety, food preparation, infrastructure, publicity, volunteers, helpers on the day, people who gave things and made things and built things and who brought friends along and came up with a good idea ... what a list!

Our school has always been deeply involved in the St. Simon's Fete over the years, but especially so this year. Thank you to our school leaders, staff, families and students who have all given great support.

Thanks to one and all.

Fr Kevin Dillon

CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENING

This year, all parishioners are invited to share with the St. Simon's School community in the Carols Evening, to be held in the school grounds on Friday, December 7 from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Bring a picnic tea, maybe a folding chair or two. This is a wonderful way to share the spirit of Advent and Christmas as a total parish family. See you there!

NEW PEWS AT ST. SIMON'S

We have now received more than 80 "Expressions of Interest" forms for Memorial Plaques on the proposed new pews for St. Simon's Church. Those who have "expressed interest" are now being contacted to make a specific Order for a Plaque. Please contact the Parish Office if you returned an Expression of Interest form but have not been contacted regarding placing a formal Order. More "Expressions of Interest" are most welcome.

PARISH CENTRE PROGRESS

Yes, we know it's slow, even at a standstill! But we're playing "catch-up" with new regulations not in place when the project began and the delays are for permits etc. It is not anticipated that these will cause any major budget "blow-out", and we expect to have work recommencing in December. In the meantime, it's been handy to have an area to store the Fete donations! Thanks for your patience, but we'll get there and the result will be worth the wait.

PARISH COUNCIL:

If you have ideas, suggestions or comments to put to the Council email to: parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au Please ensure you include your name and a contact phone number. A Parish Council member will respond to your email as soon as possible.

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.



MINI BUS ROSTER

New Mini Bus Driver Rosters to pick up passengers are available at the Help Desk.

MEDITATION

Meditation is held in the Chapel every Wednesday at 10:00am, except for the first Wednesday of every Month. The next session will be on the 21st Nov.

ST. SIMON'S TEAM: RELAY FOR LIFE 2019

4pm Sat. 16th March to 10am Sun. 17th March

We need a team of 10-15 from St. Simons to make it viable across the 18 hours.

Please register your interest by contacting either:

Peter Evans: peter_evans@netspace.net.au, 0427 511 037
or
Gisella Koroknai: gkoroknai@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au,
0403 454 002,

We will meet before the end of 2018.

5th Annual Women's Network Dinner Celebrating Christmas around the World

Thursday, 29th Nov 7.30pm

Cabaret Function Room - Village Green Hotel.

Cost: \$50.00 - 3 Course Dinner.

RSVP by 26th November

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

Christina Sorbello - 0408 355 527;

Elsa Lapiz - 0421 287 706;

Josie Di Fabriizio - 0423 920 442

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

You are invited to donate a gift to make Christmas a little brighter for a child (ages 1 to 16). The "Giving Christmas Tree" will be at the Sanctuary on the weekends of Dec. 8 / 9, and 15 / 16.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Sessions led by

Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano.

For more details please contact the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or office@stsimonsparish.com.au

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

'Footsteps of Faith': Encountering the Christian Tradition
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Information Session: Sat. 24 Nov. 11.00 - 1.00 pm

RSVP: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314
E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au



COLLECTIONS: November 11, 2018

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Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$2295.00	84.8%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		



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First reading

Daniel 12: 1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Second reading

Hebrews 10: 11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel

Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



Next Week's Readings
Our Lord JESUS CHRIST,
KING of the UNIVERSE
Dan 7: 13-14; Apoc 1: 5-8; Jn 18: 33-37

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