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Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thurs)

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Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)

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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

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 17th 2019 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A "heavy handed" council has banned children from playing basketball in their quiet street because of complaints from neighbours.

Bayside Council has threatened to dish out \$500 fines to the group of children playing on a portable basketball ring and tree swing they had set up in Beaumaris.

The play equipment had been purchased by a close-knit group of families to help keep their children active.

But following complaints, the council has cracked down on the children's outdoor play.

Mum Sofia Davis Dedes said she was shocked at the council's "heavy handed" response.

"We want our kids to be outside playing in the street on the weekends, not sitting inside watching the TV," she said. "I can't see why anyone would want to squash that".

Ms Dedes said claims that the basketball ring and swing had blocked access to the street were wrong.

Bayside Council said it would monitor the situation and try to work with locals to resolve the issue. City planning director Dr. Hamish Reid said safety was paramount.

Dr. Reid said the equipment owners had been made aware of the penalties for obstructing the roadway.

"Herald Sun", Mon. Feb. 11

Many older readers might recall when kids used the streets outside their homes as a playground. Cricket, football, "chasey" were always to be seen around the streets of Melbourne. From time to time, a shout went up: "Car!!" as a rare vehicle entered the bitumen playground, and the children scattered for a few seconds to allow the intruder through.

The reaction of children, parents, and many readers of the "Herald Sun" article at left would have been one of shrill criticism of the Bayside Council's clamp on children playing sport or games in the streets, even "dead end" courts.

The tough stance of the Council might seem an over-reaction. Yet the road tolls of yesteryear were three to four times higher than today, with far fewer cars on the roads. It might surprise us to discover that kids playing on the streets was a much more dangerous practice than might be thought.

Those "good old days" were truly good - simple, uncomplicated, friendly. But they were nowhere near as safe as they should have been, and death or serious injuries to children playing on the streets was far more common than most care to remember.

Councils receive a fair share of criticism. And while some may be well-deserved, theirs is not an easy task. Ratepayers and their families are not remote from constituents as are State and Federal Governments. Local government is what the name suggests: "local", and so many locals will have vastly differing opinions on what is best for their local community as a whole.

There are many issues about which we may have, and need to have, strong opinions. And we do! But sometimes we might need to think a little more widely. Maybe check our facts. Kids playing on the street? Great. But not necessarily a wise policy with drivers and children sharing the same "playing field".

There are two sides to many stories, and perhaps this is one of them. Perhaps there are many more. Sometimes we need to think twice before we "jump in" too quickly. The alternative view may sometimes be better, more accurate, more wise than our own.



Rosters for weekend of 23rd & 24th February 2019

Mass Time	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader	Terry O'Donnell	Peter Kean	Reg Emons	Nihal Mudalige
Commentator	Marita Murphy	Phil Mawdsley	Mike Toomey	Christina Liew
Help Desk	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Denise H/ Mary R
CLOW	Judy Clarisse	N/A	Rina Rose'meyer	Giuliano Family
Altar Society	Elaine Gannon		Flowers:	Rosanna Almojera
Mass Recorder	Fiona Gonsalvez		Homily Typist:	Janet Forster
Bus Driver	Stephen White			
Church Cleaning	Clara Gallo, Donna Lanzone, Ida Lancuba			
Counters	Michael & Margaret Ng, Aloysius Ting, Monica Kueh & Benedict Lim			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Feb. 18

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

Tuesday Feb. 19

9.15am: Mass (Church)
6.30pm: Mass (Church)

Wednesday Feb. 20

9.15am: Mass (Church)
10.00am: Meditation

Thursday Feb. 21

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday Feb. 22

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday Feb. 23

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

Sunday Feb. 24

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: Tuesday Feb. 19: **Mass at 6.30pm**

Next week: Tuesday Feb 26: **Mass at 7.15pm**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:

Vigil Mass: Tuesday March 5 at 7pm

Wednesday March 6 at 9.15am, 11.30am, 7.30pm.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Anniversary:

Les Ragg, Alain Frederic, Ann-Marie Frederic

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community:

Caiden Orwin, son of Danielle Kilgour
Giselle Puopollo, daughter of Paul & Carmel Puopollo

MEETINGS / TRAINING

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

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

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

Guest Speaker, Rosemary Prosser - Thu, Feb 21, 7.30pm (Church)

