



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## Parish Personnel

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Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tue, Thu)

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### 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

### 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

## August 11th 2019 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Former Victoria Police chief commissioner from 1977 to 1987 Sinclair "Mick" Miller, long considered the greatest police officer of his generation, has died at the age of 92.

In the 1950s he was plucked from a relatively obscure position as a senior constable at Richmond to head the Special Duties Gaming Branch – a task-force dedicated to smashing organised SP bookmaking operations. The group, known as "The Untouchables", carried out a series of raids that uncovered a massive illegal network and resulted in the royal commission into off-course betting, and the establishment of the TAB.

The former BHP clerk worked uniformed duties at Richmond; as a detective at Brunswick, Carlton, Prahran and in the Homicide Squad; as officer in charge Gaming (Special Duties) Branch; officer in charge Vice Squad; and officer in charge Detective Training School.

He was the officer in charge when gunman Edwin John Eastwood kidnapped school-children from Faraday (1972) and Wooreen (1977). The children were rescued unharmed.

As chief commissioner he encouraged the promotion of female officers, introduced taskforce operations against organised crime, professionalised anti-corruption investigations, developed an undercover unit, formed the elite counter-terror Special Operations Group and lobbied successfully for a national police intelligence bureau.

He set up Neighbourhood Watch, which is now a successful national network of community crime detection.

"The Age", Wed. August 7



The headline in "The Age" read: "Loved Police Commissioner dies".

Now with the greatest respect to the many Chief Commissioners who have led Victoria Police effectively over the years, "loved"

would not be a word commonly used to describe the relationship between police members and their highest superior officer. "Respected"? Yes. "Honoured"? Hopefully. But "Loved"? That's taking respect and honour to a new level of leadership.

In the case of Mick Miller, that respect and honour has continued on for 32 years since his retirement in 1987.

Back in 1965, Burt Bacharach and Hal David wrote a world-wide hit song: "What the World Needs Now is Love". How true - then and now.

But the world, our world, needs leadership as well. Desperately. And the leadership of Mick Miller is one that could provide a valuable model for so many areas of modern society – or any society, for that matter.

For Mick Miller was a leader of total integrity. No wonder the Task Force he led against illegal betting was known as "The Untouchables"! But as well as personal character, he knew policing from the ground up, serving many years as an "ordinary copper", until his ability and integrity were recognised as exceptional. Quite properly, deserved promotion soon followed.

Character. Integrity. Proven experience at the basic levels so as to understand fully "what it's all about". These are some of the essential components of effective and genuine leadership.

Then throw in commitment, humility, and a sense of practical vision as to what can and cannot be achieved. These are some, but not all, of the reasons for which Mick Miller's leadership is still treasured and admired more than three decades after his role ceased as Chief Commissioner.

Every organisation needs genuine leaders. Mick Miller showed how great leadership was possible. But we need more leaders like him. Lots more. May he rest in peace.

## Rosters for weekend of 17th & 18th August 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader 1</b>	Forster Family	Brian Philp	Alysha Rose'Meyer	Buena Dinuzzo
<b>Reader 2</b>	Forster Family	Brian Philp	Seamus O'Connor	Fiona Gonsalvez
<b>Commentator</b>	Helen Welsford	John Dorton	Peter Evans	Zita Ragg
<b>Help Desk</b>	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Jacqui O'Connor	Julie Cosentino
<b>CLOW</b>	Felicia Ahumada	N/A	Elly Bare	Melinda Costanzo
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Stephen White		<b>Flowers:</b>	Rosanna Almojera
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Kevin D'Rozario		<b>Homily Typist:</b>	Sonya Rose'meyer
<b>Altar Society</b>	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield			
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Jeannette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley, Chona Alpay			
<b>Counters</b>	Anna Smith, Frances Bowker, Lorraine Van Vloten, John Duhau, Cedric Gomez			

### PARISH DIARY

#### **Monday August 12**

9.15am: Mass (Chapel) - followed by *Rosary*  
7.30pm: Prayer Group (Church)

#### **Tuesday August 13**

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)  
**6.30pm:** Mass (Chapel) - *Please note time change*

#### **Wednesday August 14**

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### **Thursday August 15 - Assumption of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation**

9.15am: Mass (Church)  
11.30am: School Mass (Church)  
7.30pm: Mass (Church)

#### **Friday August 16**

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### **Saturday August 17**

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

#### **Sunday August 18**

8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am: Mass (Church)  
12.30pm: Baptism (Church)



### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Recent Death:** Roddy Leveque; Neville Robinson

**Anniversary:** Hortenzia Yanez; Chedimir Yorgic

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Christopher Maxwell, Lisa Desler, Andrew Fong,  
Evan Coates, Ryan Dennis, Laura Leanza, Kimberley Gray,  
Chris Chew, Rebecca McPherson, Regina Tan,  
Alma Albellar-Gray.

