



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tue, Thu)

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Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wed)

BUSINESS & OFFICE MANAGER:

Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thu)

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Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Christina Liew (Thu, 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 & FOCCUS MARRIAGE

PREPARATION: 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE:

1800 305 330

May 19th 2019 - 5th Sunday of Easter



The blockbuster between Collingwood and Carlton has been soured by horrific crowd behaviour after multiple fights broke out in the stands at the MCG. It marks the second time in the last week where a fight has unfolded at the MCG either during or after a game. Several calls to 3AW painted an ugly picture of the scenes that unfolded in bays M11 and M12, the two bays are generally where Carlton members sit. "There were four, full-on fights where people were knocked out," one caller said on 3AW Football. "Security didn't react quick enough so members of the public had to get in to stop these fights."

about this country. They demonstrate the freedom, respect and tolerance that has characterised this nation throughout nearly all of its relatively brief history. However, like nearly everything that is truly worthwhile, it can still be compromised, if not lost altogether, if it is taken for granted.

And that's the challenge. The brawls at the MCG last Saturday resulted in calls for consideration for rival supporters to sit in segregated areas. It probably won't happen, but it could, if the football public doesn't behave responsibly.



By the time you read this, the polling booths will have closed, and counting of votes will be well underway. The nation will be just a few hours away from learning who will be running this country over the next three years.

Financial stability, social and moral conduct, international relationships, legal and medical culture, sports success - these are just a few of many areas of responsibility for which the incoming government, of whatever political persuasion, will be held accountable.

But there is one area of accountability which will be very evident on election night itself. The challenge will be: can they produce a term of government which, come Election Night 2022, will have managed to maintain the spirit and essence of what the public sees on several TV channels in the "traditional" Election Night coverage.

For as long as television has covered elections in the manner to which we have now become accustomed, panels of "experts" - comprising largely serving or former politicians - have calmly (well, usually calmly!) sat side-by side while announcing the winners and losers of the various electorates. Often enough there are differences of opinion, sometimes expressed with strong, even heated convictions.

But also there will be good-natured banter, and an impression that, after it's all over, they'll all go out together somewhere for a social "wind-up".

Those election night TV coverages are a very visible expression of so much much that is great

and our way of life. Similarly the expression of political freedom we see on those Election Night TV panels, a freedom unheard of in many countries of the world, could become a "thing of the past" if we take it for granted. We need to treasure that balance between freedom, respect and tolerance that is so precious to our nation and our way of life.

Can we pray that the new government will make the preservation of that spirit, that balance, a very high priority indeed.

Rosters for weekend of 25th & 26th May 2019

	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Forster Family	Neela Tatnell	Alysha Rose'Meyer	Ingrid Kertesi
Reader 2	Forster Family	Neela Tatnell	Seamus O'Connor	Marialisa Mandarino
Commentator	Abbie Ferdinands	Kerry McAleer	Peter Evans	Pia Pagotta
Help Desk	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Denise H/Mary R
CLOW	Abbie Ferdinands	N/A	Annabel henriques	Felicity Hills
Bus Driver	Stephen White		Flowers:	TBA
Mass Recorder	Kevin D'Rozario		Homily Typist:	Sonya Rose'meyer
Altar Society	Elaine Gannon & Linda Eksteen			
Church Cleaning	Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, George Kertesi, Mike Joseph			
Counters	Carmel De Frece, Rupert Ferdinands, Guylaine Ardley, Tony Scarnivel			

PARISH DIARY

Monday May 20

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

Tuesday May 21

9.15am: Mass (Church)

6.30pm: Mass (Chapel: **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**)

Wednesday May 22

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Thursday May 23

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday May 24

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday May 25

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday May 26

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

PLEASE NOTE: Due to maintenance work by the power company, there will be NO electricity on the St. Simon's site next Sun. May 25, so heaters will not be operating. If it's a cold morning, come rugged up!!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Carmelita Souza Diaz

Anniversary: Joseph Tran Minh Duc, Espedito Schembri, Jack Moffatt, Conrado Noveloso.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aerron Joseph, Carolyn White, Caitlin D'Souza, Mirenda Lar, Michela Mandarino, Robert Todesco, Matthew Viergever, Julie Faull, Anne Maree Ward, Evelyn Ahumada, Mary Luscombe, Sally-Ann Cook, Margaret Biviano, Julie Cahill, Derrick Gray, Julie Turnbull, Caitlyn Toomey

MONDAY PRAYER GROUP

2nd and 4th Monday of every month in the Chapel.
ALL WELCOME.

VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH ENGLISH

Looking for someone to teach English to Refugees at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dandenong. Call Colin on 9763 4862.

MEETINGS

Share the Care: Mon. May 20 at 7.30 pm (Office)

Craft Group: Tue. May 21 at 1.30 pm (Church Foyer)

Parish Pastoral Council: Tue. May 21 at **7.00 pm** (School)

Finance Committee: Thu. May 23 at 5.30 pm (Office)

Sri Lanka Fundraiser: Fri. May 24 at 7.00 pm (Parish Hall)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Commitment Masses:

- Saturday, May 25 at 6.00 pm
- Sunday, May 26 at 11.00 am

Let us keep our 2019 First Communicants and their families in our prayers throughout this month.

