



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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Parish Personnel

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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)

CHILD SAFEGUARDING:

Ms Delisa Gonsalves (Mon)

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 PERSONAL DETAILS:

Contact Parish Office

October 13th 2019 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In recent weeks, you may have noticed in the column at left a new name: Delisa Gonsalves. Delisa, a Child Safeguarding Specialist, is now a member of our parish staff who is helping us develop and improve our "Safeguarding" commitment towards children, and other vulnerable people, and to form the policies, procedures and a Code of Conduct concerning this commitment. These documents will express how we expect everyone in St. Simon's parish to interact with children, young people or any vulnerable people in these important areas, and influence how we will hopefully determine

the kind of culture we wish to be exemplified in our Parish.

You have heard me talk often about how, as a Christian community, we need to recognise fully the failures, offences, crimes and sins of the past in this area, and as much as possible, to help rebuild the lives of those so tragically damaged. But today, we also need to take control in our local situation, safeguarding and genuinely protecting the children of our own time.

Delisa will be working one day per week on Mondays. She also works three days per week as a Youth Worker and Pastoral Associate in the partnered parishes of Armadale and Toorak. For a number of years, she has also been a volunteer in some of the Catholic parishes within the Dandenong Deanery, as well as a number of Christian Not-for-Profit Organisations.

Quite properly, parishes are expected to comply with the increasingly stronger laws protecting children. But this is about more than compliance. It is about the centrality to the mission of our parish of being committed to the fundamental responsibility of fostering the dignity, wellbeing, self-esteem and integrity of children, and all young and vulnerable people, providing them with a safe and supportive environment, so as to enhance their lives at every level.

Our parish is a diverse, multi-cultural faith community and we respect the cultural differences and variations in the child-rearing practices linked to the various personal and cultural backgrounds. But these differences must not compromise a children's right to be safe. Every child connected to our faith community must be protected from any potential harm due to any unacceptable conduct from anyone connected with parish and its activities.

The entire Catholic Church must ensure that children, young people and vulnerable persons can actively, safely and fully participate in the life of the Church, achieving as much as possible their full potential in our faith community.

To do this, we are going to need your help. The first step is outlined below.

If you currently volunteer for any of our Parish Ministries and Groups (see Notice on Help Desk), you will need a "Working With Children Check" Card.

Visit <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

If you already have a Card, click "**Update my Details**".

If you **don't** have a WWCC Card, click: "**Apply for a Check**".

In both cases, follow the prompts and make sure that "**St. Simon the Apostle Parish - 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville, 3178 - 03 9764 4058**" is added to "**Organisation Details**". Under the field "**Child-related work**", choose category "**64-Religious Organisation**" or click the link "**MyCheck Account**."

Please provide the Parish Office with your "WWCC" details so we can complete and update our records.

If you don't have access to the Internet, please call the "Working With Children Check" Office on **1300 652 879**.

Rosters for weekend of 19th & 20th October 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Jodie Marziano	Peter Kean	Evans family	Christina Liew
Reader 2	Alex Van Rheenan	Peter Kean	Evans family	Christina Liew
Commentator	Peter Pereira	Cedrik Fick	Tony Biviano	Pia Pagotta
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Jacqui O'Connor	Julie Cosentino
CLOW	Anita/Marsha	N/A	Ewa Toomey	Melinda Costanzo
Bus Driver	Tony Cosentino		Flowers:	Beatrice
Mass Recorder	Chad Cole		Homily Typist:	Michelle Goh
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield			
Church Cleaning	Cion Romana, Ed & Ming Nicdao			
Counters	David Wong, Graham Landers, Susan Wong, Lin Tie			

PARISH DIARY

Monday October 14

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

7.30pm: Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday October 15

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

7.00pm: Mass (Chapel)

Wednesday October 16

9.15am: Mass (Church)

1.30pm: Reconciliation - Parent Preparation (Church)

7.30pm: Reconciliation - Parent Preparation (Church)

Thursday October 17

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Friday October 18

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Saturday October 19

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

9.45am: Reconciliation (Church)

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday October 20

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

12.30pm: Baptisms (Church)



