



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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*"Thank you for
your contribution,
large or small,
as it will help us
to continue
provide for you."*

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Theresa Abraham (Volunteer)

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

Ms Delisa Gonsalves (by appointment)

PARISH COORDINATOR

Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Tue - Fri)

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn: 9755 4222

NAZARETH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Mr Sam Cosentino: 9795 8100

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

Contact Hedy Carvalho: 9755 4222

STANDARD CHURCH MASS TIMES

Sun: 9.00am & 11.00am
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15am
Sat: 6.00pm (page 2 for full details)

STANDARD ONLINE MASS TIMES

Sun, live from Sat: 6.00pm
Tue: 9.15am (page 2 for full details)

STANDARD RECONCILIATION

By appointment. Contact St Jude's,
Scoresby on 9763 7302

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sun of month

Email: baptism@stsimonsparish.com.au

WEDDINGS & MARRIAGE PREP.

Contact Parish Office

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By private arrangement with
Fr Mark Reynolds & Fr. Samuel Pearson
Contact St Jude's on 9763 7302

PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE

Please Contact Parish Office

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE

1800 305 330

MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE

Andrea O'Loughlin
Available for Funerals & Weddings
Mobile: 0404 051 401

5 March - 2nd SUNDAY of LENT



This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour

This episode in the Gospel records a major change in the direction of Jesus' life. It is a second vocation story. Up until now Jesus has been involved in a ministry in Galilee, where he has generally been accepted. But there comes a time when he leaves Galilee and sets out for Jerusalem. The transfiguration comes at this time.

Moses and Elijah are two of Israel's great prophets who experienced the close presence of God at a time in their lives when they were called to take a difficult path. Moses was to lead the children of Israel through the wilderness to the land of Canaan. Elijah was called to denounce the current King and anoint another and this will cause great turmoil. Both men were afraid and wanted to escape from their tasks; but both received strength from God to continue.

In its symbols of the high mountain, clouds, light, Moses and Elijah, the evangelist presents this as a time when Jesus seeks and receives assurance from God. The journey south to Jerusalem will lead him into conflict with the Jewish and Roman authorities. If he had stayed in Galilee he may have lived much longer. To go to Jerusalem means certain death. Common sense tells him this. On the Mount of Transfiguration he prays for strength and guidance to take this journey.

*When we struggle with our decisions, when we feel
afraid and weak, may we too seek and know the
comforting presence of God.*

*Sundays under the Southern Cross
— Mary Coloe PBVM.*



Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent

7:00 pm at St Simon's Parish, Rowville.

7:30 pm at St Jude's Parish, Scoresby.

World Day of Prayer 2023

*"I Have Heard About
Your Faith" Taiwan*


The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian lay women's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries in the first week in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year St Simon hosted this event last Thursday.



*Thank you for all those
who offered their time
and talents, in preparing
for this event, especially
Jeannette Wallis,
Melanie Jacobs,
Jacqui Giuliano,
Melita Wood,
Christine Smith,
Imelda Evans,
9am Choir and all
representatives from
neighbouring churches.*



Service/ Event	Mon - 6 Mar	Tue - 7 Mar	Wed - 8 Mar	Thu - 9 Mar	Fri - 10 Mar	Sat - 11 Mar	Sun - 12 Mar
Mass at St Simon's		9:15 am (with Whole Primary School)	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	6:00 pm Children's Liturgy	9:00 am 11:00 am
Livestream		NO LIVESTREAM				✓	
Baptisms							✓ During 11am Mass
Prayer			Rosary 10am (Church) 		Euch. Adoration 6 - 7pm St Simons Stations of the Cross _ 7pm at: St Simon's, Row. 7:30pm at: St Jude's, Scoresby		
Faith Development	Lenten Group 7.30pm (Zoom)	RCIA: 7:30pm Parish Centre Lenten Group 7.30pm (Mtg Rm)	Lenten Group 10am (Parish Centre)	Lenten Group 10am (Parish Centre)			
Outreach			We Care group 11:30am - 2:30pm (Parish Centre) SVDP Meeting 7pm (Parish Centre)				
Social		Craft Group 1:30pm (Parish Centre)		Women's Group 10am (Parish Centre)			Youth Group 5.30 pm (Parish Centre)

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 11 & 12 March 2023

Mass Time	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 9.00 am	Sun 11:00 am
Commentators	Pam Comerford	Tony Biviano	Ildi Citler
Reader 1	Terry O'Donnell	Dorothy Stack	Jacqui Giuliano
Reader 2	Graham Edwards	Cedric Fick	Jan Richards
Help Desk	Jilly Hickey	Myrella Desfosses	Victoria Kong
Children's Liturgy	Malaika Perera/ Gillian Elias	N/A	N/A

Flowers	Theresa Poh	Altar Society: Elaine Gannon & Lidwin Hudson
Church Cleaning	Judy & Caroline Schmidt	

PLEASE NOTE: NO TUESDAY LIVESTREAM MASS

As the whole school will be joining us for morning Mass this coming Tuesday, there will be no Livestreaming of this service - only in-church Mass will be available.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PIETY STALL

To purchase any of items, please ask at the Helpdesk or contact the Parish Office on 9764 4058.

EVENING ROSARY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Wednesday evening Rosary via Zoom is back!