### LIFEBOAT NIGHT WITH SUE JONES TOSARIA

"Lifeboat" is greatly appreciative of the support from so many St. Simon's parishioners at the recent social night at Tosaria Restaurant. Over \$7,000 was raised to assist survivors of church-related sexual abuse. Sue Jones provided fantastic entertainment throughout the night. "Tosaria's" have recognised that the food served that night was not up to their usual high standard, and have provided a \$20 voucher for all patrons as an indication of their regret. If you would like to be sent a voucher (valid to Oct. 30), please email: [frkd@stsimonsparsh.com.au](mailto:frkd@stsimonsparsh.com.au) or [cath@lifeboatgeelong.com.au](mailto:cath@lifeboatgeelong.com.au).

### MEETINGS

**Money Mgmt Prog:** Mon. Aug. 12 at 7.30pm (Chapel)  
**Craft Group:** Tue. Aug. 13 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Tue. Aug. 13 at 7.00pm (Office)  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Wed. Aug. 14 at 7.30pm (Office)

### VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

For September 2019 to March 2020 is being prepared. Should you plan to be away during this period, can you please let the Parish Office know ASAP. Thank you!

### 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.

### REGENT THEATRE PROJECTIONISTS

Looking for 30+ 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. Working with Children check will be required. 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).

### THE AUST. CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Australia's largest gathering of youth in Perth, Sun. Dec. 8 to Tue. Dec. 10. The theme, "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.**

## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL

Are you someone with good carpentry skills? In the 24-hour Eucharistic Chapel in our soon-to-be-completed Parish Centre, we will need two kneelers, often called "Prie-Dieu". Check out a picture on Google images. If you are able to construct one, or would even like to donate one, please contact Fr. Kevin on 0421 77 360.



## PARISH HISTORY AND ARCHIVE GROUP

Our parish is 31 years old, but our "history" can easily be lost if we don't assemble it and care for it. Photos, bulletins, memorabilia, videos, committee minutes might not seem very interesting now, but can be fascinating in the not-too-distant future. If you are interested in being part of a small group which can assemble and preserve items relating to St. Simon's history, please contact Fr. Kevin.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

We have collected **\$4,525.55** for the recent Winter Appeal. On behalf of all those we assist, we'd like to say a big "Thank You" for your very generous support!  
*Rowville Conference*

## PASTORAL CARE 2020

The Pastoral Care Sub-Committee is anticipating to run 4 sessions during the course of 2020 in the areas of personal and current interests. A copy of the survey has been inserted in the bulletin, please mark 4 x topics of your choice and hand in at the Help Desk or email the office or place in collection basket.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ This year, Overview of New Testament (Fr Francis Maloney's Book)
- ◆ Next year, Matthew's Gospel (Little Rock).

### Information sessions:

Tue. Aug 13 at 7.30pm; Thu. Aug 15 at 10.00am - please sign up at Help Desk.

## 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)

## 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

**Volunteers** 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.

**SOUP AND SOUL**  **ALL WELCOME**

**First Thursday of each month 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. Our next meeting is **September 5** and topic is **Discernment**.

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

## PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Chapel to reflect on the Sunday's Gospel. All Welcome

## 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: Scotchman's Creek Trail, Oakleigh

**Meeting Point:** Playground at Brickmaker's Park, 23-29 Stamford Road, Oakleigh (near intersection of Stamford Rd and Hilbert Crt.

**Contact:** Nimmi 0413 135 889; Mic 0412 260 40

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**2019 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)

## COLLECTIONS: August 4th, 2019



**Presbytery** \$1607.10  
**Loose donations** \$ 405.30

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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$2061.00	85.1%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

**Thank you for sharing your treasure.**



# August 11th 2019 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

**Responsorial Psalm: 32(33):1,12,18-20,22**

## Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.



## Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

*Next Week's Readings: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53*

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