



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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Mr Peter Evans (Mon - Thu)

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Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Mon - Wed)

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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 & 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

CHANGES TO ANY PERSONAL

DETAILS:

Contact Parish Office

July 14th 2019 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An experienced coach driver, killed in a crash in Victoria, most likely saved the lives of his 60 passengers by taking split-second evasive action.

Emil Pich, a grandfather of seven, has been identified as the driver of a coach which crashed into the dislodged trailers of a B-double truck on the Western Highway, near Pimpinio, about 2.00am on Thursday. Mr. Pich died and at least nine of 60 international tourists were injured in the crash, which happened after the B-double's trailers dislodged in front of the coach on the dark road.

But detectives say Mr. Pich's evasive action when confronted by the trailers potentially saved the lives of his passengers. Mr. Pich has 20 years in the transport business and was known as a mentor to some of his colleagues.

Paramedics treated nine people for various injuries, and two were flown by air ambulance plane to Melbourne.

More than 30 other bus passengers were assessed at Wimmera Health Care.

"Nine News", Thurs. July 12

Every time we hop on a tram, train or bus, every time we board a plane, ferry, or cruise ship, they're there. Sitting at the controls, ready to take us to whatever destination we have chosen. They have the prime responsibility for our safety during the journey - no matter how long or short that might be.

They're the drivers, pilots, ship's captains who take us "here, there and everywhere". They are trained, qualified and experienced. And most of the time we give them hardly a thought!

Yet what an enormous responsibility is undertaken by these men and women to whom we entrust our personal safety!

The tragic death of "Firefly" bus driver Emil Pich in the early hours of Thursday morning serves as a reminder to us all of how much and how constantly we rely on the skills, dedication and commitment of those who sit "behind the wheel".

Most of us take responsibility for our own safety and perhaps a few others. But the driver of a train can have a thousand passengers. A pilot can be responsible for hundreds of lives, travelling across continents and oceans. A bus or tram driver can readily have fifty or more passengers over many journeys throughout a busy day.

Reports of Thursday's tragic smash indicate Mr. Pich did everything possible, within the split-second opportunity given him, to minimise loss of life and injury to his busload of passengers. Sadly, he saved others, but could not save himself.

Our prayers go with his grieving family and all those affected through injury and trauma by the tragic smash. For some, life will never be the same, and for even the least affected, Thursday morning will never be forgotten.

Perhaps the public focus can elicit one small but valuable legacy; to express appreciation, when possible, to those who transport us from one place to another. "Thank You" for reaching our destination safely, and "Thank You" for accepting the responsibilities the journey demanded. It might be difficult to thank a pilot, but a quiet word of gratitude to a bus or tram driver costs us nothing, and can be a reminder to others of the responsibility this significant group of people take on board to "get us where we want to go".



Rosters for weekend of 20th & 21st July 2019

| Mass Times | 6.00 pm | 8.00 am | 9.30 am | 11.00 am |
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| Reader 1 | Terry O'Donnell | Neela Tatnell | Ng Family | Forster Family |
| Reader 2 | Alex Van Rheenan | Neela Tatnell | Ng Family | Forster Family |
| Commentator | Abbie Ferdinands | Phil Mawdsley | Mike Toomey | Jacqui Giuliano |
| Help Desk | Maria Walton | Cheryl Philp | Jacqui O'Connor | Anne Siriwardena |
| CLOW | NO CLOW | N/A | NO CLOW | NO CLOW |
| Bus Driver | Brian Crowley | | Flowers: | Beatrice & Jackie D |
| Mass Recorder | Peter Evans | | Homily Typist: | Sonya Rose'meyer |
| Altar Society | Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield | | | |
| Church Cleaning | Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, George Kertesi, Mike Joseph | | | |
| Counters | Carmel De Frece, Rupert Ferdinands, Guylaine Ardley, Tony Scarnivel | | | |

PARISH DIARY

Monday July 15

9.15am: Mass (Church) - followed by *Rosary*

Tuesday July 16

9.15am: Mass (Church)

7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

Wednesday July 17

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Thursday July 18

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday July 19

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday July 20 - Confirmation Commitments

9.15am: Mass (Church)

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday July 21 - Confirmation Commitments

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

12.30pm: Baptism (Church)



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Death: Norberto Carino Jr. Jun;
Caroliba Cristiano.

Anniversary: Joseph Tran; Brenda Harriss;
Thomas Perera

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bianca Corica, Rehan Nagar, Bianca Rodrigo,
Sarah Jessica Grande, Keith Wesley, Rainier Fernando,
Jereth Kelaart, Sajith Abeyanaoke, Toni Catanzariti,
Suzy Saunders, Clem Rebeiro, Corey Goh, Khushi Ded.

ARE YOU OR A FRIEND THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Adults entering the Catholic Church or just thinking about it, follows a process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

RCIA is for adults who are not baptised, adults baptised in another Christian church and non-practising Catholics wishing to renew their faith.

At St Simon's, new sessions begin with an **information night on Tues 6th Aug 2019 at 7.45pm in the Parish Office.**

Ring the Parish Office 9764 4058 or Reg on 9790 5616, or just come along on the night. **"Come and see."**

MEETINGS

Money Mgmt Prog: Mon. Jul 15 at 7.30pm (Chapel)

Share the Care: Mon. Jul 15 at 7.30pm (Office)

Craft Group: Tue. Jul 16 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

Fete Executive: Mon. Jul 22 at 10.00am (Office)

2019 ST SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE DAY

Saturday, November 23, 2019

Captains needed for the following stalls:

- ★ Fairy Floss
- ★ Hot Jam Donuts
- ★ Slushies
- ★ Raffle

Regular monthly meetings - 1st Monday of the month at 7.00pm commencing August 5. All Stall Captains invited to attend. Venue to be advised.

