



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## Parish Personnel

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### 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

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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

## August 4th 2019 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Essendon coach John Worsfold says he is perplexed by the latest goal-line blunder, which could have cost the Bombers the match to last-placed Gold Coast last night.

David Zaharakis' set shot at the six-minute mark of the third term was clearly over the line at Metricon Stadium before Sun Chris Burgess knocked the ball back into play.

There was a suggestion a goal review had been called for, but none appeared to be done and no score was registered.

The incident will be part of the AFL's review into the match, as both the goal and the field umpire can stop play and call for a review if they believe there is doubt.

On Saturday night, umpires stopped play for a score review in the Port Adelaide-Greater Western Sydney clash after Port defender Tom Clurey stepped over the goal line between the goal and point posts.

The umpire believed it should have been a behind, but Clurey protested and a score review showed the ball had not crossed the line.

Under AFL rules, the field umpire had to restart play with a ball-up at the top of the goal-square - and the resumption led to Giant Jeremy Cameron snapping a goal.

*"Herald Sun", Mon. July 29*

won't step forward to help for fear of the repercussions should they make "the wrong call"?

Modern technology and modern law have encouraged much "second-guessing" by some who are in the privileged position of 20-20 hindsight. It's a sad change that has brought risks that are increasingly proving greater than the issue they might have initially sought to solve.

Who would want to be a goal umpire? Or for that matter a boundary or field umpire? It might seem strange, but that's not a question about AFL footy.

It's a question about something that's happening increasingly in a society driven by technology and a sense of legal rights and entitlements.

AFL umpires go to their workplace knowing that every decision they make - right or wrong - will be microscopically analysed by thousands, maybe millions of TV viewers, none of whom, of course would ever make an inaccurate split-second decision as to whether a ball was over the line, touched, whatever.

Similarly tennis umpires can make an "In" or "Out" call, only to be overruled by "Hawkeye" and countless viewers who saw it so clearly the first time round!

And who wants to be a teacher? An increasing burden for schools is the escalating expectation of people who may know how to run a home and raise a family, but have no concept of the pressures on those who daily face a room full of children whose lives, attitudes, hopes and fears are formed not only by their parents but by daily hours of "screen time" and social media.

And who wants to be an off-duty doctor, or even police or ambulance officer, when any intervention in an emergency - no matter how warranted or well-executed - can still be minutely examined by "those who know better", be it in court, by a review boards or by media.

How can we manage sport if no-one is willing to be an umpire? How can we provide education if no-one wants to be a teacher? What would we think if we had a medical emergency and an available competent person can't or

## Rosters for weekend of 10th & 11th August 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader 1</b>	Tineke Edwards	Phil Mawdsley	Michael Toomey	Terry Redden
<b>Reader 2</b>	Fiona Gonsalvez	Phil Mawdsley	Janina Woronczak	Nihal Mudalige
<b>Commentator</b>	Kaye Williams	Cedrik Fick	Seamus O'Connor	Cornelia Calimlim
<b>Help Desk</b>	Felicia Ahumada	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Anne Siriwardena
<b>CLOW</b>	Jilly Hickey	N/A	Rina Rose'meyer	Giuliano Family
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Sibi Sebastian		<b>Flowers:</b>	Jackie Devienne
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Fiona Gonsalvez		<b>Homily Typist:</b>	Janet Forster
<b>Altar Society</b>	Melanie Jacobs & Annie McNeill			
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Clara Gallo, Donna Lanzone, Ida Lancuba			
<b>Counters</b>	Michael & Margaret Ng, Aloysius Ting, Monica Kueh & Benedict Lim			

### PARISH DIARY

#### **Monday August 5**

9.15am: Mass (Chapel) - followed by *Rosary*  
1.00pm: Reflection Group (Chapel)

#### **Tuesday August 6**

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

#### **Wednesday August 7**

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
Confirmation Reflections (Church & Parish Hall)

#### **Thursday August 8 - St Mary of the Cross**

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
10.00am: Morning Tea (Chapel)  
7.00pm: Confirmation Mass (Church)

#### **Friday August 9**

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

#### **Saturday August 10**

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

#### **Sunday August 11**

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

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Recent Death:** Crescenzo Di Scala, Isabel Krishnan

**Anniversary:** Fr. John Van Suylen PE;  
Graeme Seymour; Ruben Villegas

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jenny Maxwell, Karlee Hill, Joshua Lim, Sheila Kelaart,  
Liji Abraham, Joanne Lannazzo, Samantha Basa,  
Dominique Allas, Michelle Wong, Lauren Pecora,  
Leah Viney, Sanjay Robson, Hannah McDonald,  
Joseph Beyrooti, Katrina Amoranto, Malishka Fernando,  
Maryanne Turnbull.

