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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.

April 7th 2019 - 5th Sunday of Lent



Kerri-Anne Kennerley has returned to television for the first time since her husband John died a month ago, saying she's struggling being by herself.

The couple were married for 35 years before he died from complications of a fall that left him a paraplegic in 2016. He was 78.

It was a long, hard road for the couple, but eventually John regained the ability to move and speak, though he was still wheelchair bound.

Appearing on Studio 10 yesterday, Kennerley said even though her husband had been ill, it was a shock to lose him. She teared up as she spoke of now being alone after being part of a pair for so long.

"John and I had been a team for so many years," she said. "We were always together, we thought as two. And now there's only one. It hurts."

"My primary thought process is: 'How would John react? What would John want me to do? And that's really comforting. It's not fair, but life happens'."

"Herald Sun", Friday March 29

Media personalities, more often than not, are "on a hiding to nothing" when it comes to their relationship with the public. On the one hand, they are (usually) well paid, because they are in demand and commercially marketable. However, the fame and fortune come at significant cost. Their lives, both public and personal, can be microscopically examined in a way most of us would find impossible and intolerable.

It's more than possible that some people, especially those who delight in the anonymity of social media, might be critical of TV host Kerri-Anne Kennerley for appearing on television just four weeks after the death of her husband, John.

However, after 50 years on TV, the viewing public are very much Kerri-Anne's "family", so sharing her grief with them was no different from the rest of us sharing a bereavement loss with a trusted friend.

Successful and popular as she is, in the long run she still shares the joys and sorrows, the hopes and disappointments of everyday family life.

In sharing her recent grief with her TV family, she reminded many Australians - fans and non-fans alike - of the emptiness, loneliness and bewilderment felt by so many when their life's partner dies.

Understandably, those who have experienced such loss often find it difficult to express their grief - even to those closest to them. But it's there, deep within them, as they struggle to come to terms with what others think is "the normal cycle of life and death".

For them, the loss of the person who has been with them every day, perhaps for many decades, will be anything but "normal". Being a widow or widower, that is. Their not uncommon reluctance or inability to verbalise their feelings and emotions will clearly demonstrate how deeply the loss is felt.

Some people may (and do!) say: "Surely a couple know what they're saying when they promise fidelity to each other 'until death do us part'".

So if they do, why is it so difficult when one of them is "taken", and the other is truly "alone"? So often we will encounter people for whom bereavement is a deep, fresh and raw wound. For others, it might belong to the past, but the slightest reminder of that other person can tear them apart in a moment. Let's try to remember just how deep grief can be - and treat others as we would like to be treated if we were carrying the same burden.

Rosters for weekend of 13th & 14th April 2019

14-Apr	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Forster Family	Kerry McAleer	Seamus O'Connor	Alf Kakala
Reader 2	Forster Family	Kerry McAleer	Alysha Rose'Meyer	Sally-Anne Petrie
Commentator	Graeme Smith	Brian Philp	Peter Evans	Jacqui Giuliano
Help Desk	Abbie Ferdinands	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
CLOW	NO CLOW	N/A	NO CLOW	NO CLOW
Bus Driver	Michael Ng		Flowers:	TBA
Mass Recorder	Rick Foster		Homily Typist:	Sunita Nazareth
Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Annie McNeill			
Church Cleaning	Annette & Samuel Leveque, Antony Singarasa			
Counters	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian Harriss, Nirmala Andrew			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Apr. 8

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

Tuesday Apr. 9

9.15am: Mass (**Chapel**)
 7.00pm: Mass (**Chapel**)
 7.30pm: Lenten Reflection (Chapel)



Wednesday Apr. 10

9.15am: Mass (**Chapel**)
 7.30pm: Second Rite of Reconciliation (Church)

Thursday Apr. 11

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

Friday Apr. 12

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

Saturday Apr. 13

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

Sunday Apr. 14 - PALM SUNDAY

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Death: Jan Flowers, Maria Ho

Anniversary: Nallathamby Iruthayam, Fr. Lou Heriot;
 Guy Desfosses

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joseph Andrew, Jessica Greco, Marsha Fernando,
 Dylan De Silva, Alysha Rose'Meyer, Hayden McKertish,
 Teagan Wanigaratne, Charlotte lee, Billy Velasco,
 Joel Velasco, Sophie Orbien, Yasmin Bangcoro,
 Patricia Discenza, Chritiane Perez, Sharon Giulieri,
 Darryl Chan, Chloe Andrews, Michael Fernando,
 Olivia Condina-Hibon, Melanie Noonan

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Wed. April 10 at 7.30pm - a time to return to God, trusting in God's Mercy. Five or six priests will be in attendance for individual confession following a communal preparation service. This is the major celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for Easter. Parishioners who wish to receive the Sacrament prior to Easter are asked to use this opportunity, as the provision of the First Rite is severely limited over Holy Week when only Fr. Kevin is available.

