



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## PARISH PERSONNEL

### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Kevin Dillon

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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.

## February 3rd 2019 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gargasoulas sat quietly in the dock, bouncing his leg, as the families of some of the victims bravely told how his actions had changed their lives forever.

### BHAVITA PATEL, 33

Bhavita's father Ramesh said losing his only daughter had "shattered" his family and made them question their faith. He said they were asking: "Why was she taken away from us?"

He said it was hard to imagine there would be "no more celebrations of her successes and achievements. "She was the gel who kept our family together," he said.

The Deloitte financial consultant was in a coma for 10 days before succumbing to her injuries, with 50-plus people visiting her daily.

Her brother Mitesh, 32, said: "Losing my sister has left a gaping hole in my life. For so long I wished I could've taken her place".

He said he often can't sleep and motivation was hard to find. But he found some solace in knowing she had saved lives by donating her organs. "She changed lives even when she was gone," he said.

*"Herald Sun", Wed. January 30*



From time to time, most of us will come across people who, for whatever reason, are doing it tough emotionally. We may or may not be aware of why they're "in a mess". Some might talk about it, others won't say a word. Hopefully we're there with them, we listen when and if they talk. But how do we respond? What words do we use that can be of value?

Two responses, often used by concerned family or friends, may be understandable, but they can easily make things worse.

One of these is: "I know how you feel!". Well meant, maybe, but if it's not 100 per cent accurate, we should not be surprised if it is received with disdain or even anger.

Just as hazardous - even if well meant (as it can sometimes be) - is: "Get over it!". Such words might be meant as encouragement, but if the source of the distress is deep-seated trauma, then "getting over it" is not an option.

This week the Victorian community will acknowledge the tenth anniversary of the tragic "Black Saturday" fires of 2009. For countless people, the events of Feb. 7 will inevitably be resurrected in their memories, hearts and souls.

And again this week, those who are still suffering from the murderous Bourke St. rampage of two years ago will continue to recount their trauma, distress and grief to a Melbourne Court.

Police, firefighters, ambulance and other emergency personnel, and very much (lest we forget) our defence personnel are daily in harm's way - for us, for our safety, for our freedom, for our way of life.

Yet hardly ever will we know how they feel. And if we don't know how they feel, then "Get over it!", even if well-intentioned, is almost certainly not going to help.

Two years on from Bourke St., and ten years on from Black Saturday, the pain can be as deeply felt as ever.

## Rosters for weekend of 9th & 10th February 2019

Mass Time	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader Commentator</b>	Graeme Smith Helen Welsford	Phil Mawdsley Brian Philp	Alysha Rose Meyer Annabel Henriques	Pilar Danlag Estala Banac
<b>Altar Society</b>	Melanie Jacobs & Annie McNeill		<b>Flowers:</b> Nilmini	
<b>No CLOW</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Help Desk</b>	Abbie Ferdinands	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Rebecca Crellin, Mirella Louey, Marius Francis			
<b>Counters</b>	Helen Pongracic, Margaret & Gregory Carey, Noel Mulavey, Irene Law			
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Chad Cole		<b>Bus Driver</b>	Sibi Sebastian
<b>Homily Typist</b>	Michelle Goh			

### Parish Diary

#### Monday Feb. 4

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
1.00pm: Reflection Group (Chapel)

#### Tuesday Feb. 5

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
7.00pm: **NB: No Mass**

#### Wednesday Feb. 6

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### Thursday Feb. 7

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

#### Friday Feb. 8

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
11.30am: School Mass (Church)

#### Saturday Feb. 9

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)  
6.00pm: Mass (Church)

#### Sunday Feb. 10

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



**Weeknight Mass:** From time to time, the 7.00pm Tuesday night Mass may need to be rescheduled 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 on **Thurs. Feb. 7**

**Next Week:** Mass at 7.00pm on **Wed. Feb. 13**

### May they rest in peace

**Recent Death:** Renshaw Batson, Maurice Keogh

**Anniversary:** Philip Wallis

### Baptisms

**We welcome into our faith community:**

Liliana Marollas, daughter of Nicholas & Danieka Marollas

### Join a Lenten Group and Journey to Easter

SIGN UP AT THE HELP DESK  
PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF THE LENTEN BOOK AT  
\$8.00ea FROM THE LEADER OF YOUR GROUP  
We have 6 groups to choose from for your  
convenience.

You don't want to miss out on the audio spiritual direction by Sr Hilda Scott (OSB). Also a great opportunity to listen to reflections by Fr Sean Cullen, and several other inspiring religious and lay speakers. Any queries, please call Loretta at the parish office.

#### **Commencement dates:- (Weekly in the Chapel)**

Monday Mar 4 at 7.30pm

Tuesday Mar 5 at 7.30pm

Wednesday Mar 6 at 8.00pm after Ash Wed Mass

Thursday Mar 7 at 10.00am

Thursday Mar 7 at 7.30pm

Fri Mar 8 at 10.00am

Note: Regular Mon Afternoon group will be notified of times in due course

**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.

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*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.

### Happy Birthday

Shari Gilbert, Susan Smedley,  
Jordan Rajendran, Michael Giaccotto, Rowend Santos,  
Elissa Pirota, Jessica Rajasingam, Dean Eley,  
Alyssa Borovic

## 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.

### Position Wanted

Top-performing, solutions-driven manager with 20+ years' experience in leading new products and driving business opportunity across multiple markets and sectors.

An engaging, professional communicator with the ability to put others at ease.

Recently been made redundant - looking for roles across Sales, Marketing and/or Product Management. Most experience gained in the cosmetics industry working in South Africa, UK and Australia.

Types of roles: permanent through to volunteer work.  
Mobile: 0400 379 213

### 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.

### Monday Night Prayer Group

Commences Monday, Feb 11 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.

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.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is always in need of 8 ply wool donations - **Thank you so much for your recent donations.** They are very much appreciated!

### 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.

### Flower Arrangement Ministry – Volunteers Needed



If you are creative and would like to use your talents to do flower arrangement for the sanctuary, please leave your name and telephone number at the help desk.  
**TRAINING IS OFFERED.**

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

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

ALL are MOST WELCOME

### Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH) Carinya Respite Services

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### 2 day "Kids Empowerment" Community Workshops

Sat Feb. 9/ Sun Feb. 10 from 1pm to 4pm (Foyer)  
Interested please call Yolanda on 0432 477 021

## COLLECTIONS: January 27th, 2019

Presbytery \$1694.65  
Loose donations \$393.60



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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$1680.30	84.1%
\$3,570.34	\$3259.99	91.3%
\$6,120.65	\$5415.22	88.5%

**Thank you for sharing your treasure.**

## February 3rd 2019 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First reading

**Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19**

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying:

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

'So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them  
all I command you.  
Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

'I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you –  
it is the Lord who speaks.'

### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13**

#### The supremacy of charity

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must

fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

### Gospel

**Luke 4:21-30**

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?'

But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."'

And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



*Next Week's Readings:  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11;  
Luke 5:1-11*

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