



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tues, Thurs)

Mrs Abbie Ferdinands (Mon, Wed, Fri)

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wednesday)

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thurs)

Mr Lee Chew (Monday)

SECRETARIES:

Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Christina Liew (Thurs, Fri)

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:

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.

January 13th 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord



A public commemoration service will be held tomorrow to mark the 50th anniversary of the devastating Lara and Little River fires.

On January 8 1969, fires swept through the region, destroying homes and landmarks, including Lara Lake Primary School, petrol station, the Holy Trinity Church and Grain Silos.

18 people were also killed, including 17 motorists, who died on the Princes Highway as they left their cars in dense smoke and tried to flee the fire on foot. Lara CFA First Lieutenant Roger Buckle says it left a trail of destruction.

"It was said by one of the police officers at the time that he could drive from the point of origin all the way to the bay without coming across a single obstacle. In other words all of the fences had gone, all of the buildings had gone, it was devastation."

Following the fires, he says it took years for the community to recover, and there are still signs of what happened today.

"Geelong Advertiser", Jan. 7

Fifty years ago last Tuesday, staff in the Casualty Ward (Emergency) of St. Vincent's Hospital listened to an incredible story. Patient after patient recounted how a huge fire at Lara had engulfed the Geelong Rd. 17 of the 18 lives lost on that day of scorching temperatures and searing winds were those who had abandoned their cars, while those who had stayed in their cars when the fire jumped the Princes Highway survived.

In a fortnight's time, we will remember and pray as the tenth anniversary of the tragic Black Saturday fires is commemorated. Many, probably most of us remember the day vividly, and the horror the next day as the tragic loss of life and property became public news. Ironically, the most well-known victim of the fires was Brian Naylor, who for 30 years had brought TV news to Victorians on both Channels 7 and 9.

As the Black Saturday anniversary commemorations unfold over the next couple of weeks, let us prayerfully remember the 120 who died, their loved ones, and those who lost so much and have struggled since to rebuild their lives.

But let us also pray for those who keep us safe now, and who risk their lives every summer in fighting bushfires. Too readily we take them for granted.

The movie "Only the Brave" (released in 2018 and available on Netflix) is a moving, overwhelming and accurate dramatisation of a fire which just five years ago claimed the lives of 19 firefighters in Arizona. The riveting and graphic climax of the movie demonstrates both the ferocity of a bushfire and the amazing rapidity with which it can travel. No wonder we often hear the warning that there can be times when there is no way a fire can be "outrun".

That "Only the Brave" is set in Arizona makes no difference. Just one viewing will guarantee we won't pass by the CFA Station in Wellington Rd. without a recognition of how these brave firefighters can and will risk their lives on our behalf at any time when required. Please God that they will not be required to put their lives at risk this (or any other) summer. But we should be deeply grateful to them, knowing that, if necessary, they can, and will do just that.

May God bless and keep safe all of them.



< Geelong Rd., Jan. 8, 1969

Rosters for weekend of 19th & 20th January 2019

Mass Time	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader Commentator	Keely Williams Kaye Williams	Peter Kean Phil Mawdsley	Michael Toomey Peter Evans	Christina Liew Cornelia Calimlim
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield		Flowers: Jackie Devienne	
CLOW	NO CLOW	NO CLOW	NO CLOW	NO CLOW
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Volunteer	Julie Cosentino
Church Cleaning	John & Anne Duhau, Kongolo Kalumba			
Counters	Peter Evans, Michael Fernando & Brian Philp			
Mass Recorder	Rick Foster		Bus Driver	Vincent Pius
Homily Typist	Sunita Nazareth			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Jan. 14

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Tuesday Jan. 15

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Please note: NO 7.00pm Mass this week (resumes Tue, 22 Jan 2019)

Wednesday Jan. 16

9.15am: Mass (Church)
10.00am: Meditation (Chapel)

Thursday Jan. 17

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday Jan. 18

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday Jan. 19

9.15am: Mass (Church)
9:45am: Reconciliation
6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday Jan. 20

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Death: Ronald (Ronnie) Mortimer

