



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## Parish Personnel

### PARISH PRIEST:

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### PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Mrs Loretta Hughes (Tue, Thu)

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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

## September 8th 2019 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The hidden toll of the Bourke St. tragedy has been revealed with at least 22 victims still unable to return to work. Among them are at least three people with severe physical injuries, whose lives will never be the same. The others are seriously mentally scarred.

The Herald Sun can also reveal that 27 police officers involved on the day had to take time off after the massacre, with at least two resigning from the force.

James Gargasoulas was jailed for 46 years for killing six people in his car rampage up the busy pedestrian mall on January 20, 2017.

He has never shown any remorse and is reported to be enjoying life behind bars, watching TV, listening to music and getting visits from family and friends.

Meanwhile, Worksafe has revealed the ongoing toll for victims, police and witnesses, with 114 compensation claims, including 22 people who cannot return to work over 2.5 years later, and two who lost loved ones in the rampage.

Victim Support Minister Ben Carroll said those injured and their families would continue to receive support. "This was an unspeakable tragedy - six innocent people lost their lives and so many others will remember it for the rest of their lives and our thoughts are with them," he said.

Police Association Victoria secretary Wayne Gatt said many officers involved had struggled since.

"For those members who attended the scene, tended to victims, helped devastated families on the day and in the aftermath, and who worked in any number of challenging and traumatic roles, January 20, 2017, is a day that will never leave their memory," he said.

*"Herald Sun", Thurs. September 5*

Two years ago, the Rowville Uniting Church presented two talks from adolescent psychologist, Michael Carr-Gregg. Both talks, "Raising Resilient Boys" and "Raising Resilient Girls" attracted capacity crowds.

Those crowds reflected the concern of many parents that the children they love so much will need a high degree of "resilience" if they are to manage the increasing challenges, on so many levels, of our contemporary world.

And understandably so. It's about fear. Fear of the future. Fear of the present. Fear of the unknown.

Next Wednesday, it will be 18 years since the terrorist attacks on New York's World Trade Centre and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. On that day, the world changed enormously. A climate of fear, which has never since abated, began to envelope the globe. Teenagers and children of today have no idea that it was once possible to attend a major event or step onto a plane without being subject to security check.

So what about "resilience"? Important as it is (and it is very important indeed), the recognition of the need for resilience should not lessen our understanding the reality that there are some negative, traumatic and crushing experiences which are thrust upon people. All the resilience in the world might never be sufficient to restore for them genuine personal peace.

In recent times, psychological advances have generated heightened awareness of the long-term effects of all kinds of trauma. "Getting over it" is not necessarily achieved simply as a result of the well-intentioned support of family and friends. Nor is failure to "get over it" necessarily an indication of a "lack of resilience".

This is a new territory of human science, where empathy, understanding, practical help and good science must combine. As we continue to read of people who struggle with trauma, we must never forget how easily those people could be us, or someone we love.

## Rosters for weekend of 14th & 15th September 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader 1</b>	Williams Family	Neela Tatnell	Philomena Solari	Alf Kakala
<b>Reader 2</b>	Williams Family	Neela Tatnell	Lanny Pincott	Alf Kakala
<b>Commentator</b>	Marialisa Mandarino	Cedrik Fick	Annabel Henriques	Colin Maslen
<b>Help Desk</b>	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Jacqui O'Connor	Julie Cosentino
<b>CLOW</b>	Felicia Ahumada	N/A	Greg Woo/Audrey Lee	Melinda Costanzo
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Lorraine Van Vloten		<b>Flowers:</b>	Mirella Louey
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	Shanti Jayamanne		<b>Homily Typist:</b>	Sonya Rose'meyer
<b>Altar Society</b>	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield			
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, George Kertesi, Mike Joseph			
<b>Counters</b>	Helen Pongracic, Margaret & Gregory Carey, Noel Mulavey, Irene Law			

### PARISH DIARY

#### **Monday September 9**

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

#### **Tuesday September 10**

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

**NO TUESDAY EVENING Mass**

#### **Wednesday September 11**

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### **Thursday September 12**

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### **Friday September 13**

9.15am: Anointing Mass (Church)

#### **Saturday September 14**

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

#### **Sunday September 15**

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



### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Recent Death:** Ann Penman, Gerald O'Sullivan, Crescenzo Di Scala

**Anniversary:** Sweeney Fernando, Nesta Taylor, Celine & Gerald Roche, Defelice Family, Attard Family

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rod Whaler, Francis Cheong, Debbie Robson,  
Zoe Evans, Theresa Calimlim, Shamaya Mathes,  
Diane Heaton, Alan Moore

### 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.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

Sessions led by Gisella Koroknai and Jacqui Giuliano. For more details please contact the Parish Office on **9764 4058** or via email: [office@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:office@stsimonsparish.com.au)

### MEETINGS

**Craft Group:** Tue. Sep 10 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Wed. Sep 11 at 7.30pm (Office)  
**Refurbishment Committee:** Thu. Sep 12 at 5.30 pm

### ACCOMMODATION FOR LIFEBOAT CLIENT

A "Lifeboat" client (single male in his mid-40's) is seeking affordable accommodation (bungalow, granny flat, self-contained section of a house etc.). Has his own furniture, and has good references.

