



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST:

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tue, Thu)

Mrs Abbie Ferdinands (Mon, Wed, Fri)

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wednesday)

BUSINESS & OFFICE MANAGER:

Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thu)

SECRETARIES:

Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Christina Liew (Thu, 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.

April 14th 2019 - Palm Sunday



It happens all over the world at this time of year. Sometimes it is simply read out loud, with three or more readers for the voices of the key characters. In other places it is also watched on screens. Sometimes it is an active walk or march. Sometimes it's portrayed by actors in costume for greater dramatic effect.

Whichever way it is presented, it is "the greatest story ever told".

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Messiah of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.", and when he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said "This man was innocent beyond doubt".

Luke 23:33-49

Next Friday at 10.00am, we can walk with others from our local area in the traditional outdoor "Way of the Cross" at the Rowville Community Centre in Fulham Rd. Then at noon at St. Simon's Church, we can watch and listen to a video presentation of the famous and treasured "St. Matthew Passion" of Johann Sebastian Bach. And at 3.00pm, as part of the Solemn Good Friday Liturgy, the story will be read by parishioners before what is usually a capacity crowd at St. Simon's, prior to a dramatic and emotionally moving Veneration of the Cross.

No matter how well we think we know the story, no matter in what form it is presented, the stunning chronicle of the Suffering and Death of Jesus will always have any number of messages for us.

Because we know the conclusion of the story (the Resurrection), we can manage to focus on the many ugly and cautionary components of the story without being totally crushed by them. For it is a story of the worst and most monstrous elements of the human nature we share. It is a story of jealousy (Pharisees), greed (Judas) and of cowardice (Peter). It is a story of the abuse of power (Herod and Pilate), and it is a story of disloyalty (the apostles).

It is a story of the capacity of human beings to turn on one another with appalling savagery. Most of all, it is a story of cruelty - physical, mental and emotional, and of injustice of the worst order.

Repulsive and confronting as it is, the story of the Passion of Jesus is an annual reminder for us all that human beings can do terrible things to one another. It may not be comfortable, but it can be a most useful and necessary reminder that our selfish pursuit of lower inclinations can too easily lead to horrendous consequences.

Then to find a balance, thank God, we will have the Resurrection.



Rosters for weekend of 20th & 21st April 2019 (EASTER WEEKEND)

Bus Driver	Vincent Pius	Flowers:	TBA
Mass Recorder	David West	Homily Typist:	Janet Forster
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield		
Church Cleaning	Clara Gallo, Donna Lanzone, Ida Lancuba		
Counters	Michael & Margaret Ng, Aloysius Ting, Monica Kueh & Benedict Lim		

PARISH DIARY

Monday Apr. 15

9.15am: Mass (Church) - **Rosary after Mass**

Tuesday Apr. 16

9.15am: Mass (Church)

7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

Wednesday Apr. 17

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Holy Thursday Apr. 18

(NB: No Morning Mass)

8.00pm: **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose (Chapel)

Good Friday Apr. 19

10.00am: **Ecumenical Way of the Cross**

at Community Centre, Rowville

12.00pm: Bach's St. Matthew Passion (Church)

3.00pm: **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion**, including Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday Apr. 20

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

7.30pm: **Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday Apr. 21

6.00am: **Dawn Mass of the Resurrection**, including Baptism, & 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**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Death: Luisa & Giuseppe Cardamone, Sam Chin, Silvestro Magnifico.

Anniversary: Ivy Welsford.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bonnie Garrad, Zion Lyn Albellar, Imelda Evans, Dishan Wickramasinge, Candice Gomez, Caitlin Welsford, Avril Siriwardena, Caroline Tobar, Sonia Ahangma, Wayne Beyrooti

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

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

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

3 Kia cars to be won!

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.

MEETINGS

Share the Care - Mon. Apr 15 at 7.30pm (Chapel)

Craft Group - Tue. Apr 16 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

RCIA - Tue. Apr 16 at 7.30pm (Chapel)

Pastoral C'ttee - Tue. Apr 23 at 6.00pm (Office)

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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.

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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.

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ANZAC MASSES

On **Wednesday, 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.**

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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 9763 4862.

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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:** Group 1, Commencing on the 6th May | Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Email notification has been sent to attendees for Group 1. Please RSVP Abbie by the 16th April.

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

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

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

2019 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 18 at 8.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11.30pm

Good Friday, April 19:

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

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



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ROWVILLE LYSTERFIELD COMMUNITY NEWS

Many areas of Rowville and Lysterfield are no longer receiving a copy of the RLCN at their house. The existing team can cover these areas for a few months, but it is not sustainable over a longer period.

If you can assist, RLCN are recruiting new volunteer members to their team. Contact either:

Peter Rumble on 9752 7592 or David Gilbert on 9764 4703 | E: editor1@rlcnews.com.au

FORMING DISCIPLES FOR MISSION

This four-week series offers parish leaders and all those interested in exploring the scriptures a survey of key books, themes and figures from our rich biblical tradition.

When: Wednesday nights in May 8, 15, 22 & 29
from 6.30-8.30pm

Venue: Mercy Lecture Theatre
Australian Catholic University
115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

Cost: Individuals: \$50 (all sessions)
OR \$20 per session
Groups (5-10 people): \$200 (all sessions)

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER & REFLECTION FOR THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM within the Melbourne Catholic Community

1.00pm - Prayer & Reflection

1.30pm - Pilgrim Walk to State Library

2.00pm - Public Walk for Refugees

Light refreshments available from 12.30pm

Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre

383 Albert St, East Melbourne

(enter via Lansdowne St Car Park)

Please RSVP to justice@cam.org.au for catering purposes. ALL WELCOME.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 2 June at 11.00am**.

Registrations can be made online at:
www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au.

Please note that **registration closes on Friday, 24 May**.

Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

COLLECTIONS: April 7th, 2019



Presbytery \$2,227.40
Loose donations \$615.00

	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)	\$2,550.31	\$2325.00	84.6%
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3,570.34		
2016 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6,120.65		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

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First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.



Next Week's Readings: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4;

John 20:1-9

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