



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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

Parish Personnel

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Ms Delisa Gonsalves (by appointment)

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Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

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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

Saturdays from 5:15 pm - 5:55 pm
(before the 6pm Mass)

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd SUNDAY of the month
Email: baptism@stsimonsparish.com.au

WEDDINGS & MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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

9th April



SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter! Rejoice in the good news that sin has been forgiven; that death has been overcome; that God's grace has conquered evil, and this victory is shared with us.

Notice the words of the angel and Jesus—'Do not be afraid.' Fear is the great barrier that can keep us from finding God—not sin, not pride or anger or doubt but fear. Some people fear God, others fear their own unworthiness, others fear the Gospel is too good to be true. The Easter message is—Do not be afraid.

The women look for Jesus where they would naturally expect to find him—buried in the tomb. But they are the first to discover that God has done the unexpected. Jesus is no longer to be found with the dead; he has joined the living and if the women want to see the real Jesus they must turn away from this grave and look in life.

This is a most important realisation for all of us. Jesus isn't always found where I expect him. God continues to surprise me (us) with unexpected moments of presence. The women are told to look for Jesus in Galilee where they first met him. Jesus came to disciples while they were fishing and to Matthew while in his tax-office. If we look closely we will find Jesus rising in our lives—while driving the car, in our children, talking with a neighbour, in the office. The signs may not be obvious and will require that we take a moment to reflect on our lives, but if we seek the Gospel promises we will find them.

Sundays under the Southern Cross—Mary Coloe PBVM

Fr Mark, Fr Samuel and the Parish Team wish you and your families
a happy and blessed Easter.

RCIA - EASTER SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our two Candidates, **Shaun Beatty** and **Erin Bradshaw** who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at this Easter Dawn Vigil Service on Sunday, 9th April, 2023.

Blessings to you both from our community of St Simon the Apostle Parish.



| Service/ Event | Mon - 10 Apr | Tue - 11 Apr | Wed - 12 Apr | Thu - 13 Apr | Fri - 14 Apr | Sat - 15 Apr | Sun - 16 Apr |
|------------------------------|--------------|---|---|---|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Mass at St Simon's, Rowville | | | | 9:15 am | 9:15 am | 6:00 pm | 9:00 am 11:00 am |
| Mass at St Jude's, Scoresby | | | | | 9:15 am | 6:00 pm | 8:30 am 10:30 am |
| Livestream | | | | | | | ✓ (9:00 am) |
| Baptisms | | | | | | | ✓ (12:15 pm) |
| Prayer | | | Rosary 7:30 pm (Zoom) | | | | |
| Outreach | | | We Care group Planning @ 1:30 pm SVDP Meeting @ 7.00pm (Parish Centre) | Fete Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Parish Centre) | | | |
| Social | | Craft Group 1:30 pm (Parish Centre) | | Women's Group @ 10:00 am (Parish Centre) | | | |

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 15th & 16th April

| Mass Time | Sat 6:00 pm | Sun 9:00 am | Sun 11:00 am |
|--------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Commentators | Marcello Martino | Margaret Ng | Jacqui Giuliano |
| Reader 1 | Sonia D'Souza | Sheridan Reberio | Terry Redden |
| Reader 2 | Adam D'Souza | Janina Woronczak | Pia Pagotto |
| Help Desk | Gillian Elias | Marie-Anne Duthil | Victoria Kong |
| Children's Liturgy | <i>No Children's Liturgy in APRIL</i> | <i>No Children's Liturgy in APRIL</i> | <i>No Children's Liturgy in APRIL</i> |
| Flowers | Beatrice Polydor | Altar Society: Sheila Kelaart & Bernadette Fernando | |
| Church Cleaning | Clara Gallo, Donna Lanzone, Ida Lancuba | | |

MORNING ROSARY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Normally Wednesdays, in church after morning Mass. Check Bulletin next weekend for next session.

Please note: NO Wednesday morning Mass, or, Rosary this coming week.

