



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## November 25th 2018 - Feast of Christ the King

### PARISH PERSONNEL

#### PARISH PRIEST:

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#### PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tues, Thurs)  
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#### SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wednesday)

#### BUSINESS & FINANCE:

Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thurs)  
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Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)  
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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.



"This goes with this goes with that!" and "One thing leads to another" are phrases used to describe a common experience of how connected ideas, plans, experiences often turn out to be.

A few weeks ago, an invitation was extended to parishioners to "express interest", should they wish, in purchasing a "Memorial Plaque" to be placed in prayerful

memory of loved ones on proposed new pews in our church. The significant response (around 100 so far) to that invitation means that the cost of \$100,000 for the 50 new upholstered pews can be covered through a loan of half the projected cost.

The interest in the pews raised the possibility of new carpet, especially with the current carpet being "lumpy" and significantly worn in some areas. Then some people asked "Can we do something about the lighting, both on the Sanctuary and in the body of the church?" And with summer near, the thought of sweltering Saturday nights and Sunday mornings in the church becomes uncomfortably real. "Any chance we could cool the church - even just a little bit?"

Well yes, we knew we could probably do most, if not all these things, so long as if we're careful and wise with our planning and spending. And this past Tuesday, the manufacturer of the pews advised that some major orders would mean that he probably couldn't work on our pews until mid-2019 at the earliest. Disappointing? Well, a little, but it gives us more time to plan the total project and ensure we get the best result, and at the right price.

So we're seeking to form a "Church Refurbishment Committee" to oversee this important project. Liturgy, aesthetics, practicality and affordability all need to be linked to make everything work. "This goes with this goes with that!"

Who should be on that Committee? Maybe you can suggest someone who might have relevant skill or experience - either as a Committee member or in a consultative way. The Parish Council will also be involved, but a skilled Refurbishment Committee will hopefully combine the knowledge and wisdom of valuable people, who know about carpets, lighting, colour fabrics, liturgy, etc. etc.

We need to do this well - but without spending a fortune. A form at the Help Desk gives you a chance to nominate someone you believe can be a valuable contributor and help get this important project on its way and bring it to a successful completion, hopefully within the next twelve months.

We have a terrific parish and a great church. Let's do our best to enhance our church with taste, practicality and beauty for at least the next 25 years. And we can all be a part of it.

If you believe you can help this important project, at the Help Desk there is a form to allow you, if you wish to **(a)** nominate someone whom you believe can help, plus provide guidance, skill or administrative expertise for this project, and/or **(b)** put forward any suggestion you think might be helpful in refurbishing our church for its next 25-plus years.

## Rosters for weekend of 1st & 2nd December 2018

Mass Time	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader Commentator</b>	Olivia Condina-Hibon Peter Pereira	Neela Tatanell Brian Philp	Alysha Rose'Meyer Annabel Henriques	Pilar Danlag Estela Banac
<b>Altar Society</b>	Desiree Sargent & Deepthi Perera		<b>Flowers</b> Sally Ann	
<b>CLOW</b>	Anita/ M Mandarino	N/A	Ewa Toomey	Karen Beyrooti
<b>Help Desk</b>	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Denise Hart
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Nicole Saldutto, Sharon Melder, Vincent Pius, Victor Dare			
<b>Counters</b>	Imelda Evans, Michael Fernando & Brian Philp			
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Fiona Gonsalvez		<b>Bus Driver</b>	Brian Crowley
<b>Homily Typist</b>	Michelle Goh			

### PARISH DIARY

#### Monday Nov. 26

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)  
7.30pm: Prayer Group (Chapel)

#### Tuesday Nov. 27

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)  
7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

#### Wednesday Nov. 28

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)  
10.00am: Meditation  
12.00pm: Sacrament Catch-up 4 (Church)

#### Thursday Nov. 29

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### Friday Nov. 30

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### Saturday Dec. 1

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)  
11.30am: Baptisms  
6.00pm: Vigil Mass (Church)

#### Sunday Dec. 2

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



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FANTASTIC SUPPORT!

Last weekend's Family Fun Fair was everything we hoped, prayed and worked for. Perfect weather, crowds galore, great atmosphere, everyone "chipping in" to do their bit. The excellent financial result will make a big difference to our School, and will also kick-start our capacity to fund some improvements for our church.

How do we say "Thank You" to the enormous number of people who made it happen? Mission Impossible! Those who were in everything and truly made it happen are the first to say "Don't mention or print my name!" They are the Committee, the Stall Captains, the Service Captains, the givers of stock to be sold, the food makers, the brochure deliverers.... so many who did what they could and came, or brought others. Thank you, one and all, A great parish day, a great community day, a wonderful "Family Fun Fete" day.

