



# 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 & OFFICE MANAGER:

Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thurs)

### SECRETARIES:

Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Christina Liew (Thurs, Fri)

### ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL:

Mrs. Maree Fatouros (Acting Principal):  
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.

## March 3rd 2019 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish bulletins across Melbourne, across Australia, are most likely struggling - as is the case here - to find words which might serve as both comfort and some sort of direction as an unprecedented sadness envelops our Church.

The guilty verdict and subsequent imprisonment of Cardinal Pell has sent shockwaves across the world, but more than ever in the Archdioceses of Melbourne and Sydney, which he led for a total fourteen years before undertaking a senior appointment at the Vatican. The verdict is under appeal, but until that Appeal is heard, Australians, and especially Catholics, must still deal with what has unfolded this week.

It could be some time before that Appeal is heard. It might or might not bring some kind of public closure to this horrific saga. However, for so many people involved in the many aspects of this tragic tale, there will probably never be any closure.

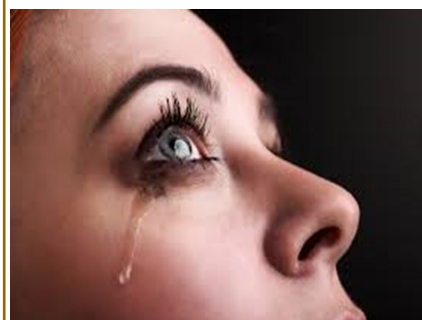
These words are not and should not be centred on the current case. But the awful roller coaster of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church continues with unrelenting intensity, progressively uglier and incredibly more damaging for all concerned.

Behind the specific sadness of this week lie at least three decades of reports, investigations and court hearings, both local and from across the globe, of sexual abuse of trusting children, teenagers and vulnerable adults by priests and religious. It is a saga that has scarred for life thousands of victims we know of, and almost certainly thousands more who have never come forward and probably never will.

It is a saga that has arguably inflicted more damage to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel than any other event in the Church's 2000-year history. And it is a saga which might have had the damage contained had the proven victims been truly treated with compassion, and had genuine healing been the foremost priority.

For too many victims, this has not been the case – and still isn't.

There are, and will continue to be, many opinions and perspectives on the events of this week. Strong and differing points of view may be exchanged - within families, within parishes and schools, in workplaces. Emotions can arise, even very strong emotions. That's what happens when we're hurting.



But despite the wounding and paralysis so many of us feel at this time, surely we must try not to exacerbate the hurt through anger based on our differing opinions. The message of Jesus concluding the Gospel of this past Thursday's Mass said it well: "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader</b>	Jodie Marziano	Phil Mawdsley	Margaret/Adrian Ng	Petrie family
<b>Commentator</b>	Kaye Williams	Cedrik Fick	Reg Emons	Zita Ragg
<b>Help Desk</b>	Abbie Ferdinands	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
<b>CLOW</b>	NO CLOW	N/A	NO CLOW	NO CLOW
<b>Altar Society</b>	Melanie Jacobs & Annie McNeill		<b>Flowers:</b>	Mirella Louey
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Marius Francis		<b>Homily Typist:</b>	Michelle Goh
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Carmel De Frece			
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Cion Romana, Ed & Ming Nicdao			
<b>Counters</b>	David Wong, Graham Landers, Susan Wong, Lin Tie			

### PARISH DIARY

#### **Monday Mar. 4**

9.15am: Mass (Church) - **Rosary after Mass**  
 1.00pm: Reflection Group (Chapel)  
 7.30pm: Lenten Reflection (Chapel)  
 7.30pm: Youth Lenten Reflection (Parish Office)

#### **Tuesday Mar. 5**

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
 7.00pm: Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass (Church)  
 7.30pm: Lenten Reflection (Chapel after Mass)

#### **Ash Wednesday Mar. 6**

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
 11.30am: Mass (Church - attended by St. Simon's School students)  
 7.30pm: Mass (Church)

#### **Thursday Mar. 7**

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
 10.00am: Lenten Reflection (Chapel)  
 7.30pm: Lenten Reflection (Chapel)

#### **Friday Mar. 8**

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
 10.00am: Lenten Reflection (Chapel)  
 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross (Church)



#### **Saturday Mar. 9**

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

#### **Sunday Mar. 10**

8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am: Mass (Church)  
 4.00pm Bach's St Matthew Passion (Church)

**MASS TIME CHANGES** Please refer to this section of the bulletin each week for any changes:

**This week:** Tues Mar 5 - Ash Wed Vigil Mass **7.00pm**

**Next week:** Tues Mar 12 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**

### MEETING / TRAINING

**Relay for Life** - Mon. Mar 4 at 7.00pm (Church Foyer)  
**Craft Group** - Tue. Mar 5 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)  
**Liturgy Committee** - Tue. Mar. 5 at 5.30pm (Parish Office)  
**Baptism Prep** - Thu. Mar. 7 at 7.30pm (Parish Office)