Our success is directly related to our amazing volunteers, so don't be shy. Register now. A list of stalls is posted in the foyer for your convenience. Thank you.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT - SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH HEARING DIFFICULTIES

As part of planning our church refurbishment we are considering if we need to do something to enable people with hearing difficulties hear better in church. Our hearing loop is dated and no longer working. Would you like us to consider anything particular with the current technology available to you and contemporary sound systems? If you have any views on this please contact Peter Evans in the office by phone (9764 4058)

or at peter@stsimonsparish.com.au

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

National Theme for Discernment #5 – **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

BIBLE STUDY - CALLING FOR FEEDBACK

As requested by a few parishioners, we plan to run a Bible Study with morning and evening sessions from Advent when we begin the next Liturgical Year with the Gospel of Matthew. If you would like an introductory session sooner, we would appreciate your feedback. Please pick up a form from Help Desk to indicate your preference.

LIFEBOAT - FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Tickets available in the Church Foyer.
\$2.00 ea. or 3 for \$5.00

A NIGHT TO HELP "LIFEBOAT" AND HAVE A GREAT TIME AS WELL!

Last year, Sue Jones and her talented band entertained 120 people at Tosaria Restaurant in Henderson Rd, Rowville. It was a fabulous night, enjoyed by all. Sue has once again generously offered her talent at no cost for "Lifeboat" which will use all funds generated for the support of people still suffering from the effects of church-related sexual abuse in their childhood. Abundant, top quality finger food will be offered throughout the evening.

Date: Thurs. Jul 25, 7.30-10.30pm.

Tickets are \$50, of which \$30 will go to "Lifeboat".

Bookings: Brian Crowley – 0429 090 770;

brian.g.crowley@gmail.com or Fr Kevin Dillon

on 0421 777 370, frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au

WINTER CRAFT STALL

Support our Winter Craft Stall after weekend masses on **20-21 July 2019**. The proceeds of this stall enables the Craft Group to continue making items for this year's Fete. Thank you for your support.

Melanie Jacobs.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2019

SVDP will be running the annual Winter Appeal over the weekend of the **27th & 28th July**. Envelopes will be available for much needed donations to help our community in need.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 28 July, 11am

St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass with Archbishop Comensoli.

Are you celebrating 25, 40, 50, or 60-70 years of marriage this year?

You and your family are invited to join us for the Anniversary Mass.

Couples who register will receive a commemorative certificate.

Registrations close Friday 12 July

T: 9287 5587 E: lmf@cam.org.au

www.com.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

PAX CHRISTI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Friday 16 August – Sunday 18 August

Keynote Speaker: Dr Susan Connelly.

What is it that makes us violent? What is scapegoating?

What role for nonviolence and forgiveness?

Venue: Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern.

Contact: Catriona Devin 9509 7906 | Email: kildara@netspace.net.au

MAZENOD-AVILA PRESENTS - SEUSSICAL

Thurs. July 18th - Sat. July 20th

Besen Theatre, Burwood

FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Our Fete Sponsors give much appreciated support to this important parish event. This week we thank:



Cold Express Refrigerated Transport, who are sponsoring the printing of our Fete brochure which will be widely distributed through the parish and schools.

More information? Phone 03 9544 5000,

email: enquiries@coldexpress.com.au;

www.coldexpress.com.au.

PPC OUTREACH UPDATE 3

The St Simons Outreach team plans to raise funds in support of our two focus projects – the 2020 Knox Relay for Life (March 2020) and the Guardian Angels of Kenya – by running fundraising activities over the next 12 months. The funds raised will be split between the two projects on a predefined percentage basis. We are meeting to discuss this at 7pm on Monday, 22 July. Please contact: Peter Evans on peter@stsimonsparish.com.au, 97644058 or 0427 511 037, Gisella Koroknai on 0403 454 002, or David West on 0408 650 095 if you are interested in being involved.

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS

Trace the journey of Jesus in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr. Joseph Amal (Mel) and Fr Robert William (Syd). Two groups departing in Sep 2019. 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 + \$150 Tips. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Meals + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au.

Departures: 8th Sept 19 and 16 Sep 19. Bookings Open for 2020 Pilgrimages. Call Now for Early Bird Discounts!

RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE



Heart of Life Spirituality Centre at 96 Albion Road, Box Hill, is offering a "Retreat in Everyday Life - an 'at home' retreat" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 5 August and concluding 2 September.

During this time, you are invited to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and on Mondays to come to Heart of Life between 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm to reflect with a spiritual companion on how God might have been present for you.

To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email: holsc@bigpond.com, no later than Monday 29 July.

COLLECTIONS: July 7th, 2019



Presbytery \$1708.60
Loose donations \$ 255.80

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

| Weekly Pledge | Received | Cumulative |
|---------------|-----------|------------|
| \$2,550.31 | \$1962.70 | 85% |
| \$3,570.34 | | |
| \$6,120.65 | | |

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

July 14th 2019 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Second reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'



*Next Week's Readings:
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42*

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