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9755 4222

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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 & FOCCUS 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

October 6th 2019 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Ride like a Girl" is a compelling account of the life of Melbourne Cup-winning jockey, Michelle Payne. The Aussie movie, directed by Rachel Griffiths and starring Teresa Palmer, has another distinction. It features Michelle's brother Stevie, who has Down Syndrome.

When Griffiths learned that Stevie, who was Prince of Penzance's strapper, wanted to play himself in the movie, she abandoned the idea of hiring a professional actor.

During filming, Stevie was so good that Griffiths decided to give him extra screen time. For many reviewers, he is the highlight of the movie.

"One of the positive messages in this movie is that Paddy Payne only saw the abilities of his children. He didn't discriminate by gender or put Stevie in a special box and limit what he thought his life could be," Griffiths said.

"Herald Sun", Thu. Oct. 3, 2019



Most weeks, the front page of this bulletin will be a comment on a news story, as much as possible, one with a positive and uplifting background.

That task proved somewhat challenging this week, Thursday's "Herald Sun" being a case in point. For example, just a few headlines:

Page 4: "Bank shamed for least rate relief"

Page 6: "Kill threat before death".

Page 6: "Prisoner stabs jail officer".

Page 8: "Killer rapist tells of better life in jail"

Page 8: "Charged teen released on bail".

Page 18: "Charged babysitter is pregnant".

And that's without the stories of Boris Johnson and Brexit, Donald Trump and impeachment - and even more pages about post-Premiership club Richmond!

Then, at last, perseverance pays off. There it was, on Page 25. In an "Opinion" piece, Melbourne writer Colin Vickery brought to our attention the fantastic news that Stevie Payne is playing himself in the recently-released movie, "Ride Like a Girl".

The movie is meant to be about his sister Michelle's magnificent victory on Prince of Penzance in the 2015 Melbourne Cup, and the story of triumph over adversity which preceded it. That story includes the death of her mother in a car accident when Michelle was just a baby, as well as two race-falls from horses which resulted in severe injuries.

But the "sub-story" of Michelle's brother and Prince of Penzance's strapper Stevie, who has Down Syndrome, may even eclipse his talented sister in capturing the hearts of the public, who can now relive the heart-warming story through the movie.

Unlike the Melbourne Cup, life's not meant to be a competition - and it shouldn't be about who wins or who doesn't. But both Michelle and Stevie have given the Australian public (and now the world) an extraordinary and inspiring example of how to make the best of those situations which confront and challenge us.

They both have done so much to give us all some genuine hope and strength when faced with many, if not any, of life's major issues. They are two young Australians who haven't had it easy, but have appreciated the gifts God has given them and used them to the full.

PS: My brother, Fr. Brendan Dillon, has been Chaplain to the Racing Industry for 25 years. He blessed Michelle Payne's saddle at the "Racing Mass" at St. Francis' Church, two days before the 2015 Melbourne Cup!

Rosters for weekend of 12th & 13th October 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Terry O'Donnell	Neela Tatnell	Ng Family	Colin Maslen
Reader 2	Marita Murphy	Neela Tatnell	Ng Family	Pia Pagotta
Commentator	Helen Welsford	Kerry McAleer	Mike Toomey	Christina Liew
Help Desk	Felicia Ahumada	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
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Counters	Anna Smith, Frances Bowker, Lorraine Van Vloten, John Duhau, Cedric Gomez			

PARISH DIARY

NB: THIS TUES. EVENING MASS IS AT 6.45pm

Monday October 7

9.15am: Mass (Chapel) - followed by Rosary

1.00pm: Reflection Group (Chapel)

Tuesday October 8 - Parish Office Closed

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

6.45pm: Mass (Chapel) - please note time change

Wednesday October 9 - Parish Office Closed

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Thursday October 10

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday October 11

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday October 12

9.15am: Mass (Church)

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday October 13

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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Anniversary: Janina Mataska; Vincenza Santo;

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nishanthi Forrest, Kim Ma, Jayden Collins,
Deborah Rabot, Rita Ottewill, Shelaan Mathes,
Ethan Taggart, Patrick Ryan, Frank Bito, Adam Dalzotto,
Jeremy Ng

ROWVILLE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP - ALL ARE INVITED!

