



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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Ms Delisa Gonsalves (Mon)

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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 12.30pm

WEDDINGS & FOCUS MARRIAGE

PREPARATION: Contact Parish Office.

ANOIDING 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

November 3rd 2019 - All Souls Day 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

When someone you love dies, a part of yourself dies too. For as much as the one you loved did not belong to you, your heart belonged to them. You were a part of each other.

There is a physical hurt within you. It is as real as the emptiness that surrounds you. You will wonder how you will walk in a world that no longer holds the footprints of your loved one. You will wonder how the world can go on when your world has stopped.

You will speak silently in the language of tears, as your heart seeks to understand what it cannot. Spiritual thoughts, religious beliefs, and philosophy may not take away the hurt. But the power of love will comfort you.

Love will be found in the hearts of those who surround you and care about you. People who have been in that place of sadness where you are now, will be there for you.

You will begin the sacred daily ritual of remembering. Your grief will become your traveling companion - the part of you that is compassionate, and strong, and deep. In your suffering you will be given the greatest challenge you will ever have to be able to accept what life gives, and what life takes away.

Peace will come to your days as you begin to live again accepting the mysteries that are a part of life. With time the veil of sorrow will lift, and you will see what is most precious and most sacred is the love we share with the ones we love. Peace will come to your heart and you will know this love is an eternal gift. This love lives forever.

From: "When You Lose Someone You Love", by Susan Squellati Florence



Joseph. *He was like us in all things but sin.*"

We can, and should, take great comfort in this intriguing, momentous, yet very human element of our Christian and Catholic Faith. God, made man in Jesus, knows intimately and from personal experience one of the most profound and - for nearly all of us - inescapable human experiences: losing someone we love through death.

Many elements of our prayer and worship encourage us to remember and pray for those who "have gone before us". On each Sunday in the Prayers of the Faithful. At every Mass, just after the Consecration. At weekday Masses, with a personal remembrance from the "Daily Memorial Book". Throughout November, with the Parish Memorial Book in front of the altar.

And this weekend, with the names (around 1,300 in all) which you have submitted of your loved ones being on the screens on the Sanctuary at the Mass of your choice.

As we watch those names together, it is important - no, essential - that we remind ourselves that every name we are seeing will be precious to at least one person in

the congregation. And possibly to many.

That might be the person in front of us. Or behind or beside us. It might be their Mum or Dad, their brother, sister, grandparent or best friend. Maybe it's their little baby who experienced only a few days of life in this world - or even no days at all.

But each name, each person, is precious - in our sight, and in the sight of our loving God. "May they rest in peace. Amen."

Rosters for weekend of 9th & 10th November 2019

Mass Times	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Fiona Gonsalvez	Neela Tatnell	O'Connor Family	Ricardo D'Rozario
Reader 2	Fiona Gonsalvez	Neela Tatnell	O'Connor Family	Pilar Danlag
Commentator	Marialisa Mandarino	Brian Philp	Peter Evans	Estela Banac
Help Desk	Felicia Ahumada	Mary Mann	Myrella Desfosses	Anne Siriwardena
CLOW	Judy Clarisse	N/A	Annabel Henriques	Abbie Ferdinands
Bus Driver	N/A		Flowers:	Rosanna Almojera
Mass Recorder	Kevin D'Rozario		Homily Typist:	Sonya Rose'meyer
Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Annie McNeill			
Church Cleaning	Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, George Kertesi, Mike Joseph			
Counters	Carmel De Frece, Rupert Ferdinands, Guylaine Ardley, Tony Scarnivel			

PARISH DIARY

PLEASE NOTE: On Tuesday (Cup Day Holiday), Mass will be at 10.00am only. NO Mass at 7.00pm.

Monday November 4

9.15am: Mass followed by Rosary (Church)
1.00pm: Reflection Group (Chapel)

Tuesday November 5 - Public Holiday

10.00am: Mass (Church)
7.00pm: **No Mass tonight - Public Holiday**
7.30pm: Bible Study (Chapel)

Wednesday November 6

9.15am: Mass (Church)

Thursday November 7

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)
10.00pm: Bible Study (Chapel)
7.30pm: Plenary Gathering (Chapel)

Friday November 8

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)
11.30am: School Liturgy (Church)

Saturday November 9

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

Sunday November 10

8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am Mass (Church)
12.15pm: Cancer Support Presentation (Venue TBA)



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE RISEN IN THE LORD

Recent Death: Renato Caparas, Kevin Tucker

Anniversary: Josie Zanca, Brian Henderson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nicholas Viergever, Kylie Wesley, Stephen Chin,
Manoj Fernando, Thelma Auld, Cedric Gomez,
Amy Smith, Peter Pereira, Isaac Haining, George Lar,
Sharna Valenzuela, Tony Biviano, Melanie Jacobs,
Rhonda Dennis, Sophia Giuliano, Kirsty Ventura,
Fr. Peter Conroy, Matthew Castellucci,
Annalese Lambert, Kaiden Diaz

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.

