



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## Parish Personnel

### PARISH PRIEST:

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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

## September 22nd 2019 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



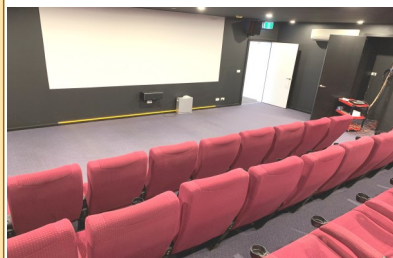
The next couple of months at St. Simon's will be exciting - and hectic! Lots of major events, which represent the hard work, ongoing progress and spirit of vitality which have characterised St. Simon's since its inception as a parish in 1988.

On Friday, October 18, Mr. Phil Hesse's magnificent contribution to our school will be recognised along with the Blessing and

Opening of the new and most impressive 12-classroom building, the very existence of which is due to the fine administration of Phil and his most able Deputy, Mrs. Maree Fatouros.

On the following weekend (**October 26/27**), we will celebrate at all Masses the Feast of St. Simon the Apostle. The "patronal feast" is always a significant event in any parish, and this year we will mark the day in a special way by a "sort-of official" opening of our new Parish Centre. Yes, it has taken a while, but we're nearly there and a "Certificate of Occupancy" (which means we can begin using the new Front Office, Meeting Room, Hall and Cinema) should be in place within a fortnight or so, we hope.

Once the Front Office has been relocated, the current office reception can be transformed into the Eucharistic Chapel, available for prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, all day, every day. While the Church is open from 9am until around 5.00pm, this Chapel will be available "24/7" for anyone seeking the comfort and guidance of Jesus in prayer, especially in time of stress, sadness and need.



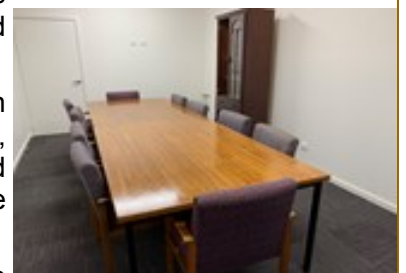
**Saturday, November 23** (as was mentioned prominently here last week) is **Fete Day**, and everything seems to be in place for another great day. Hopefully, everyone will 'chip in' and be part of a great team.

Around the same time, our Church Refurbishment will be nearing completion. Within the next two weeks, the Church Altar will be

taken off site for 2 -3 weeks, and be back in place by the end of October at the latest. It's not a new altar - it's a strengthening and rebuilding of the altar that has always been central to the worship of St. Simon's parishioners. It will be slightly shorter, slightly deeper, same height, a pillar on each corner, with the Last Supper sculpture illuminated. A generous donor is covering all costs, along with a marble bookstand for the Lectern.

We anticipate the pews being removed after an 11am Sunday Mass, probably in mid November, and the new pews and carpet will be installed during that week - hopefully in time for use the following weekend. Then it's Christmas!!

So hang on tight for a busy time, by a time, please God, of fulfilment and worthwhile improvement. Both major projects are on budget, and sincere thanks to all for the consistent generosity that have made them possible.



## Rosters for weekend of 28th & 29th September 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Forster Family	Enakshi Jayamanne	Alysha Rose'Meyer	Pia Pagotta
Reader 2	Forster Family	Enakshi Jayamanne	Alysha Rose'Meyer	Terry Redden
Commentator	Graeme Smith	Phil Mawdsley	Peter Evans	Cornelia Calimlim
Help Desk	Michela Mandarino	Catherine Lobo	Zita Ragg	Anne Siriwardena
CLOW	NO CLOW	N/A	NO CLOW	NO CLOW
Bus Driver	Michael Ng		<b>Flowers:</b>	Nilmini Fernando
Mass Recorder	Rick Foster		<b>Homily Typist:</b>	Sunita Nazareth
Altar Society	Elly Bare & Luvy Esquejo			
Church Cleaning	Annette & Samuel Leveque, Antony Singarasa			
Counters	Joy & Larry Amoranto, Brian Harriss, Nirmala Andrew			

### PARISH DIARY

#### TIMETABLE CHANGES - GRAND FINAL

**Next Friday (Sept. 27)** is the Grand Final Eve Public Holiday. The Morning Mass will be at **10 am, not 9.15am.**  
**Next Saturday (Grand Final Day)**, the Evening Mass will be at **7.00pm, not 6.00pm.**

#### **Monday September 23**

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

#### **Tuesday September 24**

9.10am: Mass (Chapel) - *Please note time change*  
 7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

