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Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thu)

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Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Christina Liew (Thu, Fri)

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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.

April 28th 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Easter



With Good Friday, Easter and Anzac Day occurring this year within one week, many people may have simply considered the various “pluses and minuses” as they affected them personally.

Families wondered: “Can we get away for a few extra days?” Shopkeepers asked: “How can I manage to pay rent and be so

restricted in trading?” Footy fans were concerned “Will the games be spread out over too many days?” - and many other similar questions.

Yet the Good Friday / Easter / Anzac week highlighted a number of common elements for both the Christian “Holy Week” and the “Anzac Tradition”. You might give some thought as to what those common elements might be - there are quite a few from which to choose! But some of them might be:

SACRIFICE: Rightly we honour those extraordinary Australians who sacrificed their lives so that we might enjoy the quality of life we so readily take for granted. And the offering by Jesus of Himself on the Cross entailed a total self-sacrifice which was to be the greatest Sacrifice of all.

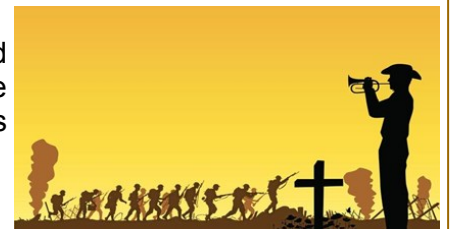
SALVATION: Without doubt, the heroism of those who fought for us saved Australia from the power and greed of those who sought to take away our freedom and independence, especially in the defence of Australia against the Japanese advances in East Timor and New Guinea. Jesus saved us from all sin, and gave us a freedom beyond imagining - the freedom of total service of God and of one another.

COURAGE: Admiration of sheer human courage is a powerful common element throughout all Anzac remembrances. We recognise it readily in the many stories of bravery in wartime conflict. But we ought never forget the raw, human courage of Jesus, who subjected Himself to an extreme of suffering, after He prayed to the Father: “Not my will, but yours be done”.

HUMAN WEAKNESS, GREED, JEALOUSY AND SIN put Jesus on the Cross and, in a variety of different shapes and forms, they also brought about the conflicts which cost the lives of so many of nations in war.

POPULAR OBSERVANCE RISES AND FALLS: It's not so long ago that many people wondered if Anzac Day would survive the lack of interest evident during the '80's. Gradually, increasingly positive interest has emerged, and today it is observed with genuine dedication and commitment. The clear decrease in recent years in the religious observance of all kinds, including of Holy Week and Easter may prove to be similarly transitory - such is human nature.

May we continue to observe these sacred days with full recognition of their true meaning, and the many noble elements they share.



Rosters for weekend of 4th & 5th May 2019

5-May	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Jodie Marziano	Peter Kean	Evans family	Terry Redden
Reader 2	Alex Van Rheenan	Peter Kean	Evans family	Nihal Mudalige
Commentator	Peter Pereira	Phil Mawdsley	Tony Biviano	Cornelia Calimlim
Help Desk	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Jacqui O'Connor	Lorenza Spano
CLOW	Abbie Ferdinands	N/A	Audrey Lee/Greg Woo	Felicity Hills
Bus Driver	Tony Cosentino		Flowers:	TBA
Mass Recorder	Chad Cole		Homily Typist:	Michelle Goh
Altar Society	Deepthi Perera, Jeanne Bernard & Bernadette Fernando			
Church Cleaning	Cion Romana, Ed & Ming Nicdao			
Counters	David Wong, Graham Landers, Susan Wong, Lin Tie			

PARISH DIARY

Monday Apr. 29

9.15am: Mass (Church) - **Rosary after Mass**
 5.00pm: Mass to pray for and support the people of Sri Lanka

Tuesday Apr. 30

9.15am: Mass (Church)
 7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

Wednesday May 1

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Thursday May 2

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday May 3

9.15am: Anointing Mass (Church)
 10.00am: Seniors Morning Tea (Chapel)

Saturday May 4

9.15am: Mass (Church)
 9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)
 6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday May 5

8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am: Mass (Church)



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Victims of the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka

Anniversary: Mary Mandile, Michael Luscombe, Stenio Ross, Joseph & Muriel Rebeiro

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Kean, Brook D'rozano, Rajeen Agraham, Rebecca Fynn, Robert Corica, Lyn Rebeiro, Stephanie Toomey, Kevin Rose Meyer, Amanda Goh, Catherine Andrea Williams, Fred Coates, Jade Sheehan, Tony Hoich, Hayley Sargeant

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

MASS FOR SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY

On **Monday April 29 at 5.00 pm**, Mass will be celebrated at St. Simon's to pray for all those who have suffered as a result of the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka - those who have died or were wounded, their families and friends, and for distressed Sri Lankan people in our own community. Everyone is welcome to pray for fellow parishioners at this sad and difficult time.

