



# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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### CHURCH MASS TIMES

Sun: 9.00am & 11.00am

Mon & Public Holidays: 10.00am

Tue to Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 6.00pm

(See page 2 for full details)

### RECONCILIATION

Sat: 11.00am

### ONLINE MASS TIMES

Sun, live from Sat: 6.00pm

Mon & Public Holidays: 10am

Tue to Fri: at 9.15am

### MASS ON RADIO

Mass from St. Simon's is broadcast

on: 89.9 FM The Light

at: 7am Sundays

### WEDDINGS & MARRIAGE

#### PREPARATION

Contact Parish Office

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

By private arrangement with

Fr Kevin (0421 777 360)

### PARISH COUNCIL

parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au

### PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE

Please Contact Parish Office

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE

1800 305 330

## November 14 2021 - 33rd Sun in Ordinary Time

There is a beautiful, quite small bluestone church at the western (Spencer St.) end of Bourke St, in Melbourne's CBD. Over the years, it has been a popular venue for weddings and the daily lunchtime Masses have proved popular with city workers.

It has also been the location for the last Mass to be celebrated in Melbourne each Sunday - 9.00 pm. And for many years, among the relatively small but devout attendees, was Bert Newton.

Bert's Funeral Mass on Friday was at the other (eastern) end of Bourke St., at St Patrick's Cathedral. Although the COVID-restricted attendance was far less than the Cathedral's usual capacity of nearly 3,000, there is no question that innumerable people would have attended had that been possible.

But it's the image of Bert finding a seat among 50 or so people in the quiet of St Augustine's Church that is probably closest to the true character of the man who brought entertainment, and especially laughs, to generations of Australians.

Bert's deep faith was an integral part of who he was - as a family man and "Show Biz personality extraordinaire" - but also as a good, caring and loving human being, who found his strength, guidance, inspiration and, when needed, consolation in his personal relationship with God.

His Funeral Mass, perhaps quite fittingly, was attended by many extremely well-known people whose love and admiration for Bert reflected similar sentiments from countless others. But his love of Patti, his children and grandchildren and his deeply appreciated generosity to so many provided a connection with us all.

God gave Bert an extraordinary gift of helping people to laugh. How important that is at any time but especially in these difficult times in which we now live, and the "re- runs" we have seen in the past couple of weeks have reminded us of how much he has given us, especially at those times when we needed a laugh more than anything else.

Perhaps that might be a reminder of how important laughter is for each of us, and how we should appreciate those who, like Bert, have the gift of making us laugh. They don't have to be professional comics. Just people who can "push the button" of laughter, in our family, in our workplaces, neighbourhoods and social groups, especially just when we need it most.



Thank you, Bert for all you have given to So many of us over so many decades. Praying for "eternal rest" somehow doesn't seem to fit. Perhaps we can pray for everlasting inner peace and true, God-given happiness.

## Rosters for weekend of 20th & 21st November 2021

	6.00 pm	7.30 am	9.30 am	11.00 am
<b>Reader 1</b>	Seymon Martino	Melita Wood	Peter Evans	Ayesha Kaur
<b>Reader 2</b>	Tineke Edwards	Melita Wood	Evans family	Nihal Mudalige
<b>Commentator</b>	Kaye Williams	Phil Mawdsley	Margaret Ng	Estela Banac
<b>Help Desk</b>	Victoria Kong	Anabel Acosta-Harvey	Zita Ragg	Christina Liew
			<b>Flowers:</b>	Theresa Poh
<b>Mass Recorder</b>	1) Sonia D'Souza   2) Marius Francis		<b>Homily Typist:</b>	Ayesha Kaur
<b>Altar Society</b>	Elaine Gannon & Kalombe Kalumba			
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Janine Fryer, Marina Ruffolo, Mike Joseph			

### CHURCH & ONLINE MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note for an "in-church" service, we can now admit up to **150 attendees** who must be fully vaccinated and be able to provide evidence of this **or 30 attendees for whom no proof of vaccination will be required**. For Monday to Thursday Masses no vaccination check will be required - limit 30 people.