PIETY STALL

New gifts suitable for communion have arrived.
Please ask for assistance at the Help Desk

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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR SUN. JUNE 2 ONLY

To assist in our planning, please send us a brief email to: office@stsimonsparish.com.au if attending.
Refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 2.30pm Mass.

A Signature Book will be available in our church foyer for personal messages to Fr. Kevin for this special day.

ST SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE DAY Saturday, November 23, 2019

We have **56 corflute signs** yet to be returned from last year's fete. If you still have them, can you please **return them to the Parish Office** as soon as possible. Thank you.

QUARTERLY INTER - PARISH WALK

SAT., 25 MAY 2019 at 1.45pm
Swan Picnic Ground, Albert Park, Mel 2K G5
Contact: Nimmi 0413 135 889; Mic 0412 260 406



FETE BROCHURE-SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY

The Fete Committee is seeking a sponsor for the Fete booklet/ brochure. Print run is 12,000 copies distributed across Rowville and Lysterfield, plus electronic distribution is surrounding parishes and schools. Selected sponsor will cover printing cost of \$950.00. Please contact Parish Office for more information: 9764 4058 or office@stsimonsparish.com.au.

This is a great opportunity to get a business or service name 'out there', along with the benefit from supporting the parish / school communities.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Single mature lady is seeking accommodation in local area. Granny flat, shared house or small unit would all be suitable. Might be able to assist as a carer or with other practical tasks if required. Good references available. Further information: Fr. Kevin Dillon – 0421 777 360.

ACRATH SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) is committed to working together towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and globally. It's work has been actively supported by a small group of St. Simon's parishioners who run a monthly (Thursdays) Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings (Knoxfield). Brian Harriss has to step back as co-ordinator and is seeking a replacement. The role is straightforward, but requires involvement for about one hour prior to and after the monthly Sausage Sizzle, each of which raise \$1-2,000 for the work of ACKRATH.

SOUP AND SOUL NIGHT

Thursday June 6th at 7.00 pm In the Chapel. Chat with other parishioners over a bowl of hot soup. Listen to a 10 Min. You tube – by Bishop Robert Barron (A leading speaker, an author with a global ministry – 'Word on Fire'. Share your thoughts and experiences. Join in a prayer reflection. Hoping for a good response to build our faith community.

**PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME AND PH. NO.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.**

(Soup and Soul will continue on the 1st Thursday of each month with different themes. Next Month - Encouraging our God Given Gifts)

FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR SRI LANKA

Friday, May 24th at 7.00pm in Parish Hall
A BIG THANK YOU to all who have supported this fundraiser. *Dinner Tickets have been sold out!*
Further donations however can be left at the Help Desk or Parish Office

We need your help:

- To set up on Thursday evening at 6.30pm (sign-up sheets in church foyer.
- BYO drinks

HOMELESSNESS - WHAT CAN PARISHES DO?

On **Saturday 8 June 2019**, with the onset of Winter, Catholic Social Services Victoria will host a forum "Homelessness – What can Parishes do?" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. The forum will focus on demonstrating practical ways participants can increase or renew support for homeless people in our communities.

Cost: \$20, includes lunch.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Adrian Foley, Adrian.foley@css.org.au, tel 0497 780 233.

PARKING ACCIDENT Last Sunday, during or after the 11am Mass, a parishioner's car was damaged by "someone", and no note was left. If you (a) have white paint on your car that wasn't there before last Sunday and/or (b) felt what you thought was "just a small bump" but didn't investigate, please contact Fr. Kevin. The damage inflicted is more significant than the other driver might have noticed.

MAZENOD PRESENTS 'COMEDY

FOR A CAUSE' Saturday 25th May 7.30pm.

'The Home of Mazenod' The Provence Centre, Mazenod College. Strictly 18+ \$40 per ticket. **Tickets available through Eventbrite:** Comedy For A Cause
Contact 9560 0911 or nlewton@mazenod.vic.edu.au

JEWISH & CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER

SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2019 | 7:00pm for 7:30pm start
Adele Southwick Hall, St Kilda Hebrew Congregation
Gate 4 12 Charnwood Grove, St Kilda, 3162.

Tickets: \$55 each **Book online:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBXBJ>

Book by phone or email:

Jewish Community Council of Victoria T: 03 9272 5641

E: community@jccv.org.au

or Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission

T: 03 9926 5708 | E: eic@cam.org.au

Bookings close: 22 May

COLLECTIONS: May 12th, 2019



Presbytery \$1718.00
Loose donations \$351.85

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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$2356.20	84.7 %
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

May 19th 2019 - 5th Sunday of Easter

First reading

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Second reading

Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

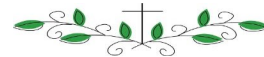
Gospel

John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



*Next Week's Readings:
6th Sunday of Easter
Act 15:1-2, 22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23;
John 14:23-29*

MAZENOD COLLEGE TOURS

Tuesday, 21st May 2019. Tours depart: 9.30 am, 10.00 am & 10.30 am.
No booking required.
Additional tours: Tues. 23rd Jul. & Tues. 15th Oct. 2019.



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