



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tues, Thurs)

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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:

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

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 24th 2019 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rates of injuries sustained in car accidents have been on the rise since 2001. There was an 8.6% increase in the number of hospitalised injuries in the time period from 2006 to 2013. **Injuries sustained in road accidents are 27 times higher than those of fatality rates and there are concerns that this number will continue to rise.** One possible cause for the increase in injuries is that the focus of transport safety technologies in Australia is on life-saving strategies rather than injury prevention. Reducing the severity of accidents on the road could be contributing to the reduction in fatalities but could be also responsible for the increase in injuries.

Injuries account for 40% of the total social cost of road crashes in Australia with money allocated between disability related costs, medical expenses and out of work productivity costs. **In 2016 the total costs came in over \$33 billion, a 22% increase from 2006.** It is hard to maintain accurate injury reporting across all states and territories, as some road crash injuries are not reported at all, treated only by paramedics or private doctors or are not admitted to hospital.

Budget Direct Website

Last Sunday, shortly after the 11.00 am Mass had concluded, an inordinate amount of traffic came along Taylors Lane past St. Simon's Church. Those vehicles had been diverted from Stud Rd., up Kelletts Rd. to Taylors Lane, due to an accident in Stud Rd. which had tragically taken the life of 17-year-old Nikkita Wells of Narre Warren, a passenger in one of the cars involved.

Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to her family, as they face life without a loved and cherished family member.

But in addition to the report on that horrific accident, Monday's "Herald Sun" also carried - as it does every day - the table on the road toll for this year's and last year's numbers were chillingly frightening.

By February 15 last year, 31 people had died on Victorian roads since January 1. But by February 15 *this* year (last Friday) 46 people had died.

That is an increase of 50%!

The 214 deaths on Victorian roads last year represented a record low. If the pattern of the first six weeks of this year is continued, that number would leap to 321 in the space of just 12 months!

So just six weeks after basking in the relative comfort of 2018 statistics, the wheels have started to fall off. Certainly, compared to the horrific 1,000-plus deaths of yesteryear, current figures might seem a considerable improvement.

But two things (at least) should never be forgotten: first, each death will traumatise, probably forever, a bereaved family for whom life will never be the same. And secondly, the "road toll", as publicised, deals only with loss of life. The figures for serious injury, often resulting in life-long disability and / or pain, may be twenty seven times the actual death toll. So an annual "road toll" of 300 becomes over 8,000 serious injuries! And if you think "serious" isn't all that serious, just ask someone with road trauma induced "serious injury".

So for everyone's sake, including our own and those we love, let's be careful out there.

Rosters for weekend of 2nd & 3rd March 2019

Mass Time	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader	Marita Murphy	Cedrik Fick	Anabel Henriques	Ricardo D'Rozario
Commentator	Alex Van Rheenan	Brian Philp	Tony Biviano	Cornelia Calimlim
Help Desk	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Marie-Anne Duthil	Lorenza Spano
CLOW	Abbie Ferdinands	N/A	Anabel Henriques	Felicity Hills
Altar Society	Desiree Sargent & Deepthi Perera		Flowers:	Mirella Louey
Mass Recorder	Kevin D'Rozario		Homily Typist:	Sonya Rose'meyer
Bus Driver	Derek Lobo			
Church Cleaning	Jeannette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley, Chona Alpay			
Counters	Anna Smith, Frances Bowker, Desiree Sargeant, Lorraine Van Vloten, John Duhau			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Feb. 25

9.15am: Mass (Church) - **Rosary after Mass**
7.30pm: Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday Feb. 26

9.15am: Mass (Church)
6.30pm: Prep Family Prayer Night (Church)
7.15pm: Mass (Chapel - note later start)

Wednesday Feb. 27

9.15am: Mass (Church)
10.00am: Meditation

Thursday Feb. 28

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday Mar. 1

9.15am: Anointing Mass (Church)
10.00am: Senior's Morning Tea (Chapel)



Saturday Mar. 2

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

Sunday Mar. 3

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: Tues. 26 Feb. Mass at **7.15pm**

Next week: Tues. 5 Mar. Ash Wed. Vigil Mass at **7.00pm**

ASH WEDNESDAY (Wed. March 6) is a day of Fast (one main meal, two smaller meals, applicable to those under 70 years) and Abstinence (from meat)

There will be Mass, including the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes, at St. Simon's on

Tuesday March 5 at 7.00pm (Vigil),

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Death: Emelda Antony, Carina Ubay.