#### **Wednesday September 25**

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### **Thursday September 26**

9.15am: Mass (Church)

#### **Friday September 27 - Grand Final Eve Holiday**

**10:00am:** Mass (Church) - *Please note time change*

#### **Saturday September 28 - Grand Final Day**

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)  
 9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)  
**7.00pm:** Mass (Church) - *Please note time change*

#### **Sunday September 29**

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

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Anniversary:** Maria Zawlewska

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Crispin Gomez, Sonya Rose'Meyer, Caithlin Mann,  
 Shayana De Mel, Alessia Dalle-Nogare, David Fong,  
 Jaime Brohier, Adrika Sri Bawan, Joshua Goh,  
 Lisa-Marie Harris, Phil Solari, Francis Pulikkottil,  
 Geraro Augustin Amirtham,  
 Sarah Theresa Abraham, Julian Belisaro

### 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)

### NEW PARISHONERS

**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 at the Help Desk.

### MEETINGS

**Craft Group:** Tue. Sep 24 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

### THANK YOU & FAREWELL

A big "Thank You" to David West for such dedicated service to our Parish. We wish you and your family God's Blessings in your future. You will be sorely missed!

### 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.

### ACYF PERTH 2019

Perth, Sun. Dec. 8 to Tue. Dec. 10 provides an opportunity for young people to 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, and you can support them.** Support the **St Simon's ACYF** team by taking and returning one of the coupons or helping to sell one of the boxes of chocolates. You can donate 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 Aug. and Sept. will be allocated across many parishes. **Contributions during Oct and Nov will go directly to St Simon's pilgrims.**

### DOWNTON ABBEY

The PPC Outreach team would like to say, "THANK YOU" to all the eager movie goers who attended the Downton Abbey fundraiser last Friday night. What a great night it was! The movie was lovely and the company perfect. Thank you so much for supporting Guardian Angels of Kenya and our 2020 Relay for Life Team. We raised approximately \$800 which will be split between the two causes.

### CELEBRATE LIFE CONCERT

**Friday, Oct 11, 2019 at 7.30pm**

With **Fr David Lemewu**, Georga Byrne & Alyssa Agius, whose song hit 5th on the charts of Australian Christian music. They also sing at Catholic youth festivals. There will be other acts and dances, including scenes from the COG theatre group's musicals. This is a not-for-profit fundraiser. Limited tickets are sold at half price (only \$12). Don't miss out on this special.

To book: [www.trybooking.com/BEVLD](http://www.trybooking.com/BEVLD)

Info: [cogtheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:cogtheatregroup@gmail.com)

Contact: 0413398528 [www.callofguadalupe.com](http://www.callofguadalupe.com).

## "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 as possible!). You won't pick the difference between this amazing band and the "original" "Fleetwood Mac" (who performed at Rod Laver Arena recently).

**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:** [office@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:office@stsimonsparish.com.au)

## 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.

## SOUP AND SOUL

**First Thursday of each month at 7.00pm in the Chapel**

Our next meeting will be October 3. Topic: 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

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

**LISTEN AND DISCERN: Thurs. Oct. 17 at 7.30pm**

**Theme 2:** How is God calling us to be a Christ-Centred Church that is inclusive, participatory & synodal? Come and be part of this prayerful process of listening and discerning.

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## ITALY & MEDJUGORJE WITH FR LENIN

**11 Days for \$3950pp departing March 20, 2020**

If interested please contact Fr Lenin on

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

**Registrations close Sept 30, 2019.**

## 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.

**We need:** Christmas cakes, jam, preserves, relish, pickles, sauces, cordial, tomato passata, lemon curd/butter

Other ideas are welcome! (We will of course also need fresh cakes on fete day so watch this space!)

THANK YOU!

**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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## 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.

## DISCOVERING GLOBAL MISSION

How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati, Myanmar and the Philippines seek volunteers to assist their development.

Learn of Melbourne teacher Kathy Brick's experience mentoring local educators at schools in Samoa and South Africa, and how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery.

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## COLLECTIONS: September 15th, 2019



**Presbytery** \$1,431.05  
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Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)  
 Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)  
 2016 campaign pledge (weekly)

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$2,697.00	85.4%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

**Thank you for sharing your treasure.**

# September 22nd 2019 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First reading

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,  
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over  
so that we can sell our corn,  
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?  
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales,  
we can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'  
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112(113):1-2, 4-8**

## Second reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

*Next Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31*

## Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



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