



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## Parish Personnel

### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Kevin Dillon

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### PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tue, Thu)

Mrs Abbie Ferdinands (Mon, Wed, Fri)

### SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Marialisa Mandarino (Wed)

### 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 & 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 28th 2019 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 19, 2019

Dear Fr. Dillon

It is with sincere thanks that I write to acknowledge receipt of your kind contribution of \$8,000 AUD sent towards the Relief Fund established to help the families of the deceased and for the rehabilitation of the injured affected by the senseless attack on Easter Sunday.

We are indeed moved by your kindness and solidarity in this tragic moment.

Kindly convey my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to your parishioners who have generously contributed towards this fund. May the good Lord bless and reward you all for this generosity.

Please continue to pray for us and our country, so that all of us may have the spiritual and moral strength to carry on with our lives in a peaceful atmosphere and that the many families affected by this senseless attack will be consoled in their suffering.

I thank you once again most sincerely for your kindness and wish you God's abundant blessings.

Yours devotedly in Christ,  
+ Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith  
Archbishop of Colombo

It is now just over three months since the tragic and murderous Easter Sunday terrorist bombings in Sri Lanka.

After the attacks, which claimed the lives of more than 250 Catholic worshippers, (and badly injured 500 more), many communities from the Church and beyond rallied to give practical and prayerful support to the people of Sri Lanka. The community of St. Simon's was one of these.

Consistent prayers at Mass, a specially-convened and well-attended Mass, as well as countless personal prayers were accompanied by a significant fundraising dinner held in our Parish Hall on Friday, May 24.

Food costs and all other expenses were covered by generous parishioners, so the specially-formed committee of parishioners was able to send 995,000 Sri Lankan rupees or \$8,000AUD (sounds better in rupees, doesn't it!) to the Archbishop of Colombo's Special Appeal. This had been initiated not so much to restore buildings but to assist the devastated, bereaved and traumatised people.

Last week, Cardinal Ranjith sent us a letter of thanks to parishioner Jeremy De Lima who, with others, was one of the major arrangers of this most worthwhile and productive night.

The Cardinal's letter gives us several important reminders:

- ◆ That in the midst of tragedy, even tragedy such as that suffered by the Sri Lankan people on Easter Sunday, the inherent kindness and selflessness of wonderful people can still overcome wanton destruction and evil.

- ◆ That the efforts of many people, like the St. Simon's community, to "lend a hand" can make an enormous difference when combined with similar efforts from others - in this case from all over the world.

- ◆ The immediate work to rescue and give "First Aid", in all its forms, is vitally important.

However, if any sort of genuine healing is to be found, then continuing support, care and love are needed well beyond the initial experience of sadness and loss. This is true of both major tragedies as well as the individual crosses of sickness, bereavement and loss faced by most of us at some time or other.

## Rosters for weekend of 3rd & 4th August 2019

4-Aug	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader 1</b>	Williams Family	Enakshi Jayamanne	Lanny Pincott	Ricardo D'Rozario
<b>Reader 2</b>	Williams Family	Enakshi Jayamanne	Philomena Solari	Pilar Danlag
<b>Commentator</b>	Graeme Smith	Kerry McAleer	Annabel Henriques	Estela Banac
<b>Help Desk</b>	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Marie-Anne Duthil	Lorenza Spano
<b>CLOW</b>	Anita / Marsha	N/A	Ewa Toomey	Buena / Giselle
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Kevin Rose/Meyer		<b>Flowers:</b>	Nilmini Fernando
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Chad Cole		<b>Homily Typist:</b>	Sunita Nazareth
<b>Altar Society</b>	Deepthi Perera, Jeanne Bernard & Bernadette Fernando			
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Annette & Samuel Leveque, Antony Singarasa			
<b>Counters</b>	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian Harriss, Nirmala Andrew			

### PARISH DIARY

#### Monday July 29

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

#### Tuesday July 30

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

7.00pm: **Please note: No Mass tonight**

#### Wednesday July 31

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

1.30pm: Confirmation (Parents Prep)

7.30pm: Confirmation (Parents Prep)

