



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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## Parish Personnel

### PARISH PRIEST:

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### CHILD SAFEGUARDING:

Ms Delisa Gonsalves (by appointment)

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### ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Mr Tom Wursthorn: 9755 4222

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### MASS TIMES:

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am & 11.00am

Monday & Public Holidays: 10.00am

Tuesday - Friday: 9.15am

Saturday: 9.15am, 6.00pm

(See page 2 for full details)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9.45am

### WEEKEND ONLINE MASS TIMES:

Sunday: live from Saturday 6.00pm

### OTHER ONLINE MASS TIMES:

Monday to Friday: Live from 9.15am

### MASS ON RADIO:

Mass from St. Simon's is broadcast on 89.9 FM The Light at 7am Sundays

### WEDDINGS & MARRIAGE PREP:

Contact Parish Office

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Available as necessary by private arrangement with Fr Kevin (0421 777 360)

### PARISH COUNCIL:

parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au

**Currently due to COVID Restrictions**

### PARISH HALL HIRE:

NOT FOR HIRE.

### PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE:

Please Contact Parish Office

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE:

1800 305 330

## May 9, 2021 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Former president of the Geelong Football Club, businessman and philanthropist Frank Costa has died at the age of 83. The father of eight is perhaps best known for his tenure as president of the Geelong Cats from 1998 to 2010, when they went from a financially struggling team to a powerhouse that broke a 44-year drought to win AFL premierships in 2007, 2009 and 2011.

Mr Costa was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2015 for his distinguished services in sports, business, religious, medical, educational and social welfare organisations.

Member for Corio and deputy Labor leader Richard Marles said Geelong had "lost its leading citizen". "There are heavy hearts across our city." Mr Marles said Mr Costa's stature was "built on the strength of his values". "His generosity of spirit was profound. His honesty was total. And he knew what was really important in life; faith, family and friends." Former Victorian premier Jeff Kennett called him a "wonderful human being". "Great values. To his large family, my condolences," Mr Kennett said. "The City of Geelong and its community will forever be in his debt." Mr Costa's philanthropic work often centred around his hometown of Geelong, and he was involved in a number of charities. He and his wife established the Frank and Shirley Costa fund for the Geelong Community Foundation, saying "it is only when you give that you receive".

*ABC News, Mon. May 3*

The late (and great) Frank Costa features on this front page of St. Simon's Parish News not because he steered his beloved Geelong Football Club to premierships, nor because he



played a critical role in giving the region its much-needed "Ring Road", nor because of his patronage and practical support of an enormous list

of charities and worthy community causes.

All of these would be appropriate and well deserved recognition for a community leader whose contribution to Victoria and Australia has been extraordinary and magnificent.

However, as a leader on so many levels, his emphasis on the importance of "character" - in both individuals and in organisations - groups singled him out from so many others, whose quest for "success" has been based on "whatever it takes", rather than what is just, true and right.

He knew genuine success as a human being meant never forgetting or shying away from family roots. Along with his siblings, he sought to help his beloved Geelong community to be the best it could be. Inspired by a practical Christian and Catholic faith, he knew that he was "the church" to many, and that he had both the opportunity and at times the obligation to bring the example of Jesus into his dealings with others.

The photo above was taken, not at Kardinia Park, but in his office in a small converted church on the outskirts of the Geelong CBD. On the desk at which he is seated is a large plaque with words: "The buck stops here".

In recent years, we have often heard leaders and social commentators lament. Too often with considerable accuracy: "The world has gone mad".

However, Frank Costa's emphasis on "character first" in all areas of leadership - business, politics, sport and community life of all kinds - reminds us how critical it is that we seek out the people of true character to lead our community, rather than leave those roles to those who seek power, glory and wealth, all too often for their own sake.

If truly heeded, the "character first" advice from a man who lived by that principle could provide a benchmark of leadership which might make all the difference to us all.