### ROWVILLE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP - ALL ARE INVITED!

Tuesday, Aug 6 from 2.00-3.15pm at  
Restore Community Church, 24 Laser Dr, Rowville

### ST MARY MCKILLOP FEAST DAY

**Thursday, August 8, Morning Tea after Mass**

Please bring a plate to share



### MEETINGS

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

**Money Management Program:** Mon. Aug. 5 at 7.30pm (Chapel)

**Craft Group:** Tue. Aug. 6 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

**Refurbishment Committee:** Tue. Aug 6 at 7.30pm (Chapel)

**RCIA Info Night:** Tue. Aug. 6 at 7.45pm (Office)

**Confirmation Reflection:** Wed Aug 7 (Church & Parish Hall)

**Baptism Prep:** Wed. Aug. 7 at 7.30pm (Office)

**Finance Committee:** Thu. Aug. 8 at 5.00pm (Office)

### NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

There are new thanksgiving envelopes in the foyer for the period starting 1 September 2019. These are for Parishioners who have made a Thanksgiving pledge and make their contributions by cash in envelopes, whether weekly, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly. Please collect your envelopes during August – they are sorted alphabetically by SURNAME.

Please note that if you make your contributions by Direct Debit or Credit Card you do **not** need envelopes and we will continue with your current arrangements – please contact the Parish Office if you wish to make changes to your current arrangements.


### ARE YOU OR A FRIEND THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Adults wishing to become Catholic or just enquiring follows a process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It's for adults who are not baptised, for baptised in another Christian church and for 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."**

### 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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

### BIBLE STUDY

This year an opportunity at our Parish to get an overview of the New Testament. Please register your interest at the Help Desk.

Next year, Matthew's Gospel (Little Rock) to follow.

### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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).

### 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.

More details to come.

### FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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



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

Saturday, November 23, 2019

- ◆ **Stall Captains' Meeting** - this **Monday, August 5 at 7.00pm in the School Staff Room**. It will be of great benefit to our Fete if EVERY STALL CAPTAIN attends to ensure everyone is on track for what will truly be a "Great Fete" for St. Simon's.
- ◆ We need a "Stall Captain" for the **Hot Jam Donuts Stall**. The Stall requires only basic preparation prior to Fete Day and should be "not-too-demanding". Interested? Contact the Parish Office or leave your name at the Help Desk after Mass.
- ◆ The Fete depends to a great degree on the number and commitment of 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, our Sponsorship Co-ordinator, **to follow up offers and collect donations** for the Silent Auction and Lucky Envelopes Stall. Please leave your name, email address and phone number at the Help Desk if you can help.

Thank you.

### THE AUST. CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Australia's largest gathering of youth in Perth, Sun. Dec. 8 to Tue. Dec. 10. The theme, "Listen to what the Spirit is saying", provides an important opportunity for young people to gather and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. A large group from Melbourne will attend, but some of our youth don't have the means to self-fund their attendance, but you can support them. Check out the material prepared by the **St Simon's ACYF** team in the foyer and help by taking and returning one of the coupons or helping to sell one of the boxes of chocolates.

You can also offer financial support directly via the new CDF-sponsored Donation Point Tap in the foyer. By swiping your credit card you will be making a donation of \$10 (pre-set) to help pilgrims. Contributions via this device during August and September will be allocated across many parishes. Contributions during **October and November will go directly to St Simon's pilgrims**.

### COLLECTIONS: July 28th, 2019



**Presbytery** \$1,718.90  
**Loose donations** \$ 568.40

	<b>Weekly Pledge</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)	\$2,550.31	\$2,390.00	85.1%
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3,570.34	\$3,255.95	91.2%
2016 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6,120.65		

**Thank you for sharing your treasure.**

## August 4th 2019 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First reading

**Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm: 89 (90): 3-6,12-14,17**

### Second reading

**Colossians 3:1-5,9-11**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian,

slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

### Gospel

**Luke 12:13-21**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



*Next Week's Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48*

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