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE RISEN IN THE LORD

Recent Death: Antoinette Bedrossian

Anniversary: Lina Bertone, Dora Milana

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Daniel Smith, Catherine Stephen, Rick Hart,
Lucky Aleazar, Melissa & Rebecca Giaccotto,
Melissa Desfosses, Subo Joseph, Hushie Duggan,
Ralph Santos, Lucas Lar, Adel Tabbaa, Jessica Ryan,
Sybil Donohue, Sermal Fernando, Cheryl Rebeiro,
Andrea Siriwardena, Victor Tanti

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 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

Craft Group: Tue. Oct 15 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

RCIA: Tue. Oct 15 at 7.45pm

Fete Committee: Mon. Oct. 21 at 7.00 p.m.

Share the Care: Mon. Oct. 21 at 7.30p.m.

St. Simon's School Board: Tue. Oct. 22 at 7.00p.m.

Pastoral Committee: Tue. Oct 15 at 7.00pm

GARAGE SALE - 4 McKAY RD

Next Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9.00 to 2.00pm

Sale of items now surplus to Parish Centre requirements: Metal filing cabinets, granite kitchen bench top, cooktop, kitchen cabinets, book shelves, dining table, office work-stations, etc. etc. Come with your trailers. Any reasonable offers welcome. Tell all your friends & families.

PARISH CENTRE OPENING

**Sat. Oct. 26 & Sun. Oct. 27 - Feast of St. Simon
Blessing and Opening of our 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, and are hoping to find experienced "baristas" who might provide 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.

RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT

This weekend at each Mass, parents of children soon to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will express their commitment to support their children in this important stage of their Faith development. We pray for God's love, blessing and guidance on the children and their families.

UNPLANNED - THE MOVIE

Screening at Hoyts Cinemas, Forest Hill on October 21.

"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. Tickets available after Mass or at the door on the night. Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/begut
Email request for tickets: office@stsimonsparish.com.au

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.**

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 \$5 (pre-set) to help St Simon's pilgrims.

DISCOVER NEW DEPTHS TO YOUR FAITH

Study at Yarra Theological Union (YTU),

Info Night: Wed. Nov. 13 - 7.00-8.00pm, YTU Study Centre
 34 Bedford Rd, Box Hill. Everyone welcome.

www.ytu.edu.au Ph: 9890 3771



ST SIMON'S FETE NOVEMBER 23, 2019

FETE DONATIONS

Trash & Treasure, Books, Toys, Collectables, Clothing - only good quality saleable items please. No Electricals.

Drop off on **Saturday, Oct 19 from 10.00am to 12.00noon** next to the container/garage in the basketball court.

Please DO NOT drop off any items at the Parish Office.

Fete Committee

FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Our Fete Sponsors give much appreciated support to this important parish event. This week we thank:



VILLA MARIA CATHOLIC HOMES

Located at: 355 Stud Road, Wantirna 3152

Phone: 1300 845 526

Website: www.agedcareguide.com.au/vmch-wantirna

FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets for the 2019 Major Raffle are now available. Thanksgiving contributors have named envelopes in the Church Foyer. 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. Others can collect books at the Help Desk. Let's make our best effort!

THE ADVENT OF GRACE

Preparing for the Season of Advent (Year A)

Tues, October 15 & 22 - 6.30-9.00pm

Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade,
 East Melbourne

Cost: \$30 both sessions or \$20 per session

Info: Suzanne Hermon 9926 5761 or
evangelisation@cam.org.au

THE OPEN DOOR'S GOT TALENT

Monthly singing workshop, learn a new song or join in with some golden oldies. We welcome all skill levels.

FRI Oct 25, 1.30pm-2.30pm (followed by a cuppa).

A gold coin donation is welcome.

THE OPEN DOOR: 110 Ann Street, Dandenong

Ph: 9791 8664, E: Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au

COLLECTIONS: October 6th, 2019

Presbytery \$1782.65
Loose donations \$145.90



	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)	\$2,550.31	\$1,563.00	85.3%
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3,570.34	\$3,255.75	91.2%
2016 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6,120.65	\$5,441.03	88.9%

Thank you for sharing your treasure.

October 13th 2019 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97(98):1-4

Second reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



*Next Week's Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2;
Luke 18:1-8*

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