WANTED TO BORROW - on GOOD FRIDAY morning a **portable battery powered PA System with Bluetooth** for use at the Way of the Cross at 10.00am. Please contact Fr Kevin if you can assist on 0421 777 360.

MEETINGS

Craft Group - Tue. Apr 9 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)
RCIA - Tue. Apr 9 at 7.30pm (Church Foyer)
St Vincent de Paul - Wed. Apr 10 at 7.30pm (Parish Office)
Pastoral Committee - Tuesday April 23 at 6.00pm

FR. KEVIN DILLON'S 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Weekend of 1st & 2nd June. More details to follow !!!

CHURCH LIGHTING - CAN YOU HELP?

The lighting in the church will be upgraded from **Mon. April 8 to Wed. April 10**. Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel on these days.

Immediately after the 11.00am Mass on **Sunday April 7 (TODAY)**, we will need **12 people** to assist with moving the seats to allow access for a mobile scaffold. The seats will then need to be moved back from 5.00pm on Wed. April 10. **If you can help on either day, please sign up at the Help Desk.** If we have sufficient people, the task should take only 15 - 20 minutes. It would be especially helpful if one or two people have experience in assembling the mobile scaffold. This will enable work to begin immediately on the morning of April 8.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Arden and Dawn De Silva who celebrate their Golden Anniversary (50 years) of marriage this weekend. We also congratulate Herve and Maryanne Duthil who are celebrating their Ruby (40 years) Anniversary.

2019 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 10 at 7.30pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation. Five priests will be in attendance . PLEASE use this opportunity if you wish to receive the Sacrament before Easter, as it is very difficult at this very busy time of year to accommodate long lines of people with the First Rite with only one priest available.

Holy Thursday, April 18 at 8.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm

Good Friday, April 19:

10.00am - Ecumenical Way of the Cross at Community Centre, Rowville

12.00pm (noon) - Bach's St Matthew Passion - St. Simon's Church

3.00pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion,

including Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion



Holy Saturday, April 20 at 7.30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21

6.00am Dawn Mass of the Resurrection, including Baptism and Reception into the Church of our 2019 RCIA candidates, followed by Easter Breakfast to welcome our newly baptised and received members.

Other Masses: 9.30am & 11.00am - **NO 8.00am Mass**

PALM SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Donations of Palms - small & large between Friday (April 12) evening and Saturday (April 13) at 10.00am

Setup on Saturday, April 13 at 10.00am

Clearing of Palms - after 11.00am mass (Sunday, April 14)

Please sign up at the Help Desk.

BREAKFAST AFTER THE DAWN MASS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up sheet to assist in the foyer - for people wishing to assist by setting up, serving tea or coffee, cooking the BBQ, helping to clean up afterwards or providing food or drink to share with others.

ROSTERS FOR HOLY WEEK

Please add your name to any list in the church foyer that you can help out with. Thank you.

ANZAC MASSES

On **Tuesday April 24 at 7.30pm**, St. Simon's Parish will be hosting a Mass for veterans living in this and surrounding parishes. The "Veterans' Memorial Book" will be placed on the altar during the Mass. If you would like a deceased relative or friend who has given wartime service to be remembered, their names can be listed on the sheet available at the Help Desk, or email their names, area of service (Army, Air Force etc.) and year of death to: office@stsimonsparish.com.au.

Mass will also be celebrated on **Anzac Day at 10 a.m.**

VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH ENGLISH

Looking for someone to teach English to Refugees at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dandenong. If interested, please call Colin on 9764 4862 .

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

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Thank you for all your support in selling the tickets. Tickets are now **overdue**. Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) as soon as possible. Thank you.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MacKILLOP

25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

FREE MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE

Are you interested in learning how to better manage your finances? Charmaine Ricardo, experienced in financial services and a parishioner of St Simon's, is helping to run the 3-week course for **FREE** if there is enough interest.

Where: St Simon's Parish

When: To be advised

To register interest: St Simon's Parish - 9764 4058

Contact: Abbie Ferdinands or Peter Evans
(peter@stsimonsparish.com.au)

You can also pick up a flyer at the help Desk.

COLLECTIONS: Mar 31st, 2019

Presbytery \$1755.10
Loose donations \$517.60



	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)	\$2,550.31	\$2157.00	84.5%
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3,570.34	\$3250.45	91.0%
2016 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6,120.65	\$5414.63	88.5%

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

April 7th 2019 - 5th Sunday of Lent

First reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Second reading

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still

running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'



*Next Week's Readings: Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;
Luke 22:14-23:56*

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