



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tues, Thurs)

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Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wed)

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thurs)

Mr Lee Chew (Mon)

SECRETARIES:

Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Christina Liew (Thurs, Fri)

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL:

Mrs. Maree Fatouros (Acting Principal):

9755 4222

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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 (usually)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 9.45am

BAPTISMS:

First Sat 11.30am, Third Sun 12.30pm

WEDDINGS:

Contact Parish Office

ANOIDING 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 10th 2019 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



It's a long time since "Sound of Music's" Maria (played by Julie Andrews) first marched up to the forbidding front gates of Captain Von Trapp's mansion, having loudly sung along the way: *"I have confidence in confidence alone, I have confidence in ME!"*

"Confidence", and its first cousin "Trust" are most likely in short supply in Australia (and many other places) these days. The report

of the Royal Commission into Banking and Financial Services has left that industry in turmoil, with the public feeling bewildered and, in many cases, betrayed.

Another huge industry in Australia, horse-racing, is reeling from the heavy suspension of five-time premiership trainer Darren Weir. And sadly the Church, once the hallmark of public principles and standards, still has an enormous task ahead of it to clean up its own backyard.

Nonetheless, people still need the banks and will continue to use them. Punters will continue to put their "hard-earned" on the TAB and Sportsbet. And hopefully parishioners will still try to link with God through the Mass, Sacraments and so many other church-related elements of life. But probably not with the sort of "confidence", let alone "trust", of just a few years ago.

Against such a background, it's no easy task for a parish to request ongoing financial support from parishioners. Sure, you know buildings have to be maintained, services provided, wages and insurance paid, repairs undertaken, and required contributions sent to the Archdiocese. But can you have "confidence" that what you and fellow parishioners contribute is being wisely used? Be assured, the parish staff, Council, Finance Committee and I are all doing everything to ensure you can.

So, can projects with a financial commitment into the future be effectively funded without putting the parish in an unnecessarily risky financial position?

With a "mini" Thanksgiving Program beginning next weekend, these are legitimate questions. We are completing our Parish Centre? Great! We're refurbishing the church? Terrific! But can we afford these improvements?

The 15-year loan for the Parish Centre has been minutely examined by the Archdiocese, the Catholic Development Fund and the Parish Finance Committee. The \$45,000 per year repayments are manageable within the reasonable expectations of our current income, plus anticipated income from the Parish Centre.

The extent of our Church refurbishment will depend to some degree on the response to the coming campaign, the results of which will be clear within four weeks. What we can't afford, we won't do. But an average of \$2-\$3 increase per week from all contributors - the proverbial "cup of coffee" would make an enormous difference.

You will hear more details next week. In the meantime, please be assured that you can truly have both "confidence" and trust" in the way your financial support of our parish is being administered.

Fr. Kevin Dillon, Parish Priest

Rosters for weekend of 16th & 17th February 2019

Mass Time	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader	Olivia Condina-Hibon	Brian Philp	Stephen White	Terry Redden
Commentator	Peter Pereira	Phil Mawdsley	Peter Evans	Pia Pagotta
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Volunteer	Julie Cosentino
CLOW	Anita Mandarino	N/A	Ewa Toomey	Melinda Costanzo
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield		Flowers:	Rosanna Almojera
Mass Recorder	David West		Homily Typist:	Sunita Nazareth
Bus Driver	Lorraine Van Vloten			
Church Cleaning	Annette & Samuel Leveque, Antony Singarasa			
Counters	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian Harriss, Nirmala Andrew			

Parish Diary

Monday Feb. 11

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

Tuesday Feb. 12

9.15am: Mass (Church)
7.00pm: **NO MASS (Wed. 7 pm instead)**

Wednesday Feb. 13

9.15am: Communion Service –this week only (Chapel)
(Mass at 9am at Scoresby, 9.15am at Wheelers Hill and Ferntree Gully)

10.00am: Meditation
7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

Thursday Feb. 14

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday Feb. 15

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday Feb. 16

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

Sunday Feb. 17

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

Mass Time Changes: Please refer to this section of the bulletin each week for any changes:

This coming week:

