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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 PERSONAL DETAILS:

Contact Parish Office

September 29th 2019 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Father Kevin,

Just a note from a very irate old lady, classified a Catholic for 88 years. I'm not angry with you, but with the fact that you are lumbered with fund-raising for abused children.

His Holiness in Rome should have long ago issued an "open cheque" - even if it means selling off - even "some" of the art work and other extravaganza of the "Holy City"!! - to compensate victims and families of these unforgiveable crimes against our Faith.

The small numbers attending Church these days - and those priests who do not offend and are criticised anyway - should not have to beg and scrape to cover these huge costs.

Surely there are some groups in the Australian Hierarchy with sufficient influence to demand this immediately!! My lousy few dollars is a mere drop in the ocean of such a debt, and it makes me SO ANGRY that you and like-minded Catholics find yourselves in this position.

It is a disgrace! I don't wish to be rude, but it is time Rome took responsibility for this tragedy.

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret (not her real name)

The above letter was received on Wednesday this week. It was accompanied by a cheque for "Lifeboat" of \$100 - not a few "lousy dollars", but a generous contribution indeed from an elderly lady on a pension.

The anger and disillusion she expresses are typical of the feelings of untold thousands, if not millions, of Catholics across Australia. And as she wrote them, the Australian Church is on the verge of the first "Plenary Council" for 80 years.

Here at St. Simon's, a hard-working committee of parishioners is trying to generate the maximum benefit from the consultation and discernment processes initiated across Australia in preparation for next year's Plenary Council gathering.

But despite the excellent efforts being made locally (which will hopefully bear good fruit for our parish), there is little to indicate that the pain of "Margaret" is being addressed in a meaningful and effective way at that higher level of Church leadership which is governing the direction of the Plenary Council.

In a subsequent phone conversation, "Margaret" lamented the loss of Catholic Faith in her own adult children, and the absence of faith (of any kind) in her teenage and twenty-something grandchildren. She has practised her Faith for nine decades. She has worked for and given to the institutional Church - schools, parishes, charities, missions - throughout her life. That she should feel as she does in her final years is also (to use her word) "unforgiveable". For at least four decades now, the cause of her pain has gone and still remains unaddressed.

Across Australia, various people have been given responsibility to sift through the many submissions to the Plenary Council. Please God they will ensure that the widespread pain, distress and disillusionment of the untold number of "Margarets" are at the very top of the priorities to be addressed.

Rosters for weekend of 5th & 6th October 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Graeme Smith	Peter Kean	Stephen White	Fiona Gonsalvez
Reader 2	Volunteer	Peter Kean	Anabel Henriques	Buena Dinuzzo
Commentator	Kaye Williams	Brian Philp	Reg Emons	Jacqui Giuliano
Help Desk	Seymon Martino	Cheryl Philp	Marie-Anne Duthil	Helen Ekeroma
CLOW	NO CLOW	N/A	NO CLOW	NO CLOW
Bus Driver	Vincent Pius		Flowers:	Nilmini Fernando
Mass Recorder	Zoe Evans		Homily Typist:	Janet Forster
Altar Society	Deepthi Perera, Jeanne Bernard & Bernadette Fernando			
Church Cleaning	Clara Gallo, Donna Lanzone, Ida Lancuba			
Counters	Michael & Margaret Ng, Aloysius Ting, Monica Kueh & Benedict Lim			

PARISH DIARY

Monday September 30

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

Tuesday October 1

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

Wednesday October 2

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Thursday October 3

9.15am: Mass (Church)

7.00pm: Soup & Soul (Chapel)

Friday October 4

9.15am: Anointing Mass (Church)

10.00am: Seniors Morning Tea (Chapel)

Saturday October 5

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

11.30am: Baptism (Church)

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday October 6

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Anniversary: Margaret Dalton, Elena Lancuba

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joclyn Kueh, Shaun Rajasingam, Dedan McAleese,
Chris Nguyen, Stephanie Mastromanno,
Alex Fotopoulos, Stacey Cramer, Candice Failla,
Anthony Bernardo, Felicia Ahumada, Daniel Gialanze,
Christian Pancione, Allan Orbien, Kaye Williams,
Teagan Goh, Emma Costanzo, Michael Smith,
Blair McAllister, Darren Gray, Emily Bito,
Ron Williams, Thomas Chan

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

Info: cogtheatregroup@gmail.com

Contact: 0413398528 www.callofguadalupe.com

MEETINGS

Craft Group: Tue. Oct 1 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

RCIA: Tue. Oct 1 at 7.45pm (Chapel)

Baptism Prep: Wed. Oct 2 at 7.30pm (Office)

Fete Committee: Mon. Oct 7 at 7.00pm (School Staff Room)

Liturgy Committee: Tue. Oct 8 at 5.30pm (Office)

Deanery Committee: Thu. Oct 10 at 5.00pm

Admin & Dev't: Thu. Oct 10 at 7.00pm

Pastoral Committee: Tue. Oct 15 at 7.00pm

FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets for the 2019 Major Raffle are now available. Prize Pool of \$7,500 - 1st prize \$2,000 of Gift Cards of winner's choice. All prizes and printing costs have been provided by generous sponsors, so 100% of each \$2 ticket sale will benefit our parish and school. It is hoped ALL parishioners will try to sell at least one book of 10 tickets.

Thanksgiving contributors have named envelopes in the Church Foyer. Others can collect books at the Help Desk. Let's make our best effort!

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.

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.

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.**

"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 Email request for tickets: 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 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: office@stsimonsparish.com.au

This Year: Overall Coverage of New Testament

Next Year: Matthew's Gospel

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 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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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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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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Jenny Florence Room, Ross House

247-251 Flinders Lane

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or see www.palms.org.au/assignments-abroad

POPE FRANCIS' EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION - OCTOBER

A time to reflect, discern, explore, create, experience, celebrate, pray & nourish. See Notice Board in foyer for more details.



Reach out. Give life.

COLLECTIONS: September 22nd, 2019

Presbytery \$1644.50
Loose donations \$ 500.75



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

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$2730.50	85.5%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

September 29th 2019 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of
Samaria,
those famous men of this first of nations
to whom the House of Israel goes as client.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145(146):7-10

Second reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."



Next Week's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14;
Luke 17:5-10

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