## Rosters for weekend of 15th & 16th May 2021

	6.00 pm	7.30 am	9.00 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader 1</b>	Adam D'Souza	Enakshi Jayamanne	Janina Woronczak	Pia Pagotta
<b>Reader 2</b>	Sonya D'Souza	Enakshi Jayamanne	Volunteer needed	Christina Liew
<b>Commentator</b>	Jeanne Bernard	Phil Mawdsley	Volunteer needed	Colin Maslen
<b>Help Desk</b>	Felicia Ahumada	Elaine Gannon	Gail Ellis	Val D'Souza
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Carmel De Frece		<b>Flowers:</b>	
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	1) Sonia D'Souza   2) Marius Francis		<b>Homily Typist:</b>	Judy Schmidt
<b>Altar Society</b>	Carolyn Culpepper & Margaret Lancefield			
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Annette & Samuel Leveque, Antony Singarasa			
<b>Counters</b>	N/A			
<b>SUGGESTION BOX</b>	At the Helpdesk. Remember to leave your name with your suggestion			

### MASSES AT ST. SIMON'S THIS WEEK

**Mon:** 10.00 am  
**Tue:** 9.15 am  
**Wed:** 9.15 am  
**Thu:** 9.15 am  
**Fri:** 9.15 am  
**Sat:** 9.15 am (9.45am Reconciliation)  
           6.00 pm (*Vigil Mass*)  
**Sun:** 7.30 am, 9.00 am & 11.00 am

**Mass on Saturday, May 15 will be at 8.00am instead of 9.15am. Followed by Reconciliation.**

**“Prayer by the Church was fervently  
being made to God” (Acts 12:5)**

*Guided by the Shrines around the world, all the faithful during the month of May unite in the recitation of the Holy Rosary to ask for the end of the pandemic and the resumption of social and work activities.*

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/news/2021-04-23.html>

### DAILY/WEEKEND MASSES

No bookings required for Weekday Masses.

**Bookings are required for weekend Masses** via Parish Website ([www.stsimonsparish.com.au](http://www.stsimonsparish.com.au)) to ensure we adhere to the government regulations for the capacity allowed at our church.

### ONLINE MASSES

**Website:** [www.stsimonsparish.com.au](http://www.stsimonsparish.com.au)

**On YouTube:** [St Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville](#)

For earlier Masses, click **“Previous Mass Videos”**

### DEMENTIA GROUP

We plan to start a group soon for families and carers. Family members and friends often find themselves in the role of a carer when a loved one is living with dementia. While caring for your loved one can be rewarding, it can also have its tougher days. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

### PARISH DIARY

#### **Monday 10th May**

5.00pm: Safeguarding Children Committee Meeting  
7.30pm: Gospel Reflection Prayer Group (zoom)

#### **Tuesday 11th May**

After 9.15am Mass Service: Prayer Group  
1.30pm: Craft Group  
7.00pm: Parish Council Meeting

#### **Wednesday 12th May**

After 9.15am Mass Service: Rosary Group  
4.00pm: Liturgy Meeting  
7.30pm: SVDP Meeting

#### **Thursday 13th May**

5.00pm: First Reconciliation - Year 4  
6.00pm: Our Lady Devotional Meeting

#### **Saturday 15th May**

8.00am Mass (once off) followed by Reconciliation

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**We pray for the repose of the souls of:**

**Recent Deaths:** Herbert (Bert) Read, Sean Sloan, Frank Costa.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Celine Nicholas, Joseph & Muriel Rebeiro, Janina Nowaczek, Jack Mataska.

### QR SCAN MASS ATTENDANCE

It is important that we all play our part with the Covid19 protocols currently in place, and register our attendance when attending Mass. The most convenient way is scanning the QR code on your smart phone. Our QR code is displayed on the front page of the bulletin for your convenience. We encourage you to scan the code before you arrive at Mass to help reduce any bottlenecks when entering the Church foyer.

### PRAYING FOR INDIA

**Mon. 24th of May at 7.30pm**

Mass celebrated by Fr. Christian Fini OMI. At Good Shepherd Parish, Academy Ave, Wheelers Hill. The Mass will be offered for India and the collection proceedings to go to the Oblates Indian Mission. All welcome.

**Prayer and praise 7:00pm | Mass starts at 7:30pm.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Lidwin Hudson Selvarajah, Michealine Roche, Clayton Collins, Alice Whaler, Cass Solari, Revbecca Garnet, Benjamin Ng, Robby Iannazzo, Nicole Azzam, Vanessa Hart, Kent Pieterse, Laura Petrie, Keshini Munaweera, Monica Kueh, Loretta Hughes.