Wednesday Feb. 13: Communion Service at 9.15am.
(Mass at 9am at Scoresby, 9.15am at Wheelers Hill and Ferntree Gully)

Wednesday Feb. 13: Mass at 7.00pm

Next Week: Tuesday Feb. 19: Mass at 6.30pm

May they rest in peace

Anniversary: Jeanette D'Rozario; William Callaghan

Meeting / Training

St. Vincent de Paul - Wed, Feb 13, 7.30pm (Parish Office)

Share the Care - Mon, Feb 18, 7.30pm (Chapel)

Parish Council - Tues, Feb 19, 7.00pm (School)

RCIA - Tues, Feb 19, 7.30pm (Chapel)

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community:

Reuben Ivan JOHN, son of Wendy & Matthew.
Giselle PUOPOLLO, daughter of Paul & Carmel.

Join a Lenten Group and Journey to Easter

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

Mon, Mar 4 at 7.30pm; Tue, Mar 5 at 7.30pm
Wed, Mar 6 at 8.00pm after Ash Wed Mass;
Thu, Mar 7 at 10.00am; Thu, Mar 7 at 7.30pm;
Fri Mar 8 at 10.00am

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

Happy Birthday

Brandon Marasco, Doreen Rajendran, Mark Giuliano,
James Fong, Hans Felsing, Marie Failla,
Katica Borovic, Paris Collins, Cabel Archer

Share the Care

Our first meeting for the year will be held on **Monday, February 18**. We will meet in the Chapel at 7:30pm.
Jill & Elaine

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM REVIEW

Our Stewardship (Thanksgiving) Program provides the core funding for our parish programs, staff and facilities, providing nearly 70% of our annual parish income. We will be giving you an update on the program over the next two weekends. You will hear about our current state and future plans and have the opportunity to review your existing contribution or join the program and become a new contributor.

THANK YOU for all you have done to date for our wonderful parish!

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

3 Kia cars to be won!

We are looking for volunteers to sell and collect tickets at each weekend Mass (2 volunteers at each Mass). If you are able to help over the next few weeks, please call Christina Liew on 0459 824 110.

Prayer Shawl Group

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

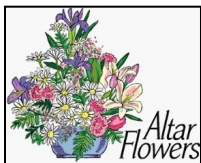
We gather together once a month for friendship and a cuppa whilst creating and wrapping shawls and rugs that are then passed on to those struggling with life.

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.

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 relaxing 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 0413 135 889 or Mic 0412 260 406.

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!

Pastoral Care Service:

'COMMUNION TO THE SICK'

Our pastoral team of around 18 Extraordinary Ministers provide Communion to the Sick and homebound in our Parish on weekdays and weekends. This is such a fulfilling time spent for all ministers to those in need and offering companionship and journeying through life together in God's grace. Should you or anyone you know like to receive Holy Communion at home,

Please leave details at the Help Desk.

"Creating a meaningful Community"

Thursday, Feb 21 at 7.30pm in St Simon's Church.
Speaker: Rose Marie Prosser PhD BSc (Hons), BTheol.
Dip Ed teaches at YTU.

Interested, please leave your name and number at the Help Desk to give us an indication of numbers attending.

Father Factor Series - Robert Falzon

Author of "*The Father Factor*" and CEO of *menALIVE Ministries* Australia will be presenting an evening at Mazenod College Mulgrave outlining the importance of intentional fathering in the healthy development of young men into adults AND how to take practical steps in that direction. All are welcome. This is a "no cost" event and no bookings are necessary. Contact Mr Joe Moore at Mazenod College on 9560 0911 for more information.

A night not to be missed particularly for any Dad who just wants to be a better father!

Where: Mazenod College, Kernet Cres Mulgrave,
Peter LeGrand Room.

When: 7.30 pm Wednesday, 13th February 2019.

Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH) Carinya Respite Services

If you or the person you care for needs a break, we welcome you to Carinya.

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COLLECTIONS: Feb 3rd, 2019

Presbytery \$1203.30
Loose donations \$108.10

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

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$1913.50	84.1%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		



February 10th 2019 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of
Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the

apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

*Next Week's Readings:
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26*

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