EVENING ROSARY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Contact Ricardo at: ricardo_drozario@hotmail.com

Join NEXT Zoom Meeting on the 12th April 2023:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86911214142?pwd=RWkzK1R1QXV2cWw3Wm05T0VhYTAvQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 1121 4142 | Passcode: 8xVJF7

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PIETY STALL

To purchase any of items, please ask at the Helpdesk or contact the Parish Office on 9764 4058 during office hours. (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note: No children's liturgy for the month of April.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A MINISTRY?

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

Needing help for church cleaning

If this is something that you would enjoy doing, please contact the parish office on 9764 4058. We are needing to fill one of our existing teams as soon as possible.

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, good company and you are interested in joining this group, please email the Parish Office.

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

ST SIMON'S PARISH FETE

Date of Fete—11th November 2023.

Our first planning meeting for our upcoming fete will be on **Thursday, 13th April at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Centre.

This is an open invite to anyone interested in assisting with this year's fete.

We are looking for someone to take on sponsorship and donations or any other way you feel you can assist.

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH EVENTS

RCIA

Next session: Tue, 18 April @ 7:30 pm (Parish Centre)
Let us keep this Easter's RCIA candidates in our prayers as they are fully initiated into the Catholic Church here at St Simon's Parish this Sunday, 9th April 2023.

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.

WE CARE FOR YOU

Next meeting: Wednesday 19 April @ 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. (Parish Centre) Lunch will be provided.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month @ 10:00 am. (Parish Centre) **THIS WEEK: Thursday 13th April**
Theme: Postponed Easter party, games and exercise dance music!

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

Next meeting: SUNDAY 30th April (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

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

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Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please return the Project Compassion boxes to the parish as soon as possible from Good Friday onwards.



NEEDING OLD NEWSPAPERS

If anyone has any old newspapers they do not need, please bring them to the parish office during office hours: Tue - Fri (10:00 am - 5:00 pm), or, leave at the helpdesk.
These newspapers will be used for packing items.

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.

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First reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second reading

Col 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the
undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death
with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes
resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into
Galilee that Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Next week's Readings: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI'S EASTER MESSAGE 2023

'Recognised, healed and sent'

Website Link: https://youtu.be/e_UogDLRF_0

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

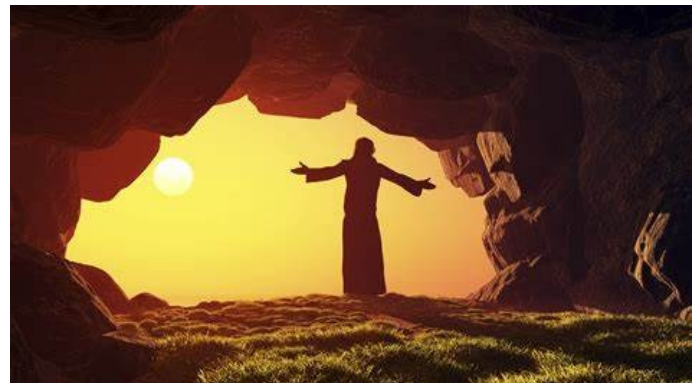
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please email: loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au

FAITH INSPIRATIONS

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus rose from the dead. St Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised your faith is vain, you are still in your sins". By rising from the dead Jesus proved conclusively that He has the power over sin and death. Everything He said is true. By rising, Jesus opened the way into new life for each one of us. Now we can hope in our own resurrection! Pope Francis says to all those who suffer, "Do not let yourself be imprisoned by pain, do not let hope die. Come back to life! Jesus gives life even when it seems that all hope has gone. He invites us not to stop believing and hoping, not to let ourselves be crushed by negative feelings". As small mirrors of God's love, do we manage to illuminate the environment in which we live with words and gestures of life? Do we bear witness to the hope and joy of Jesus?

Because the resurrection changes everything!



Dr. Mary Coloe pbvm

Coming to St Simon's, Rowville.

Saturday, 29th April 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Register EARLY. Arrive 9:30 am for a cuppa.

Mary is a world renowned Theologian, Professor, Author, and a most Impressive Speaker.

"Easter celebrates that God is always with us, and we are always with God". A time to add understanding to faith so we may recognise the treasure we hold?

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Anniversary of Death: Jacques Buttié, Karlo Agapito, Anouchka Fernando, Marie Evans, Teresa Gialanze, and Kevin Andrew Redden.

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

Loredana Pellegrini.