#### Congratulations to the Raffle Prize Winners!

**1st Prize** | Gift Cards to value \$2000 ..... **Shane Parson**  
**2nd Prize** | Tool Trolley ..... **Daz**  
**3rd Prize** | Laptop ..... **Prue Smith**  
**4th Prize** | Travel Voucher \$1000 ..... **Mary Wood**  
**5th Prize** | \$500 Gift Card ..... **Monica Kuek**  
**6th Prize** | \$500 Gift Card ..... **Neville Dragividge**

**SIGNS** were so helpful. They were everywhere! But we need them back for next year. Please return asap to the Foyer, Parish or School Office.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Thursday Nov 29 at 7.00pm: Finance Committee

**DECEMBER ANOINTING MASS** will be on **Friday December 14 at 10 am** (not the usual 1st Friday. Note change of time to 10am this month only. Seniors Christmas Morning Tea (with "live" music, inc. carols) to follow.

#### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

**Recent Death:** Caterina Bernabo (mother of Anna Morgan); Alma Salinas (Cornelia Calimlim's niece)  
**Anniversary:** Chitra Perumal

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Roshenka Roche, Natalie Zaher, Lucas Dalle Nogare, Simon Sakkal, Sophie Orbien, Tony Orbien, Rey Soriano, Jacob Biviano, Mervyn de Silva, Eddie Zaher, Mohan Rajasingam, Aira Belisario, Sean Solari, Ben Noonan, Taylor Cole, Ed Nicdao, Dwayne Cramer, Melinda Francis.

## 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!

## DAILY MASS MEMORIAL BOOK.

Submitted names will be read on the appropriate anniversary at weekday Mass. Just complete the form in the seats and hand it in with any collection, or at the Help Desk.

## NEW PEWS AT ST. SIMON'S

We have now received more than 90 "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 yet been contacted regarding placing a formal Order. More "Expressions of Interest" are most welcome.

## SUGGESTION BOX

If you have ideas, suggestions or comments to put to the Council email to: [parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au), or place a "Suggestion Form" in the "Suggestion Box" at the Help Desk. Please ensure you include your name and a contact phone number.

## CRAFT GROUP

A special thank you for all donations of knitted items, setting up and ladies who gave of their time on Fete Day. Stall Captain Melanie to acknowledges the tremendous effort of the craft team, who worked tirelessly every Tuesday making a variety of items & contributing to sewing the aprons worn by all on Fete Day. Raffle Ticket no.B46 Purple for doll donated by Margaret won by Joan, Congrats!  
Thanks to all, see you in 2019!  
*Craft Group Co-ordinator, Melanie Jacobs*

## RED WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 28 November, 7.30pm  
Forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne  
Interfaith gathering and the Cathedral will be floodlit in red in solidarity with all facing religious persecution around the world.  
Inquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au) **ALL WELCOME**

## PLENARY COUNCIL GATHERING ST SIMON'S PARISH

THURSDAY NOV 29TH—7.30PM

GUEST SPEAKER: JACQUI GIULIANO  
(From the AOFE)

Please don't miss this opportunity :  
Come and learn more about the Plenary Council, listen to what others have to say about the future of God's Church in Australia, and share your own aspirations. Let us be actively involved in the process of allowing the Spirit to guide our Church.  
Jesus says: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27 .  
It is helpful if you sign at the Help Desk.



## ST SIMON'S GARDEN GROUP

For many years, a small group of parishioners have been maintaining the beautiful gardens around our church. They need some "new blood" to ensure the gardens continue to enhance our church. They work on Thursday mornings, 9.00am to 12 noon. Contact Brian Dalton on 0419 349 382 for more information.

## AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ASRE) REGISTRATION

**Tuesday, 4 December 4.00-5.00pm in Church Foyer**  
Please invite any children that you may know of in the state schools who would like to participate in this programme as prerequisite into the sacramental programme for 2019.

We are also looking for volunteers to teach the programme. Please contact Rosetta Scheepers on 0408 884 867 for more details.

## 5th Annual Women's Network Dinner

**Thursday, 29th Nov 7.30pm**, Cabaret Function Room - Village Green Hotel. \$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 Fabrizio - 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.

Support S.V.D.P. by purchasing our S.V.D.P. Xmas Cards: \$7.50/ 8pk, Columbian Calendars: \$9.  
Also for sale are activity sets and other Xmas Items.

## COLLECTIONS: November 18th, 2018

**Presbytery** \$1,564.50  
**Loose donations** \$ 431.20

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	\$1,826.60	84.6%



**November 25th 2018**  
**Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE**

**First reading**

**Daniel 7:13-14**

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**Second reading**

**Apocalypse 1:5-8**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Gospel**

**John 18:33-37**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'



*Next Week's Readings*  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
*Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. KEVIN!!!***

*Wishing you good health and success in all your plans to build our parish. God bless you!*

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