Anniversary: Alain Frederic, Annie-Marie Frederic, Vanessa Edmond, Abelardo M Demetillo, Mary Ting Leh Kwong.

MEETING / TRAINING

Craft Group - Tue. Feb. 26, 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

RCIA - Tue. Feb. 26, 7.30pm (after Mass in Chapel)

Church Refurbish't C'ttee - Thu. Feb. 28, 5.30pm (Office)

Plenary Council C'ttee - Thu. Feb. 28, 7.00pm (Office)

Help Desk Training - Fri. Mar. 1, 7.00pm (Church Foyer)

Liturgy Committee - Tue. Mar. 5, 5.30pm (Parish Office)

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

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Tue. Mar 5 at 7.30pm (after Ash Wed Vigil Mass)

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

YOUNG VINNIES INFO. NIGHT - Pizza Dinner

This is your opportunity to make a difference to your local community! Come along to the Greater Dandenong Young Vinnies Info Night on Wednesday Feb. 27 at 7.00pm in St. Anthony's Gathering Space. It's a great opportunity to meet the current volunteers. A member from St. Vincent de Paul will be presenting an overview of how being involved in the conference provides benefits on a local and national scale. The group is aimed at people aged between 18-35. If you have any questions you can email us on: greaterdnong.yv.conf@svdv-vic.org.au

Pizza dinner will be provided!

Looking forward to seeing you! GDYV

BAPTISM

We welcome into our faith community:

Isabella Donnini, daughter of Adrian & Karen Donnini

Georgia Spiteri, daughter of Melinda & Kevin Spiteri

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marcus Dester, Belinda Tetley, Michael Zaher,
Cheryl Philp, Nikki Pecora, Mary Sheehan, Cheryl DeSilva,
Andrea Chin, Vijay Joseph, Keely Williams.

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 this weekend and next weekend. 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 is participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle again. **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 called upon to help sell one book of 10 tickets, and these tickets are available for collection at the Help Desk.

All parishioners, of course, who are willing to help sell a book of tickets can collect one (or more!) from the CCPR Volunteers at the Help Desk.

OUR FLOWER MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

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

TRAINING FOR HELP DESK

Friday March 1 at 7.00pm in Church Foyer

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

ATTENTION ALL NEW LECTORS

Commissioning Mass on Tuesday Mar 19 at 7.00pm followed by a cuppa and fellowship. Please confirm your attendance by leaving your name at Help Desk.

GREETING EACH OTHER BEFORE MASS

As part of our focus on creating a welcoming community the commentator will invite you to greet the people around you before the entrance procession. We thank you for your co-operation.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Every Monday after Mass starting Feb. 25.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano. For more details please contact the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or office@stsimonsparish.com.au

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE

Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tours, Friday 8 March departing 9.30am and Sunday 24 March departing 10.00am. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. A visit will enable your family to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community. Visit www.materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.

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

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

We consider it of great importance to bring Holy Communion to the sick & homebound. To make arrangements (for you or someone you care about), please call the Parish Office (9764 4058) or leave your name and phone number at the Help Desk.

LET THE HEART LISTEN

A 15-week 3 hour program for people involved in listening to and supporting others. Facilitated by Sr. Carole Carmody rsm, the program runs 9.30am-12.30pm on **Thursdays from 28 Feb – 27 Jun 2019** at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$680. Bookings: 9890 1101 or email: holsc@bigpond.com

PALMS AUSTRALIA

You are called to Mission: Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come to the **Palms Info Session: Saturday March 2nd @ 10:30am Ross House, Jenny Florence Room, 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE**

OUR ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

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

COLLECTIONS: Feb 17th, 2019

Presbytery \$1727.85
Loose donations \$454.70

Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection) \$2,550.31
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average) \$3,570.34
2016 campaign pledge (weekly) \$6,120.65

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
	\$2,550.31	\$1944.65	84.3%



February 24th 2019 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

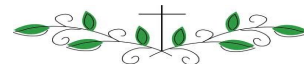
The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



*Next Week's Readings:
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45*

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