Further information from Fr. Kevin - 0421 777 360.

### "FLEETWOOD MAX" - AMAZING TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF FLEETWOOD MAC!

You can provide much needed support to the life-saving work of the "*Lifeboat Foundation*" (for survivors of church-related sexual abuse) by attending (with as many friends and family!). You won't pick the difference between this amazing band and the "original" "Fleetwood Mac" (who performed at Rod Laver Arena this week).

**Wheeler Auditorium, Nazareth College, Manning Drive, Noble Park North. Tickets: \$50. Sat. Oct. 19 at 7.30pm.**  
Online Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/begut](http://www.trybooking.com/begut). Email request for tickets: [ice@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:ice@stsimonsparish.com.au)

### HOMELESSNESS:

#### PREPARING FOR 2020, PARISH FORUM

**Tuesday 24 September, 6.00pm for 6.30-8.30pm**

During 2019, churches and groups across the Melbourne metropolitan area co-operated to provide winter shelter to several hundred rough sleepers on the coldest nights of the year. One Parish Priest says "Not only are there homeless people in our area, our Parish needs homeless guests to minister to *them*. We need to give our parishioners an opportunity to participate in providing shelter". This forum will begin to prepare for next winter and help make connections between parishes, churches and groups that will make next year's winter shelter a success. Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Entry via car park off Lansdowne Street) **RSVP: 20 September 2019**  
**Cost: \$20.00** - concessions available, please contact Lucia Brick. **Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEOEB>**  
Enquiries: **Lucia Brick Tel: 9287 5566**  
or e: [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au)

### NEW PARISHIONERS:

**We would like to welcome you personally!**

If you have recently moved into the area, or have decided to make St. Simon's your parish home, please register your details in the New Parishioners' Book at the Help Desk.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLOW Leaders have a significant role within our parish, leading the children to an active participation and reflection on the Word of God. If you are interested in assisting in this ministry, please contact the parish office.

## REGENT THEATRE PROJECTIONISTS

We are still seeking a few more volunteer projectionists to screen the movies, hopefully commencing in September. People available for daytime screenings during School Holidays are especially welcome. Working with Children check will be required. Forms at the Help Desk or email Fr Kevin on [frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au).

## SOUP AND SOUL

First Thursday of each month at 7.00pm in the Chapel

Let's come to know one another over a bowl of hot soup. Our next meeting will be October 3 and Topic is **How to Discern God's Will in Making Decisions Part 2**.

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

## BIBLE STUDY

Thanks to all who responded and attended the information sessions. Two weekly sessions over 6 weeks will be held commencing **Tue. Nov 5 at 7.30pm and Thu. Nov 7 at 10.00am**.

Clipboards in the foyer for sign up.

Enquiries Email: [loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au)

This Year: Overall Coverage of New Testament

Next Year: Matthew's Gospel

## PLENARY GATHERING - Stage 2

**LISTEN AND DISCERN: September 19 at 7.30pm**

Please find time for this important process if we want to move forward as Church.

**Theme 1:** How is God calling us to be a Christ-Centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising. We will be prayerfully led to reflect through Scripture and respectfully listen to each other.

**Clipboard in the foyer for sign up.**

## DOWNTON ABBEY MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Outreach Fundraiser: film evening at the Metro Cinemas Boronia – "Downton Abbey" at **6.30pm on Fri. Sept. 13**.

Tickets \$20, includes complimentary drink before the show. Contact 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).

## CALLING ALL BAKERS & PRESERVE MAKERS!!



We need volunteers to provide homemade items for the **Fete Cake Stall on Sat 23rd November**. If you can

provide any of the following, please call Jacqui (0410457034), Gisella (0403454002), or leave your name and contact number at the Parish Office or the Help Desk. **Your generosity is very much appreciated!**

## 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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Interested please contact Fr Lenin on

[lenin.thenamirtham@cam.org.au](mailto:lenin.thenamirtham@cam.org.au).

**Registrations close Sept 30, 2019.**

## CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2019

**September 8**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

## THE ALIGHT FAMILY FIESTA

**Saturday, Sept 21.**

All welcome. **Registrations close on Wed, Sept 11.**

Fr Leo Patalinghug, chef and priest, will cook up a storm to feed us body, mind and soul. There will be rides, games, live music.

Register at [www.cam.org.au/alight19](http://www.cam.org.au/alight19).

If the cost is a problem, we can help. See the "Subsidy" tab on the Alight website.

## COLLECTIONS: September 1st, 2019



**Presbytery** \$1,317.45  
**Loose donations** \$ 519.65

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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$3,160.00	85.2%

**Thank you for sharing your treasure.**

# September 8th 2019 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First reading

**Wisdom 9:13-18**

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had  
you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been  
straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

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

## Second reading

**Philemon 1:9-10,12-17**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of

Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

## Gospel

**Luke 14:25-33**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

*Next Week's Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;  
Luke 15:1-10/32*

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