**Mon Nov 15: 10.00am** (Communion Service)  
**Tues Nov 16: 9.15am**  
**Wed Nov 17: 9.15am**  
**Thu Nov 18: 9.15am**  
**Fri Nov 19: 9.15am** (150 attendees permitted, but proof of double vaccination is required)

### November All Souls Memorial Weekend Masses

**Sat Nov 20: 6.00pm** (up to 150 attendees permitted, but **double vaccination** proof required. Livestream available on the website from 6.00pm.)  
**Sun Nov 21: 9.00am & 11.00am** (up to 150 attendees permitted, but **double vaccination** proof required.)

**Remember it is essential to book your Mass attendance via Flocknote for weekend Masses.**

Booking link will become available via the website.

Due to additional Victorian State Government regulations, the check-in process can be quite lengthy. Please ensure you arrive at least 20 mins prior to your Mass booking. If possible, please link your Medicare Vaccination Certificate to your VIC GOV check-in app before arriving. Link on how to add, please go to:

<https://service.vic.gov.au/covid-19/add-covid-19-digital-certificate#add-covid-19-digital-certificate-medicare-app>

**This will enable you to come into the church via an "express lane" through the door down the ramp (nearest the school) for quicker entry to Mass.**

If you cannot do this, please let us know on entry **through the main doors** and we try to help you do this after your Mass Service. Alternatively, please contact us on at the Parish Office on 9764 4058 to arrange a suitable time during the week to assist you with this. **We thank you for your cooperation.**

### UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS SUNDAY MASS

Density limited for Indoors with a cap of 30 people.

**Sundays at 1pm | Bookings are essential** for this Mass at St. John the Baptist Parish.  
 Address: 19 Forest Rd, Ferntree Gully, VIC. 3156.

### PARISH DIARY

#### Monday November 15

7.30pm: THE CHOOSSEN Season 1 (via Zoom)

#### Tuesday November 16

7.30pm: Zoom & Soul (via Zoom)

#### Wednesday November 17

10.30am: Rosary (in church after the Mass)

10.30am and 7.30pm: The Well (via Zoom)

7.15pm: Rosary Prayers of Intercession (via Zoom)

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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



**Recent Deaths:** Shirley Bell, Frank Belzunce.

**Anniversaries:** Graziano Martino, Monica Wong., Richard Walker, Thomas Perera & Benedict Tissera.

**We lift our prayers to you Lord,  
for all those who are sick in the world.**

Carol McKinley, Arlene Scarnivel, Ida Mae Padua, Craig Ferres, Trevos Ekanayake, Denise Hart, Bradley Smith, Georgia Young and Frank Olalia.



**May you enjoy your celebration!**

### ALL SOULS DAY - NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES, SAT NOV 20 AND SUN NOV 21

THIS weekend all parishioners are invited to submit names of loved ones who have died to be prayed for on our "All Souls Day Weekend" (Nov. 20 and 21). Names written on the coupons (provided on the seats) will be screened at the selected Masses. Please place them in the RED boxes provided in the Foyer or email your request (maximum FOUR names only and don't forget the Mass time!) to: [office@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:office@stsimonsparish.com.au).

The slides are a powerful and prayerful way for us to pray for our loved ones in a shared community-based Mass.





## **SLOGAN OF THE WEEK: Forgiveness**

Forgiveness is a decision not to Harbour Resentment.

## **THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION**

We are nearing the end of the liturgical season and the Gospels stress the importance of reading the signs. The ancient world looked to cosmic signs to announce God's coming, but Jesus' parable of the commonplace fig reminds us to look to the ordinary and familiar. God meets us in so many ways every day, in such places as the listening ear of a friend, unwanted interruptions to my plans, the face of an upset child, a quiet reflective moment in my day. Do I take each day as gift remembering that life is short?

Provided by: **St Simon's Faith Development Team**

## **Facilitated Gatherings**

To confirm your attendance, or, join any of these groups please email: [loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au)

### **1. GOSPEL REFLECTION via Zoom**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

### **2. ZOOM AND SOUL**

**Tue Nov. 16th from 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Topic: Remembering with Thanks  
As We Live Out The Mystery of the Eucharist.**

What does the Eucharist mean to us?  
Are we yearning to gather as Eucharistic people?  
How can we live out the Eucharist in these times of disconnect and uncertainty?