MEETINGS

Craft Group: Tue. Nov 5 at 1.30pm (Church Foyer)

Baptism Prep: Wed. Nov 6 at 7.30pm (Office)

Parish Council: Tues. Nov 12 at 7.00pm (School)

Finance Committee: Thu. Nov 14 at 5.30pm (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.

SOUP AND SOUL

No meeting in November.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 3.

BIBLE STUDY

Two weekly sessions over 6 weeks start this week
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: This Thurs. Nov. 7 at 7.30pm

Theme 3: Prayerful & Eucharistic

Guest Speaker: Fr. John Sherman OMI

Clipboards in the foyer for sign up.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thank you to all who assist in this Ministry. Our 4th Sunday of the month Altar Society group is in need of an extra hand. If you are able and interested, please contact the parish office and training can be provided.

CANCER SUPPORT

All Cancer support carers & survivors are invited to attend a presentation by Diane Wright (OAM), the founder of Anam Cara House, Geelong, Colac (Cancer Support) on

SUNDAY, Nov 10 at 12.15pm, Venue to be advised.

We are hoping to start the Cancer Support group at St Simon's again.

PEW & CARPET REPLACEMENT

The pews in St. Simon's Church are to be replaced on Thu Nov. 14 and Fri Nov. 15, immediately after the installation of the new carpet (set for Nov. 11 to 13). Volunteers from St. Thomas Parish (Syro Malabar Rite) will remove the pews on **Sat. Nov. 9 (from 10.30am) and Sun. Nov. 10 (from 12.15pm)**. They will be deeply grateful for some help from St. Simon's parishioners, even for just one hour. We would also appreciate some help (at the same time on both days) from parishioners to bring chairs from the Parish Centre to the church, just for the weekend.

If you can help, please sign up at the Help Desk for either day. "Many hands will make for light (*even very light, notwithstanding the pews aren't light!*) work".

The church will need to be "off limits" during the week of Nov. 11 to 15, and we plan to celebrate weekday Mass in the Parish Centre.

We are also currently evaluating whether or not to move the **Tabernacle** to behind the altar, on the marble stand which previously served as the Lectern. Please give us your input on this by completing the simple survey (anonymously) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZPCJ7N> or the equivalent paper version available at the Help Desk. Please remember: one person, one vote!



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

If you 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" on **1300 652 879**.

THE MOVIE "UNPLANNED"

Mazenod College is hosting a screening of the movie **UNPLANNED** on Mon Nov. 25 at 7.00pm at Village Cinemas Knox.

Tickets only available online: <https://bit.ly/34dgR8d>
For more information see: <https://bit.ly/2WjCeBW>



ST SIMON'S FETE NOVEMBER 23, 2019

FETE DONATIONS

Trash & Treasure, Books, Toys, Collectables, Clothing - only good quality saleable items please. No "Electricals" please — too many risks and regulations involved.

Donations can be dropped off every **Saturday from 10.00am to 12.00noon next to the container/garage in the basketball court**. Donations can also be left in the Chapel area after weekend Masses.

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

Corflute Street signs are available for pick-up at the Help Desk. These are a most effective means of publicising our Fete, so it will be helpful if all 200 signs are displayed on fences, especially at main or significant streets, throughout Rowville and Lysterfield - the earlier the better. The Fete is only four weeks away!

Fete Committee

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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CALLING 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!

ACYF PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Pre-purchase some freshly baked family and individual sized pies from Emerald Bakery and help send our youth to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival happening in December! Orders can be placed through this trybooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/568861> or on the order sheets at the help desk. Pick-up is Nov 15 or 16.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

COLLECTIONS: October 27th, 2019



Presbytery \$1705.45
Loose donations \$ 640.70

	Weekly Pledge	Received	Cumulative
Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection)	\$2,550.31	\$2,487.10	85.6%
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average)	\$3,570.34	\$3,254.81	91.2%
2016 campaign pledge (weekly)	\$6,120.65	\$5,445.60	89.0%

Thank you for sharing your treasure

November 3rd 2019 - All Souls Day 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain,
the lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm: 27(28)

Second reading

Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were

still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

*Next Week's Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38*

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