Anniversary: Giuseppina Natoli, Vittorio Mastromanno, Michele Simonet, Francesca Bertone, Cecylia Mataska, John Mataska, Sydney Jean-Francois

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our faith community:

Liliana York, daughter of Nicholas & Danieka Marollas
Havana Indie, daughter of Andrew & Monica Ryan
Chloe & Sophie, children of David & Lisa Bellion
Isabelle Anne, daughter of Michael & Lauren Bilotto
Charlotte, daughter of Andrea & David Haley

GARAGE SALE

The Garage Sale scheduled for January 28 has been postponed to March.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

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 our welcoming team will be in touch.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Asthley Allas, Elizabeth Polec-Drozdz, Sharon Yeoh, Nerea Cristanelli, Rachel Giulier, Dylan Bernardo, Paul Sakkal, Jeremy Lim, Cathy Mastromanno, Bernadine Archer, Andrew William, Genieve Shedden, Rosa Deol, Damian Biviano, Abbey Goulet

BIRTHDAY BOOK

We have our parish "Birthday Book" at the Help Desk.

If you would like your Birthday displayed in our weekly Bulletin, please write your name clearly on your birthday date page.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who assisted in the preparation of our Christmas liturgies, especially our Pastoral Associates Loretta Hughes and Abbie Ferdinands for their overall co-ordination of so many events. Also thanks to the many who helped prepare the Church. Sanctuary, the Crib and Christmas Tree. Our three Choirs made a fantastic contribution, together with the Mass Captains, Readers, Special Ministers, computer operators, and so many others who generously assisted whenever and wherever needed.

On a personal note, thank you to the many parishioners who have been so caring and generous with cards, gifts, and messages, all of which are deeply appreciated. It may not be possible for me to thank you personally as I should, but I do want you to be aware of my gratitude.

Fr. Kevin Dillon

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



If you have expressed an interest, or, would like to join our catechist team in 2019, please contact Rosetta on 0408 884 867, or the Parish office.

If you know of any child from Grade 2 to Grade 6 who would like to be a part of the program please contact Rosetta.

Participation in the program is an essential component of the Parish Sacramental Program. Classes commence on the 5th Feb. 2019, meeting in the Church foyer at 4.pm.



MEDITATION

The parish is currently running a Meditation Session every Wednesday except for the first week of the month at 10am in the Chapel after morning Mass.

We would also like to offer a Meditation Session at 2:30pm on a week day before school pick up.

If anyone is interested in any of the two sessions, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the parish office.

All Welcome.

MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP

Commences 11 Feb at 7:30pm in the Chapel.
All Welcome!

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@sferntreegully.catholic.edu.au

LECTOR TRAINING

Monday Jan 21 at 7.00pm in the church. Please register your name and phone number at the Help Desk if you'd like to attend.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT COMMITTEE

The Help Desk has forms to help you put forward suggestions as to membership of this Committee or as to items to be addressed to help our place of worship be the best it can be across the next 25 years.

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.

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

PALMS AUSTRALIA is a Catholic organisation which has been sending volunteers on mission for over 50 years. Palms global volunteers mentor and exchange skills in countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

Join a Palms Encounter in 2019:

Timor Leste Apr. 7-19; Samoa Jun. 7-19;

Timor Leste Sept.1-13; Myanmar Nov. 16-28.

For details, please call (02) 9518 9551.

PLANNING A TRIP TO SYDNEY?

Why not stay at Mary MacKillop Place, in the heart of North Sydney!

30 minutes from the Airport, close to Ferries, Trains, Sydney Harbour foreshore, Opera House and more!

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LITURGY MEETING

22 Jan at 5.00pm in the Parish Office

COLLECTIONS: January 6th, 2019

Presbytery \$1245.35
Loose donations \$420.75



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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$1923.65	84.2%
\$3,570.34	\$3267.25	91.5%
\$6,120.65	\$5425.32	88.6%

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

January 13th 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the
Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid
low.

Let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

*Next Weeks Readings:
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)
Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11*

Second reading

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good.

But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



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