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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 & 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

November 10th 2019 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Triple Melbourne Cup-winning jockey Glen Boss has described Craig Williams' audacious, inspired ride on Vow And Declare as one of the most "intelligent" he has seen in Australia's greatest race.

Williams rode a near-perfect race as he went forward from gate 21, pushing on wide to be leading the first time past the winning post before slotting in perfectly near the fence. It was the winning move, according to Boss, who piloted the champion mare Makybe Diva to three consecutive Cup victories from 2003 to 2005.

"It was one of the most intelligent Cup rides I've ever seen," Boss said. "It was just unbelievable. Jeez, he summed up that race well.

"He took control after 100m. He just went out and owned the race from the get-go."

Boss couldn't believe the lack of initiative Williams' rivals showed when they had the chance to make a move. "It was really funny, I was listening to comments ... there were 24 jockeys out there, and 23 complained about the lack of speed," Boss said "I was thinking, 'Gee, not one of you did one thing about that.'

"When they got to the winning post the first time, I was thinking, 'They are walking here.' I was actually looking for someone to do something. They never did at any stage. It was a moment lost by all of those jockeys because it means nothing when you come back and say 'they went too slow. Flemington lends itself to taking chances. But you have to really commit ... it comes up very quick and if you don't commit, you end up out of the ballpark."

"I was rapt for Craig to get that one out of the way," he said. His ride was the difference between that horse winning or losing the race."

"Herald Sun", Thursday November 7



"Reading the play" is a phrase often used to describe the ability of sports people to interpret what is happening around them. It is most often used with regard to team sports, such as football, basketball, soccer etc.

The Melbourne Cup is not a team sport - in fact it's the exact opposite. But for twenty-four jockeys thundering around Flemington racecourse last Tuesday afternoon, interpreting what was surrounding them - horses, other jockeys, the track, the distance from the winning post - was absolutely critical.

Winning jockey Craig Williams was widely and deservedly praised for the manner in which he "read the race" on Tuesday - three minutes of feverish, frightening action watched by millions across the globe. But his calm, skilful assessment of the frantic action surrounding him proved a, if not the key factor in him riding home the winner.

Reading the "race" (or reading the "play") in sport requires the same wisdom, awareness and concentration needed by us all as we confront the demands, requirements, limits and opportunities that we experience every day.

We live in a complex and demanding world. Knowing who to trust, whose example to follow, whose advice to heed - these are the daily skills of "reading the race" of life each day of our life.

So each day, we have the chance to pray to God that we will "read the race" well, keenly aware of the opportunities and pitfalls that may come our way. It's about focus. It's about concentration. It's about vigilance. And it's especially about having

practical Faith in a loving God, asking to receive all that we need to read well and accurately the "race of life", the activities of all kinds that surround us.

Rosters for weekend of 16th & 17th November 2019

17-Nov	6.00 pm	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Graeme Smith	Peter Kean	Anabel Henriques	Terry Redden
Reader 2	Graeme Smith	Peter Kean	Stephen White	Nihal Mudalige
Commentator	Volunteer	Kerry McAleer	Margaret Ng	Cornelia Calimlim
Help Desk	Maria Walton	Cheryl Philp	Jacqui O'Connor	Julie Cosentino
CLOW	Felicia Ahumada	N/A	Elly Bare	Elsa Lapiz
Bus Driver	N/A		Flowers:	Rosanna Almojera
Mass Recorder	Marius Francis		Homily Typist:	Michelle Goh
Altar Society	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield			
Church Cleaning	Rebecca Crellin, Marius Francis			
Counters	Helen Pongracic, Margaret & Gregory Carey, Noel Mulavey, Irene Law			

PARISH DIARY

Monday November 11

9.15am: Mass (Chapel) - followed by Rosary

7.30pm: Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday November 12

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

7.00pm: **No Tuesday Mass tonight**

7.30pm: Bible Study (Chapel)

Wednesday November 13

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

Thursday November 14

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

10.00am: Bible Study (Chapel)

