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Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tues, Thurs)

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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:

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 20th 2019 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A summit at the Vatican to address child sexual abuse will include both a penitential liturgy and testimonies from survivors. The meeting will include plenary sessions, working groups and time for communal prayer while listening to the personal testimonies of abuse survivors. Though there will also be a penitential liturgy during the three-day gathering, which will conclude with Mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

According to a Vatican communique yesterday, Pope Francis assured the committee that he would be present for the entirety of the summit. He has chosen a former Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, to be moderator for the plenary sessions.

Called by Pope Francis to address the current global clerical sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church, the summit has drawn some 180 people from around the world, including the presidents of every episcopal conference, abuse survivors and superiors of religious communities. The four-person organising committee, personally selected by Pope Francis, includes Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago; Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta, who once served as the Vatican's leading prosecutor on child abuse; Jesuit Fr Hans Zollner, a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, and Cardinal Oswald Gracias of Mumbai, who serves on Francis's council of cardinal advisors. “

Cath News”, Thursday January 17

The crisis which has occasioned a 3-day Papal “summit” next month is not of recent origin. It is now forty years since the sexual abuse of children within the Catholic Church first began to be recognised as the atrocious scandal that it is. Here in Australia, Parliamentary Inquiries in Victoria and New South Wales, and an Australia-wide Royal Commission have brought the issue into the light it deserves. But the disgrace remains unaddressed, and any chance of restoring faith and trust in “the Church” still seems as remote as ever.

Hence next month's Vatican summit.

Any “restoration of faith” will remain a distant hope unless and until the entire Church recognises the life-long damage done to those who trusted Church personnel who were not, on any level, to be trusted. And too often, over decades, Church authorities ignored complaints, and children who should never have been hurt were damaged forever.

So how come the situation has not improved, and 40 years on, a Vatican summit is needed?

While the issue might be wide-ranging, there is one simple answer: somehow the Church, across the globe, has failed to understand that a spiritual, pastoral and practical “ministry” to those who have been so savagely affected - along with their families - is the basic starting-point. But after 40 years, they're still waiting.

The Catholic Church has wonderful ministries to wounded, struggling people - refugees, prisoners, the blind, the deaf, migrants, AIDS sufferers, cancer patients and many more..

But where is the ministry to those whose lives have been wrecked within the Church itself? There is much emphasis, and rightly so, on future “child protection” and “professional standards”. But what becomes of those who were *not* protected, and who will carry the effects of that lack of protection to their graves?

Will the Vatican “summit” call for the best resources of the Church, spiritual and financial, to be used for this purpose? Sadly, there is little to indicate such a momentous move is about to become reality. But without a true ministering of both justice and the love of Jesus for those so tragically betrayed, the plight for both the victims and the total Church can only increase.



Rosters for weekend of 26th & 27th January 2019

Mass Time	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader Commentator	Volunteer Volunteer	Cedrik Fick Brian Philp	Evans Family Reg Emons	Rick Foster Zita Ragg
Altar Society	Elaine Gannon & Linda Eksteen		Flowers: Jackie DeVienne	
No CLOW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Help Desk	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Mary Russo
Church Cleaning	Nicole Saldutto, Sharon Melder, Vincent Pius, Victor Dare			
Counters	Ed & Ming Nicdao, Armando & Cion Romana, Edna Alvarez & Vicky Quiambao			
Mass Recorder	Zoe Evans		Bus Driver	Brian Crowley
Homily Typist	Janet Forster			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Jan. 21

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Tuesday Jan. 22

9.15am: Mass (Church)

7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

Wednesday Jan. 23

9.15am: Mass (Church)

10.00am: Meditation (Chapel)

Thursday Jan. 24

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday Jan. 25

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday Jan. 26

9.15am: Mass (Church)

9:45am: Reconciliation

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday Jan. 27

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Death: Piedro Iannazzo

Anniversary of Death:

Salvatore Lancuba, Amelia Wilkins,
Michael Sheehan, Jennifer Mawdsley,
Philomena Ling

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

MEETING / TRAINING:

Lector Training - Mon. Jan 21 at 7.00pm, Church

Liturgy Meeting - Tue. Jan 22 at 5.00pm, Parish Office

Finance Meeting - Thu. Jan 24 at 5.30pm, Parish Office

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.

ROSTERS AVAILABLE AT THE HELP DESK

If you have misplaced your roster, or needing a copy, please ask at help desk.

PIETY STALL

If you would like to purchase a Columban Calendar.
Original price was \$9.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Madeleine Giuliano, Robert Desfosses, Geinan Zhu,
Sarah Vierqever, Peter Duggan, Alysha Wanigaratne,
Yvonne Muspratt, Chantel Perez, Brittany Marasco,
Jack Sloan, Margaret Meier, Jude Fernando,
Carmel Defrece, Matthew Dalle-Nogare



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 Feb 5, 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. We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month. All Welcome!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Next meeting: **Thursday Feb 21 at 2.00pm.**

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. Kindly drop them at the Help Desk or the Parish Office.

We meet at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

If you love to knit or crochet and enjoy a chat and a cuppa, please call Elaine on 0408 560 288 or Cheryl on 0448 433 255.

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.

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:

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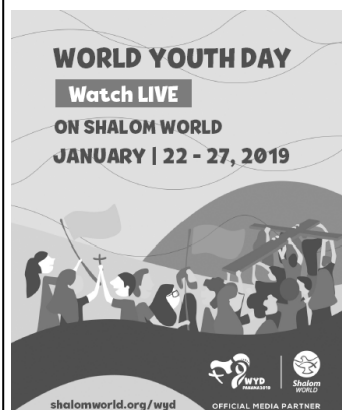
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January 20th 2019 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the
Lord,

a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of
tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these
are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes
different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother
of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also
been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine
provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of
Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said
'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His
mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'
There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for
the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each
could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the
servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to
the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to
the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water,
and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came
from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew –
the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People
generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper
sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have
kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was
given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his
disciples believed in him.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there
are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same
Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different
people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.
The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each
person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of
preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another
may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the
same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same
Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one
Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy;

*Next Week's Readings:
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27;
Luke: 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

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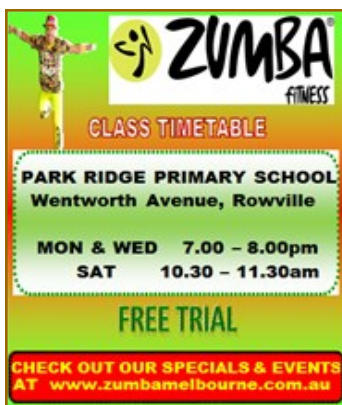
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