Help Desk Training - Fri, Mar 1, 6.00pm (Church)

Liturgy Committee - Tues. Mar. 5 at 7.30pm

JOIN A LENTEN GROUP AND JOURNEY TO EASTER

SIGN UP AT THE HELP DESK - you can purchase your Lenten Book from your Group Leader. You have 6 groups to choose from (**meeting weekly in the Chapel**)

Mon. Mar 4 at 7.30pm

(Above time for **Youth meeting in Parish Office**)

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

TRAINING FOR HELP DESK

Fri Mar 1 at 6.00pm in Church. Please register your name and number at the Help Desk if you can assist.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano

For more details please contact the Parish Office **9764 4058**.

Email: office@stsimonsparish.com.au.

MARRIAGE PREP BLESSING

Madeleine Giuliano & Dani Bednarski

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nathan Fernando, Mary Pereira, Clem Hill, Mathew Abraham, Reham Diaz, Tishan Lokuge, William Abeyanayake, Isabel Amoranto, Jarryd Sheeham, Nishan Joseph.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM REVIEW

Our Thanksgiving (Stewardship) Program provides the core funding for our parish programs, staff and facilities, and represents 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 do for our wonderful parish!

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

3 KIA cars to be won!

This year St Simon's are again participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle.

3 KIA sedans are the major prizes. There will also be 11 minor prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 Coles/Myer Gift cards. **Tickets are just \$2**, and every ticket sold generates \$1.50 for St Simon's.

Thanksgiving contributors are being asked to sell one book of 10 tickets, which are available as of this weekend in the foyer. All parishioners who are willing to help sell a book of tickets, or purchase tickets direct, can do so from the Raffle Volunteers at the Help Desk.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

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

We gather each 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 2.00pm 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.

SHARE THE CARE

Our first meeting for the year will be on **Mon. Feb 18.** We meet in the Chapel at 7.30pm - Jill & Elaine

OUR FLOWER MINISTRY & ALTAR SOCIETY NEED YOUR HELP

No experience needed. Training is provided. Please leave your name and phone number at the Help Desk.

INTER-PARISH WALK

Sat Feb 23 at 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 on 0413 135 889 or Mic on 0412 260 406.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2019

Relay for Life is a community fundraising challenge to raise much-needed funds for cancer research.

Teams commit to walking, rolling or running around a track to signify that cancer never rests, so neither do we.

St Simon's has set up a team for the Knox 2019 Relay for Life - to be held from 4.00pm on Sat March 16 to 10.00am on Sun March 17.

We invite you to either join our team, to donate to our team or to donate to one of the team members directly.

Go to this link: <https://secure.fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/SPageNavigator/homepage.html>

then select "Team" and type in "St Simons Striders", then follow that link and take action.

Queries to either Peter Evans (0427 511 037) or Gisella Koroknai (0403 454 002).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Date: Friday, 1st March 2019 @ 7.30pm.

Venue: Rowville Baptist Church, Le John St, Rowville.

Theme: Come - Everything is ready

Prepared by the women of Slovenia

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Boxes next to the font at the entrance in the foyer.

Please place the name of the sick person in the box provided.

These names will be transferred to the sick box next to the tabernacle and will be held in our prayers.

Please inform the parish office if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and desires to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing.

Pastoral Care Service:

'COMMUNION TO THE SICK'

Our pastoral team of around 18 Extraordinary Ministers provides Communion to the Sick and housebound in our Parish on weekdays and weekends. Should you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office or 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 who teaches at YTU, will speak and facilitate a discussion on how we at St. Simon's can build a stronger community, centred on Jesus, on our wider community and on each other as parish. This will be a most valuable means of entering more deeply into the spirit of the 2020 Plenary Council.

Everyone welcome. Please indicate your likely attendance at the Help Desk to assist our preparation for the evening.

COLLECTIONS: Feb 10th, 2019

Presbytery \$1471.90
Loose donations \$656.00



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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$ 3019.25	84.3%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

February 17th 2019 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the
Lord,

with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.



Gospel

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

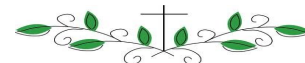
Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



*Next Week's Readings:
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15: 45-49
Luke 6: 27-38*

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