MEETINGS

Craft Group - Tue. Apr 30 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)
Admin & Dev C'ttee: Thur. May 2 at 7.00pm (4 McKay Rd.)
Church Refurb'ment C'ttee: Mon. May 6 at 5.30pm (Office)

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

Sincere thanks to all who have assisted the parish for the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle - those who sold and purchased tickets, those who manned the Raffle Help Desk over the 7 weekends, those who "scrunched" our tickets in preparation for the "Draw" and those who moved the barrel!

The Raffle will be drawn next Saturday night, May 5 immediately after the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Simon's Church.

Fr Kevin & Christina Liew (CCPR Committee)

FR. KEVIN DILLON'S 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Will be celebrated on the weekend of **1st & 2nd June**.
 Mass times on that weekend will be as follows:
Sat 6.00pm; Sun 9.00am; 11.00am & 2.30pm

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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lost property basket located at the entrance of the our church foyer, please check for missing items.

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 on May 8, 15, 22 & 29
from 6.30-8.30pm

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

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

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WELFARE IN KNOX

Knox City Council is hosting this event for Faith Groups in Knox to discuss local responses to existing and emerging welfare issues. This event will provide a forum for Faith Groups in Knox to learn about the welfare services of other groups and to identify partnership and collaboration opportunities. The event will be held on:

When: Tuesday 30 April, 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Where: Function Room 3 at Knox Civic Centre
511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South
Free parking is available at Knox Civic Centre

RSVP by 23 April 2019 RSVP via email to:
communitytraining@knox.vic.gov.au Alternatively,
contact the Community Partnerships Team on 9298 8000.

CHOSEN CONFERENCE

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. We invite you to join us from the 4th - 7th July 2019 at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, up-lifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music.

For registrations please

visit www.chosenconference.org.au.

For further Information, queries or group registration please contact info@chosenconference.org.au or call us at 0491 002 081.



SINCERE THANKS to all who assisted in any way with the two meaningful and prayerful Anzac Day Masses. Special thanks to those who sourced the hats / caps for use on the catafalque. Could those who loaned them please collect them from the Sacristy.

DOCTOR FOR LIFEBOAT

"Lifeboat" assists victims of church-related sexual abuse with practical and pastoral care, and has over 100 clients across Australia. We are seeking the involvement of a supportive General Practitioner for occasional referrals. An understanding of the challenges of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder would be especially helpful.

Any GP seeking more information about "Lifeboat's" work can contact Fr. Kevin on:

frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au or 0421 777 360.

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 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.

LEARN HOW TO RUN A RETREAT

Practise your skills as you are mentored in leading a live-in weekend retreat.

Sat 4 May 2019, 10am-4pm for the Preparation day in Box Hill, and Fri 7 Jun, 4pm to Sun 9 Jun, 4pm at the quiet and beautiful precinct of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham. Participants must attend both events.

Cost \$305 includes Sat 4 May (BYO lunch) and accommodation and catering on 7-9 Jun. Book & Pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne or contact us at holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101 for more information and bookings.

COLLECTIONS: April 21st, 2019

Presbytery \$4,199.95
Loose donations \$1,179.20



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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$1,996.00	84.4%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

April 28th 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

First reading

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Second reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel

John 20:19-31

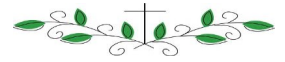
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with

you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Next Week's Readings:
3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 5:27-32,40-41;
 Apocalypse 5:11-14;
 John 21:1-19

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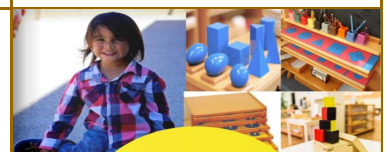
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