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Parish Personnel

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Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tue, Thu)

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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 & FOCUS 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:

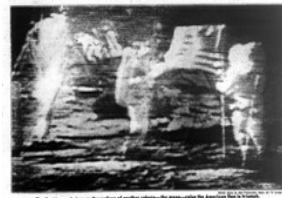
1800 305 330

CHANGES TO ANY PERSONAL

DETAILS:

Contact Parish Office

July 21st 2019 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The first human beings on the surface of another planet—the moon—under the American flag in 1969.

Gordon Cooper was the youngest of the seven astronauts who pioneered the US space program in the 1960's. An air force pilot, he had often said - both seriously and in jest - that he wanted to be "the greatest pilot" in the world. In the stirring conclusion of the "must see" movie, "The Right Stuff", Cooper is featured as the last astronaut to venture into space alone.

"The Mercury program was over. Four years later, Astronaut Gus Grissom was killed, along with astronauts White and Chaffee, when fire swept through their Apollo capsule. But on that glorious day in May 1963, Gordon Cooper went higher, farther, and faster than any other American - 22 complete orbits around the world; he was the last American ever to go into space alone. And for a brief moment, Gordon Cooper became the greatest pilot

anyone had ever seen." (Watch it on Youtube "The Right Stuff - Ending")

Six years after Cooper's space flight, Neil Armstrong, and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed and walked on the moon, with Michael Collins waiting in the command capsule of Apollo 11. This weekend those events of July 20, 1969 will be recalled again and again, by many, as one of those unforgettable "Where Were You?" moments of life.

At the very moment Armstrong's "giant leap for mankind" was being taken, much of the world was being torn apart by the Vietnam War, which was then only at the half-way point of its tragic 12-year history, just one of the many extraordinary contrasts and inconsistencies demonstrated by the human nature we share.

A similar and related inconsistency is that both the US and Russian space programs gave us, as humans, our first ever personal experience of the vastness of creation. No longer was it a matter of simply "looking up at the stars". Nor was it only using giant telescopes to discover and contemplate galaxies "far, far away". People could now travel in space itself, and the majesty of God's creation could be seen and experienced as never before, as humans, just like comic-book hero Superman, went "Up, up and away!"

Yet incredibly, the past fifty years have seen people cast aside belief in God in a manner both widespread and rapid. The faith of families nurtured over centuries has been dismissed in a couple of decades. In western countries especially, the "secular age" now largely defines so many aspects of life - legal, moral, spiritual.

The Neil Armstrong's amazing words, *"One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"*, were heard by millions 50 years ago this weekend. The recalling of this historic event might prompt some, hopefully many, to reflect on the infinite power of God, and how small even our greatest achievements are in the light of God's greatness.



It is a conundrum that so many have increasingly dismissed faith in God in an era when the evidence of God has never been more clear, more authentic, more personal. The "giant leap" needed today is what might be a small step of faith in a loving, but awesomely powerful God.

Rosters for weekend of 27th & 28th July 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Jodie Marziano	Cedrik Fick	Evans family	Alf Kakala
Reader 2	Marita Murphy	Cedrik Fick	Evans family	Alf Kakala
Commentator	David West	Brian Philp	Tony Biviano	Colin Maslen
Help Desk	Victoria Kong	Elaine Gannon	Maggie Braganza	Denise H/Mary R
CLOW	Felicia Ahumada	N/A	Greg Woo/Audrey Lee	Elsa Lapiz
Bus Driver	Tony Cosentino		Flowers:	Nilmini Fernando
Mass Recorder	David West		Homily Typist:	Michelle Goh
Altar Society	Elaine Gannon & Linda Eksteen			
Church Cleaning	Rebecca Crellin, Marius Francis			
Counters	Helen Pongracic, Margaret & Gregory Carey, Noel Mulavey, Irene Law			

PARISH DIARY

Monday July 22

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

7.30pm: Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday July 23

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

Wednesday July 24

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm: Confirmation (Parents Prep)

7.30pm: Confirmation (Parents Prep)

Thursday July 25

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

Friday July 26

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday July 27

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday July 28

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Death: Giovani Costabile, Carolina Cristiano

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rita Payet, David Blangiardo, Bernadette Ventura,
Ethan Collins, Christine Pereira, Arnold Quiambao,
Axelle Domingue.

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 Tuesday Aug. 6 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

Fete Executive: Monday, July 22 at 10.00am (Office)

Craft Group: Tuesday, July 23 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

Pastoral Committee: Tuesday, July 23 at 7.00pm (Office)

Lifeboat Fundraiser: Thursday, July 25 at 7.30pm

LIFEBOAT FUNDRAISER DINNER JULY 25

Raffle: Beautiful Quilt on display in Church Foyer

Tickets available in the Church Foyer to be drawn this Thursday at Fundraiser Dinner. \$2.00 ea. or 3 for \$5.00

Dinner: Those who have booked and yet to pay, please do so ASAP.

2019 ST SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE DAY

Saturday, November 23, 2019

Captains needed for the following stalls:

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

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.

Volunteers also needed to help Tina Costanzo, Sponsorship Manager, to follow up and pick up donations for the Silent Auction and Lucky Envelope. Please leave your name and email address and phone number at the Help Desk if you can help.

Thank you.

REGENT THEATRE PROJECTIONISTS

Looking for volunteer projectionists to screen the movies. If you're interested and able to help, please pick up a form at the Help Desk

or email Fr Kevin on frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au.

HELP WANTED

- ★ For small upholstering task;
- ★ Transferring 45rpm vinyl record (1 track only) to CD Digital format for an upcoming funeral

If you can help, please leave a message for Fr Kevin on 0421 777 360.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2019

SVDP will be running the annual Winter Appeal **NEXT WEEKEND, July 27 & 28**. Envelopes will be available for much-needed donations to help our community in need.

WINTER CRAFT STALL TODAY

Support our Winter Craft Stall after THIS weekend Masses (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.

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - STAGE 2

National Theme for Discernment #6 – **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is open to conversion, renewal and reform?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE

Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm
Dr Trudy Dantis

The Voices of Plenary Council

Bookings and Information: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au
or phone 9412 3366, RSVP: Tuesday 13 August
Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre,
Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

FREE MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE

We have had around 30 participants in the Money Management course to date with very positive feedback especially from the youth. The last session will be in August, however, the facilitators are happy to run more sessions in September, if we have more interest.

Please call Abbie Ferdinands on 9764 4058 at the Parish Office to register your interest.

SOUP AND SOUL ALL WELCOME

Thursday, August 1 at 7.00pm in the Chapel

Let's come to know one another over a bowl of hot soup. Let's learn about our gifts and be encouraged to use them.

Please provide your name and number at the Help Desk for catering purposes.

FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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

Angel Dental



Angel Dental, who are sponsoring 2 prizes for our Fete Raffle.

More information?

Phone: 03 9763 3249

Email: rowville@angeldental.com.au

Located at: Shop 32D Stud Park Shopping Centre

PPC OUTREACH UPDATE 4

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.

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2019 Vic. weekend dates: 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov.

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.

Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/ Bookings:

Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676

or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

FOR JUSTICE SAKE

For those who would like to write letters on current justice issues. Please pick up a copy from the help desk.

Explanations and guidelines provided.

COLLECTIONS: July 14th, 2019



Presbytery \$1487.45
Loose donations \$ 292.80

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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$2387.00	85%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

July 21st 2019 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Second reading

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake

*Next Week's Readings:
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1.13*

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