**May you enjoy your celebration.**

## SLOGAN OF THE WEEK

**Life without God is like a unsharpened pencil. There is no point.**

## ST. SIMON'S COMMUNITY FETE 2021

Exciting news for everyone! Planning is underway for the return of our Fete this year after COVID-19 forced the 2020 Fete to be abandoned.

Save the date! Our fete is locked in for Saturday, 20 November and is shaping up to be amazing again this year. Make sure you put the date on the calendar and let all the members of your extended family and friends know that you would like them to come along. It is a great chance to have some fun and food with friends!

Wonderful events like the Fete don't just happen – it takes teamwork and community spirit. It is not too late to be involved. We are looking for Stall Captains for Aussie BBQ, Raffle, Snow Cones, Cappuccino Bar and Toys. Please contact the parish if you would like to be involved, and stay tuned for regular updates in the bulletin.

## VOLUNTEERS

**CovidSafe Team Members:** We require parishioners to be rostered as Welcomers, QR Assistants and for Sanitisation before and after weekend Masses.

**Gardening Group:** We are seeking parishioners interested in joining the Gardening Team (Thursday and Saturday mornings).

**Mini Bus:** If you attend Sunday 9am Mass Services and are willing to pick up a parishioner who requires transport.

**Altar Society:** People who would like to contribute time to setting up the Altar for weekend Masses. Training will be provided.

**Church Cleaning:** If you are interested in joining one of our teams on a roster basis.

**To express your interest please leave your name and contact details at the Help Desk or contact the Parish Office: [office@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:office@stsimonsparish.com.au)**

## RETURN RAFFLE BOOKS (CCPR)

**Raffle tickets are now overdue.**

**Please return them ASAP.** You may return the tickets with payment to the Parish Office during office hours or at each of the weekend Masses to the CCPR Volunteer

## BULLETIN BIRTHDAY

### AND ANNIVERSARY MENTIONS



Our records for birthdays and anniversaries are, in many cases, quite out of date, so we will begin again. If you would like your

birthday or an anniversary to be recognised in the bulletin (when space permits), please visit the Help Desk or contact the parish office to provide up-to-date details for our Birthday Book.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION / PRAYER GROUP

Meetings will be held fortnightly every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7.30pm via zoom during the winter months.

Day time Prayer Group commencing on trial from Tuesday May 4th at 10am after Mass.

## HEART OF LIFE - PONDERING GRIEF

Saturday 22 May 2021, 10am-3.30pm. This reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch).

Book and pay via website [heartoflife.melbourne](http://heartoflife.melbourne), email: [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel: 9890 1101.

## SACRAMENT OF 1ST RECONCILIATION

**We congratulate the children who received the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation on Thursday May 6.**



Jeral Haj, Nicholas Hau, Sophie Howard, Rohit Khanna, Jaden Alwis, Abbie Eckfeld, Jesse Castellucci, Sophia Di Ubaldo, Annabelle Eimermacher, Patrick Erginay, Madeleine Jayasuriya, Lily Katakouzinis, Dean Morabito, Zahlie Talidis, Nathan Tissera, Grace Battle, Isabelle Carey, Sienna Grasso, Ava Hinkley, Ethan Lane, Scarlett Meadows, Oliver Oldfield, Rory Stone, Aaliyah Brearley, Adrian Makris, Angela Paduano, Seraphine Woo, Regino Tabios, Smith Whitty and Neisha Beatty.

**May you experience God's Love, Peace and Joy in your hearts!**

A message from



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

*Aid to the Church in Need Australia:*  
ACN Australia has just launched its new *Healing the Wounds of Religious Extremism in Africa* Global Campaign. Tragically,

Africa is the continent with the highest number of murdered priests, religious and catechists and it is also home to 234 million Catholics.

As such, ACN views its task in supporting the Catholic Church there as necessary. To help support our brothers and sisters in Africa visit [www.aidtochurch.org/africa](http://www.aidtochurch.org/africa).



## 9th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

### First reading

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(98):1-4

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

### Second reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

### Gospel

John 15:9-17

**You are my friends if I do what I command you**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me:

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

### Next Week's Readings:

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

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