7:30 pm 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Contact Ricardo at: ricardo_drozario@hotmail.com

FACE COVERING REMAINS OPTIONAL AT ST SIMON'S

Parishioners are encouraged to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity. To support this, face coverings (masks) are strongly recommended to be worn indoors, especially at 9:00 am Mass.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A MINISTRY?

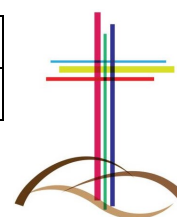
We are looking at filling our teams for:

Church Cleaning, Altar Society, Help Desk, Weddings, Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Maintenance, Readers and Commentators for Mass Services.

Garden Group: This Group meets mostly on a Thursday with a cuppa break mid-morning and occasionally on a Saturday morning. Odd jobs can be done at any time. The Group maintains the Church / Parish garden throughout the year. If you enjoy gardening and good company and are interested in joining this group please email the Parish Office.

Livestream: If any one would be interested in assisting us with the livestreaming of Mass Services, training will be provided. **Please contact Peter Evans on 9764 4058.**

Ministries within the parish can be very rewarding and just a little of your time can lighten the load and share your talents!



COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH EVENTS

RCIA

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm
(Parish Centre)

Sessions commenced last year for all candidates who will be receiving sacraments soon this coming Easter.



CRAFT GROUP

Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm (Parish Centre)
Do come along and learn or show us a new craft.
All we require is your time. Materials will be supplied.
Contact: Melanie Jacobs on 0411 572 732

WE CARE FOR YOU

Wednesday 8th March (Parish Centre)
Then every fortnight on Wednesdays from **11:30 am - 2:30 pm. Lunch provided.**
"BIG BAND SOUND" to open the season.



WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Thursday 9th March @ 10:00 am (Parish Centre)
Next meeting we will be walking, writing autobiography & exercise! If interested in joining any of the sessions, please contact the Parish Office on 9764 4058.

YOUTH GROUP

FOR ST SIMON'S & ST JUDE'S!!

NEXT Sunday 12th March 2023 (Parish Centre)

Who: Year 5 -Year 10 Students

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Dinner will be provided: \$5 Donation.

Contact: youthteam@stsimonsparish.com.au

Thank you to our Youth Leaders and if you would like to join the team, please contact the parish office on 9764 4058.

"St Simon's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledges that child safeguarding is everyone's responsibility."

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Enrolments are still open for Semester 1.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as **John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options.** For more information contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au

HEART OF LIFE

A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2nd Friday of month starting March - November from 10am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger.

An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.

SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne requires that ALL Volunteers at St Simon's MUST HAVE a **CURRENT Working with Children Check Card** registered with St Simon the Apostle, Rowville.

Unfortunately, any person that does not have this card, will no longer be able to volunteer in any capacity.

If you need assistance or for more information, please contact the parish office on 9764 4058.

MANDATORY
safeguarding training
for EVERY Volunteer
at St Simon's as per
Archdiocesan Directive.

This course will be approx. 20 minutes AFTER THIS WEEKEND MASSES: 25/26 March.

Alternatively online training will take approx. 1 hour.

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First reading

Gen 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

32(33):4-5,18-20,22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second reading

2 Tim 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured:

his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Anniversary of Death:

Tessie Cassar (1Yr), Harold Wittahatchy,
Graziano Martino, Reginald & Malani Perera.



We lift our prayers to you Lord, for all the sick people in this world especially for: Loredana Pellegrini.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

To join any of any of the faith development groups

please email: loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au

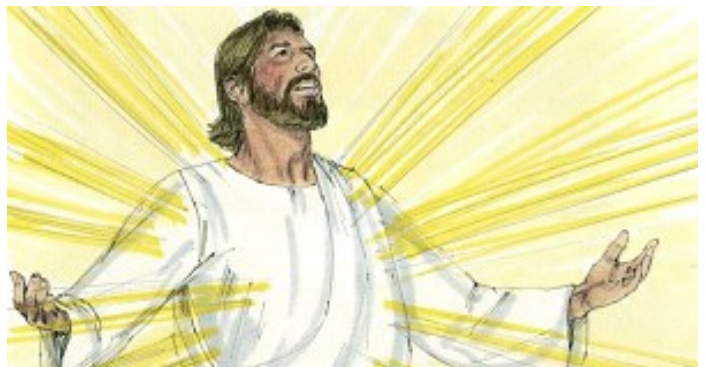
GOSPEL INSPIRATION from FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Transfiguration - Quote from Pope Francis

"To put it simply: the Holy Spirit bothers us. Because he moves us, he makes us walk, he pushes the Church to go forward. And we are like Peter at the Transfiguration: 'Ah, how wonderful it is to be here like this, all together!' ... But don't bother us. We want the Holy Spirit to doze off ... we want to domesticate the Holy Spirit. And that's no good. because he is God, he is that wind which comes and goes and you don't know where. He is the power of God, he is the one who gives us consolation and strength to move forward. But: to move forward! And this bothers us. It's so much nicer to be comfortable."

Further Reading

[Encountering Truth: Meeting God in the Everyday.](#)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

THIS weekend : SUN, 5 March at 11:00 am Mass.

NEXT weekend: SAT, 11 March at 6:00 pm Mass.

Please note, any child not of school age should be accompanied. The children will return from their session by the 2nd collection for the offertory procession.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"The Goal of fasting is inner unity.

This means hearing,

but not with the ear;

hearing but not with the understanding;

it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being."

Father Thomas Merton

Next week's Readings:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42