Friday November 15

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

Saturday November 16

9.15am: Mass (Chapel)

9.45am: Reconciliation

6.00pm: Mass (Church)

Sunday November 17

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

12.30pm: Baptisms (Church)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Natalie Samaeri, James Watson, Tissa Lokuge, Michael De Silva, Joy Amoranto, Jake Ciampoli, Aiden Spano, Dorian Jacobs, Rodney Rebein, Hiranthi Mathes, Casey Watson, Thomas Harris, Grace & Nathaniel Louey, Therese Tanti, Conor Welsford, Imelda Williams, Kerrie-Anne Lee, Ida Mae Padua, Trecos Ekanayake, Graig Ferres, Carol McKinley

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.

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.

SOUP AND SOUL

Our next meeting is Thu, Dec 5.

MEETINGS

Fete Committee: Mon. Nov. 11 at 7.00pm (Office Staff Room)

Craft Group: Tue. Nov. 12 at 1.30pm (Parish Centre)

RCIA: Tues. Nov. 12 at 7.45pm (Office Staff Room)

St Vincent de Paul: Wed. Nov. 13 at 7.30pm (Parish Centre Meeting Room)

Finance Committee: Thu. Nov. 14 at 5.30pm (Parish Centre Meeting Room)

Parish Council: Thu. Nov. 14 at 7.00pm (Parish Centre)

Fete Working Bee: Sat. Nov. 16 from 11.00am till 3.00pm

Fete Volunteers: Mon. Nov. 18 at 7.00pm (Parish Centre)

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.

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 in School Staff Room.

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

LOCATION OF PEW PLAQUES

The new pews should be in the church by Fri 15 Nov and we are now planning to get the plaques made and installed. We will be allowing parishioners who donated money towards the pews to select the position in the church for their plaque/plaques. They will be given the choice of nominating a position from those still available or allowing us to do so for them.

Notifications will be sent in 5 batches of about 20 each based on the date the donation was received, with the first batch starting on **Mon 18 Nov**. Parishioners in each batch will have one exclusive week from notification to make their choice, or can make it any time after that in the booking period. They will make their choice either via TryBooking or by contacting Peter Evans at the Parish Office. Please keep an eye out for the notification, which will have more details.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT PEW AND CARPET REPLACEMENT

The pews in St. Simon's Church are to be replaced this coming Thurs. and Fri. immediately after the installation of the new carpet (set for **Mon. to Wed.** this week). Volunteers from St. Thomas Parish (Syro Malabar Rite) will remove the remaining pews today/tomorrow **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) **from parishioners to move all other furniture in the church to the chapel.**

The church will need to be "off limits" during the week of November 10 to 16, but we hope to celebrate weekday Mass in the Chapel. If the laying of the carpet impedes this, Mass will be celebrated in the new Parish Centre subject to getting the Occupancy Permit (OP).

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>



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FETE WORKING BEE

**Saturday, November 16, 2019
(11.00am-3.00pm)**

In preparation for the Fete, we need **12-15 volunteers** to help clean, label equipment, etc. etc. Please sign up at the Help Desk or just come between 11.00am and 3.00pm this coming Saturday, Nov 16. We **NEED** all the help we can get.



**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.**

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 two 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:

Super Steve's Cleaning Team

call Steve on 0423 496 516

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!

COLLECTIONS: November 3rd, 2019



Presbytery \$1,665.45
Loose donations \$ 441.30

Stewardship - Envelope. (2nd Collection) \$2,550.31
Stewardship - Credit Cards / Direct Debit (cumulative Average) \$3,570.34
2016 campaign pledge (weekly) \$6,120.65

Weekly Pledge Received Cumulative

\$2,550.31 \$2,448.00 85.7%

\$3,570.34

\$6,120.65

Thank you for sharing your treasure

November 10th 2019 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm: 16(17):1, 5-6, 8, 15

Second reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given

to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'



*Next Week's Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19*

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