



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

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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

Tuesday 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 27th 2019 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Australia Day is at the end of January. School resumes at the start of February. Ash Wednesday is only 5 weeks away. The year will be gone before we know it!

For our parish community of St. Simon's, 2019 will hopefully prove to be a year of genuine progress for each of us as we try to live better the Gospel of Jesus. But, please God, that spiritual progress will also be accompanied by some significant positive steps in how we operate as a parish community.

Some of these steps (hopefully) will be:

Completion of the Parish Centre: We expect work to begin within the next ten days, and take about ten to twelve weeks to complete. The expanded Office, Eucharistic Chapel, Hall, Cinema and Meeting Room will all be effective ways through which we build not only our parish community, but our links with the wider community around us. The project has had its unavoidable delays (most building projects do!), but the wait will prove to be worth it.

Church Refurbishment: The newly-formed Church Refurbishment Committee will examine the necessary details of installing new pews and carpet, improving the lighting, and "tweaking" the audio-visual system. The parish will be kept well-informed as the project progresses and financial viability will be a priority. The subscriptions to the "Pew Memorial Plaques" initiative, combined with the excellent efforts made last year to put the Fete "on the map" have made these improvements financially possible.

Thanksgiving: It is standard procedure for Thanksgiving Campaigns to have a mini-renewal after 18 months. Thanksgiving donations make up 70% of our parish income. While our 2016 campaign has held its ground for 3 years, a "boost" in contributions can help us to deliver better the services sometimes taken for granted. Wage costs, maintenance and service expenses increase all the time. (Have your power bills gone up? So have ours!). So we'll be asking everyone to help a little more if they can. That proverbial "cup of coffee" each week from everyone would make all the difference. Details in mid-February.

Parish Office: Our new Business Manager, Peter Evans, is working with the office and pastoral team to improve efficiency in parish administration so as to better support you, our parishioners. After consultation with the team, Peter and I believe that from Monday February 4, the Office should be open to serve the needs of parishioners from Tuesday to Friday each week, but be *closed on Mondays*. Staff may be in the office on Mondays but they need some time, without the "normal" interruptions, to work on our major pastoral and building projects, as well as implement parish administration improvements. We are asking you to make "normal" business and enquiries from Tuesday to Friday. I will be available, of course, on my mobile (0421 777 360) for anything urgent. We ask for your understanding and co-operation with this small change.

Lots more to talk and write about, including the "2020" Plenary Council opportunities for our parish, but maybe that's enough for now. Keep in touch with any questions or suggestions you may have pertinent to any of the above.

God bless and Happy Australia Day!

Fr. Kevin Dillon

Rosters for weekend of 2nd & 3rd February 2019

Mass Time	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader Commentator	Alex Van Rheenen Graeme Smith	Phil Mawdsley Cedrik Fick	Seamus O'Connor Lanny Pincott	Buena Dinuzzo Christina Liew
Altar Society	Desiree Sargent & Deepthi Perera		Flowers: Nilmini	
No CLOW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Help Desk	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Maria-Anne Duthil	Lorenza Spano
Church Cleaning	Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, George Kertesi, Mike Joseph			
Counters	Carmel De Frece, Rupert Ferdinands, Guylaine Ardley, Tony Scarnivel			
Mass Recorder	Peter Evans		Bus Driver	Kevin Rose' Meyer
Homily Typist	Sonya Rose' Meyer			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Jan. 28

10.00am: Mass (Church) - **Public Holiday - please note time change**

Tuesday Jan. 29

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

Wednesday Jan. 30

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

Thursday Jan. 31

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday Feb. 1

9.15am: Anointing Mass (Church)
10.00am: Seniors Morning Tea (Chapel)

Saturday Feb. 2

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)
9:45am: Reconciliation (Church)
11.30am: Baptisms (Church)
6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday Feb. 3

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

TUESDAY NIGHT MASS: From time to time, the 7.00 pm Tuesday night Mass may need to be re-scheduled due to Fr. Kevin's unavailability and "supply" priests being sometimes difficult to find. Please refer to this section of the bulletin each week for any changes:

THIS COMING WEEK: Mass at 7.00pm, **Tuesday Jan 29**

NEXT WEEK: Mass at 7.00pm **THURSDAY, Feb 7**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Elizabeth Chuo; Bridget Dunstan (14 y.o)
Anniversary: Guido Pannone, Sydney Jean-Francois

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Annie Tie, Charlie Leonard, Susan Wong, Grace Do, Lulu Orbien, Raria De Mel, John Do, Monique Lovey, Brooke Felsing



MEETING / TRAINING

PPC Pastoral Meeting - Wed Jan 30 at 5.00pm, Office

ASRE Team Meeting - Thu Jan 31 at 7.00pm, Church

Special Ministers' Training - Tue Feb 5 at 7.30pm Church

WELCOMING MINISTRY

Volunteers required for 8.00am & 11.00am Mass times to welcome parishioners and hand out the Bulletin in the foyer. If you are interested to volunteer for this ministry, please leave your name and number at the Help Desk.

TRAINING FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Tues Feb 5 at 7.30pm in Church

Please register your name and contact number at the Help Desk if you would like to attend.

EMERGENCY MEALS

We are looking for volunteers to provide home cooked meals for parishioners in emergency situations. You may be called upon a few times a year.

If you would like to be included in the pool of volunteers to be called upon for this ministry, please leave your name and telephone number at the Help Desk.

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Most experience gained in the cosmetics industry working in South Africa, UK and Australia.

Types of roles: permanent through to volunteer work.

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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 Tue Feb 5, 2019, meeting in the Church foyer at 4.pm.

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.

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.

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INTER-PARISH WALK

Sat 23 Feb 2019, 1.45pm. Join us for a relaxed walk with other believers from surrounding parishes, share some coffee, cake and chat afterwards. Churchill National Park, (15 mins from Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre).

Rides can be arranged. More details to follow or call Nimmi 0413 135 889 or Mic 0412 260 406.

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World Day of Prayer Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking for the Universal Church

A vigil Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th February 2019 in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

ALL are MOST WELCOME

COLLECTIONS: January 20th, 2019

Presbytery \$1968.60
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Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$1978.50	84.3%

January 27th 2019 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has

arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



*Next Week's Readings:
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13;
Luke 4:21-30*

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