Tuesday, Oct 8 from 2.00-3.15pm at
Restore Community Church, 24 Laser Dr, Rowville.

ST. JOHN THE BAPIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Do you feel you don't know Jesus personally, in your heart, but you would like to?

If so, come and join us for 'THE GIFT', a 7-week course at:

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Hall,
17 Forest Rd, Ferntree Gully

Every Tuesday starting 15th October, from
10.15am - 12.30pm including a light lunch.

Enquiries: Judy 0427 220 441 or Tineke 0478 620 226.

MEETINGS

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

Craft Group: Tue. Oct 8 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

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

St Vincent de Paul: Wed. Oct 9 at 7.30pm (Office)

Deanery Committee: Thu. Oct 10 at 5.00pm

Admin & Dev't: Thu. Oct 10 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!

PARISH CENTRE OPENING

October 26 & 27

We anticipate the new Parish Centre will be operational within 7 to 10 days. We would appreciate some **volunteers** on **Sat. Oct. 12 (9.00 to 12 noon)**, to prepare the garage and car port at Fr. Kevin's house (4 McKay Rd) in preparation for a "**Garage Sale**" on **Sat. Oct. 19 (9.00 to 2.00pm)** of items now surplus to Parish Centre requirements.

Oct. 26 & 27 - Feast of St. Simon - Blessing and Opening of the new Parish Centre. Following each weekend Mass, we will walk down the path to the Parish Centre for a brief ceremony of Blessing. We will need some **volunteers** to undertake preparation of simple hospitality after each Mass e.g. serving of tea, coffee, biscuits, sandwiches, etc.

We have a coffee machine, do we have any experienced "baristas" who might provide the cappuccinos, lattes, etc. Please sign up at the Help Desk after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

FAREWELL TO MR PHIL HESSE & BLESSING & OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL CLASSROOM BLOCK

A farewell mass of appreciation for retiring St Simon's School Principal, Mr Phil Hesse will be celebrated on **Friday, Nov 29 at 5.00pm** in our church. This will be followed by the blessing and opening of the new school classroom block with hospitality provided afterwards. Families of St Simon's school (past & present) are warmly invited to attend either or both functions at which appropriate recognition of Phil's 14-year service to St Simon's will be made.

BAREFOOT BOWLERS - URGENTLY NEEDED!

Help St Simon's **Parish Outreach Team** to win \$1000 in the **Bayswater Bowls Club 'Barefoot Bowls Challenge'**, to be played **Sunday, October 13, at 2.30pm**. For this opportunity to help our fundraising efforts, we need a team of three, however the team-members must NOT be registered members of any bowls club. In addition, we are looking for an experienced mentor to help get the team in shape! To express your interest, **CALL ASAP - Gisella** on **0403 454 002** or leave your contact details at the Parish Office or Help Desk.

"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.

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

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!)

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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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.**

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. This is a not-for-profit fundraiser.

To book: www.trybooking.com/BEVLD

Info: cogtheatregroup@gmail.com

Contact: 0413398528 www.callofquadalupe.com

STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS

14 November – 7 December 2020

Info session: Saturday, Oct 19, 2.00-4.00pm.

RSVP: Jenny Delahunt

Tel: 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

COLLECTIONS: September 29th, 2019



Presbytery \$1487.55
Loose donations \$ 361.35

Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
\$2,550.31	\$1766.20	85.4%
\$3,570.34		
\$6,120.65		

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

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

October 6th 2019 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94(95):1-2, 6-9

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'



*Next Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13;
Luke 17:11-19*

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