The Faith Development Team will share their personal reflections briefly and give each person an opportunity to share their own responses to these crucial questions on the Eucharist which is central to our spiritual lives.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82230162855?pwd=NmRlVkpCa1ZYRHllamVpOHpmSXdpQT09>

Meeting ID: 822 3016 2855 Passcode: Thanks3178

### **3. THE WELL via Zoom** "ALL WELCOME"

**Wed Nov 17th - Time 10.30am and 7.30pm**

**(Part 2)** What does it mean to live in the freedom of Christ? Our Christian calling is to live in freedom - Why then do we not experience freedom in life?  
"If the Son has set you free, you are free indeed!"

*John 8:36*

## **ST. SIMON'S PARISH FETE. Please read!!**

Once again, this year we are unable to run our Fete. Apart from the loss of a great community event for us all and for the wider community, this represents a substantial "hit" for the parish finances required to keep our parish functioning. But we do have our Raffle, and this year it will be conducted online, as Church attendances will be, at best, just "trickling in" for the next few weeks. We have nearly **\$10,000** worth of great prizes. All prizes have been donated by generous sponsors, so every \$2 paid for a ticket will give 100% help to St. Simon's. You can help by purchasing tickets yourself, but you can also help by forwarding this address to your contacts who might be interested. <https://rafflelink.com.au/stsimons2021> or sharing our facebook post using this QR code.

**The Raffle will be drawn on the  
11th Dec. 2021 at 7pm.**

*There is an agreement with Lighthouse Group Pty Ltd (t/as RaffleLink) (ABN 83161197860) To promote or conduct this raffle/lottery for reward.*



## **CALL FOR AFTER SCHOOL RE (ASRE) TEACHERS FOR 2022**

**Do you enjoy helping primary school-aged children to learn? Especially about our faith?**

If you have those gifts we invite you to consider joining our ASRE team in 2022 as one of our teachers. This program teaches Catholic children who don't attend a Catholic primary school about our faith, including (at the right age) preparing them for Sacraments. You will be supported with materials, an induction and mentoring from existing ASRE teachers. If you are interested, please call Rosetta on 0408 884 867 or email her at:

[asre@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:asre@stsimonsparish.com.au) to organise a chat.

See website to access our 2022 Enrolment Form.

*(As St Simon's strongly supports a child-safe environment, all ASRE teachers need to have a current Working With Children Check (which can be arranged at no cost for volunteers) and sign the parish code of conduct related to child safeguarding.*

## **ST SIMON'S RCIA PROGRAM 2021**

**Are you or a friend interested in becoming**

**a Catholic?** RCIA is for: Adults who are not baptised. Adults baptised in another Christian church. Non-practising Catholics wishing to renew their faith. Phone the Parish office on 9764 4058 or Reg on 9790 5616. **All parties must have proof of vaccination.** Visit our Parish RCIA program Video Link, filmed by Corey Payton and presented by Judy Schmidt on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/OSjYUZE9dqs>

## **4. ROSARY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Wednesday, November 17th at 10am** after our morning Mass (in church) and in the evening at **7.15pm** (via Zoom).

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89574954687?pwd=QmpkRVk4WlNqaW1YZ09UeDlOVk1XZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 7495 4687

Passcode: WZKvy0



# November 14 2021 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First reading

**Daniel 12:1-3**

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 15(16):5,8-11**

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

## Second reading

**Hebrews 10:11-14,18**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

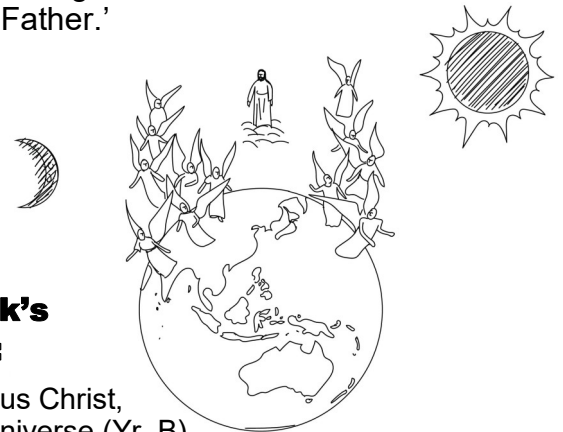
## Gospel

**Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



## Next Week's Readings:

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe (Yr. B)

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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