#### Thursday August 1

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

7.00pm: Soup & Soul

#### Friday August 2

9.15am: Anointing Mass (Church)

10.00am: Seniors Morning Tea (Church)

#### Saturday August 3

9.15am: Mass (Church)

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

11.30am: Baptisms (Church)

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

#### Sunday August 4

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



### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Recent Death:** Sheila Alles, Phil Smith

**Anniversary:** Carmelo Vincenzino; Bill Passmore

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steffi Pereira, Paul McKinley, Kaleb Collins,  
Edliene Del Rosario, Tom Solari, Loyala Rodrigo,  
Troy Rabot, Jason McPherson, Shanisse Mathes,  
Jessica & Andrew Viergever, Chamindra Fernando,  
Francis Nguyen, Abbey Marziano.

### 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.

### MEETINGS

**Money Mgmt Prog:** Mon. Jul 29 at 7.30pm (Chapel)

**Craft Group:** Tue. Jul 30 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

**Fete Stallholders:** Mon. Aug. 5 at 7pm (School Staff Room)

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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."**

### 2019 ST SIMON'S FAMILY FUN FETE DAY

Saturday, November 23, 2019

Captains needed for the following stall:

#### ★ Hot Jam Donuts

Regular monthly meetings - 1st Monday of the month at **7.00pm** commencing **August 5**. All Stall Captains invited to attend. Venue is at **School Staff Room**.

Our success is directly related to our amazing volunteers, so don't be shy. Register now. A list of stalls is posted at the Help Desk 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, which will hopefully commence in September. People who are available for a daytime screening during School Holidays are especially welcome, so as to make possible children's holiday movie. If you are able to help, please pick up a form at the Help Desk

or email Fr Kevin on [frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au).

### URGENT HELP WANTED

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.

## 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 on the New Testament sooner we would appreciate your feedback.

Please indicate your preference by picking up a form from the Help Desk and returning it to the Parish Office.

## 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

## 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.

## PPC OUTREACH UPDATE 5

We are planning our first Outreach Fundraiser to be a film evening at the Metro Cinemas Boronia – hopefully a pre-release screening of the *Downton Abbey* movie due for public release on 12 September.

(see <http://metroboronia.com.au/wp-cinema/movie/MBDOWNTONABBEY/Downton+Abbey/>).

The cost will be \$20 per person, which will include entrance and a complimentary drink and cheese before the show. We need at least 20 people to make this viable.

Please contact either Peter Evans (0427 511 037 or 9764 4058 or [peter@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:peter@stsimonsparish.com.au)), Gisella Koroknai (0403 454 002) or David West (0408 650 095) if you are interested in taking part.

## ST JOSEPHS COLLEGE

Enrolments for 2021 close Friday, 23 August 2019

### Principal's Tours:

Mon 12 Aug 9.30am; Fri 30 Aug 9.30am;

Wed 4 Sep 10.30am

### Open Days:

Thu, 1 Aug 4.00pm; Tue, 10 Sep 9.30am

Registrations: [www.stjosephs.com.au](http://www.stjosephs.com.au) or 9756 3112

## FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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

**Rowville Knights**, who are one of our stall sponsors.

More information?

Phone: 0418 324 980

Email: [www.rowvilleknights.org.au/](http://www.rowvilleknights.org.au/)

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## 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](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au).

**Departures:** 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:holsc@bigpond)

## 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](mailto:kildara@netspace.net.au),

no later than Monday 29 July.

## INTER-PARISH WALK

Join others from surrounding Parishes for a relaxed 1 hr walk, and share coffee, cake and a chat afterwards.

Sun 25 Aug 2019, 1.45pm for 2pm start.

Location details to follow.

## COLLECTIONS: July 21st, 2019



**Presbytery** \$1835.70  
**Loose donations** \$ 502.10

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative	
Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)	\$2,550.31	\$2211.00	85.1%
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3,570.34		
2016 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6,120.65		

**Thank you for sharing your treasure.**

# July 28th 2019 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First reading

**Genesis 18:20-32**

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

## Second reading

**Colossians 2:12-14**

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life

with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

## Gospel

**Luke 11:1-13**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

*Next Week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21*

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