#### LENTEN GROUPS COMMENCE THIS WEEK

Monday 7.30pm (Chapel)  
 Monday 7.30pm Youth Group (Parish Office)  
 Tuesday 7.30pm (Chapel - after 7.00pm Mass)  
 Wednesday CANCELLED (merged with Tuesday group)  
 Thursday 10.00am & 7.30pm (Chapel)  
 Friday 10.00am (Chapel)

#### GOOD FRIDAY

#### BACH'S ST MATTHEW PASSION

On Good Friday this year we will be playing a recording of Bach's magnificent St Matthew Passion in the church from 12 noon to 2:55pm, finishing just before the 3pm Good Friday Service. Peter and Zoe Evans will run a study/reflection group during Lent for anyone interested in exploring this musical telling of Christ's Passion. The sessions will run **4.00-5.00pm each Sunday in the Church, starting on 10 March and finishing on Palm Sunday 14 April**, with two introductory weeks followed by four weeks examining the Passion in detail.

Please register your interest with Peter at [peter@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:peter@stsimonsparish.com.au) or call him on 0427 511 037.

#### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Recent Death:** Vern Kendall, Carina Ubay, Ria Pepperkemp

**Anniversary:** Sheila Dillon

#### BAPTISM

**We welcome into our faith community:**

Isabella, daughter of Adrian & Karen Donnini

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charmie Alcazar, Jilda Greco, Adrian Ng, Stephanie Desler, Sajan Deol, Priya Deol, Kathlene Don Paul, Dharam Deol, Sandra Luxmoore, Nenita Garcia, Emily Abeyanayake, Rebecca Ventura,, Darrel Melder, Shyamie Fernando, Liz Ferdinands, Brittany Failla, Zeba Mathew

## CREATING A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

**Before the Entrance Procession**, as part of our focus on creating a welcoming community, you are invited by the commentator to greet the people around you.

Also, at the first weekend Masses each month, after the homily, individual parishioners who are regular attendees at that mass will introduce themselves briefly and share with congregation their experiences as part of our parish community.

This weekend, we have Seymon Martino (6.00pm); Phil Mawdsley (8.00am); Mike Toomey (9.30pm) and Pia Pagotta (11.00am) to introduce themselves.

## NAME TAGS

Fellow parishioners, in order to know one another by name the Parish Pastoral Council would like to reintroduce the wearing of name tags at Mass. However, it is your choice whether or not you wish to wear a name tag.

If you would like a name tag, please leave your details at the Help Desk after Mass.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

Every Monday after Mass.

## 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.

## LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT

**Overcoming Temptation & Addiction.**

The Dominican Friars invite young men (aged 18-40) to a weekend Lenten retreat at St. Dominic's Priory, Melbourne. The retreat will include daily Mass, confession, adoration and presentations on the ascetical and mystical heritage of the Church's spiritual tradition to enable us to be free from vice and achieve the liberation of a life lived in the truth, beauty and goodness of Christ.

**Where:** St. Dominic's Priory, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell. **When:** Mar 8 at 5:00pm – Mar 10 at 3pm

**Cost:** \$50 (includes all meals).

Places are strictly limited. RSVP is essential by Mar 6 (email Br Sebastian on [sebastian.condon@op.org.au](mailto:sebastian.condon@op.org.au))

## DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

**Information session by Sr Nicole Rotura**

**When:** 7.00pm on Thursday, March 21, 2019

**Where:** St Joseph's Church, 212 Boronia Road, Boronia  
Please RSVP by March 13 to [yahc@bigpond.com](mailto:yahc@bigpond.com) or  
Tel: 0430 194 590 for more information.

## 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. You have received information about our Parish's current state and future plans. **Please ensure you return to the Parish Office the pledge card you picked up last weekend at Mass or received in the mail.**

**THANK YOU for all you do for our wonderful parish!**

## COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

**3 Kia cars to be won!**

Thanks to all parishioners who have collected their envelopes. As there are still quite a few envelopes left, to save on postage, can we have **volunteers to help distribute** the remaining ones please? The envelopes are now sorted in alphabetical STREET order.

**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.**

## MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE

Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tour on 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 [materchristi.edu.au](http://materchristi.edu.au) to book your tour.

Mater Christi College is seeking Homestay Hosts for International Students. Being a Homestay Host can be a very rewarding experience and often leads to lifelong associations. For more details including guidelines, payment and the application process, visit the College website or call 9757 0810.

## 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.

## COLLECTIONS: Feb 24th, 2019

**Presbytery** \$1600.20  
**Loose donations** \$396.20

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.**



<b>Weekly Pledge</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
\$2,550.31	\$1762.00	84.2%



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## First reading

### Ecclesiasticus 27: 5-8

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the  
quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

## Second reading

### 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

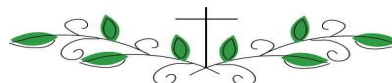
Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

## Gospel

### Luke 6: 39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



*Next Week's Readings:  
1st Sunday of Lent  
Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13;  
Luke 4:1-13*

## FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive price of \$5690. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Meals + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call (03) 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

### Available Departure Dates:

Fr. Sebastian (24 March 19), Fr. Kenneth (26 May 19),

## FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call (03) 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

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