

St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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13th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time — 2nd July 2023



Parish Personnel

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Jerald Mariadas
 (from the 19th July 2023)

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Rev Samuel Pearson
 Samuel.Pearson@cam.org.au

BUSINESS & OFFICE MANAGER

Mr Peter Evans (Tue, Thu & Fri)

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Loretta Hughes (Volunteer - Wed)

BAPTISMS—1st & 3rd SUNDAY of the month

For application form refer to our website or call Parish office on 9764 4058.
 Email: baptism@stsimonsparish.com.au
 (monitored only on a Wednesday)

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

Hedy Carvalho: 9755 4222

STANDARD CHURCH MASS TIMES

Sun: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
 Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9:15 am
 Sat: 6:00 pm **(Full details—on page 4)**

STANDARD ONLINE MASS TIMES

Sun, live from Sat: 6:00 pm
 Tue: 9:15 am **(Full details—on page 4)**

STANDARD RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 5:30 pm - 5:55 pm
 (before the 6:00 pm Mass)

WEDDINGS & MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact Parish Office

ANointing of the Sick

By private arrangement
 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
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 Mobile: 0404 051 401

REFLECTION

*Our size as human beings can be measured
 by the circles we draw to take other people in.*

The bigger the circle, the bigger the person.

*A strong person isn't afraid of people
 who are different.*

A wise person welcomes them.

*By shutting other people out we deny
 ourselves*

the riches of other people's experience.

In the beginning God gave the earth its shape.

He made it round. He included everybody.

So should we.

*New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies
 Flor McCarthy SDB*

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

A new life in Christ...

Creator,

You beautifully, wonderfully make us.
 May we go your way of love.

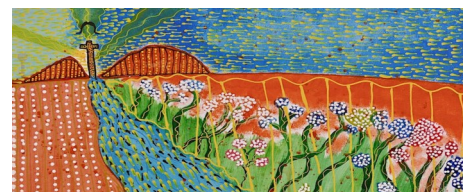
Christ,

You lead us to reconciliation.
 May we go your way of justice.

Spirit,

You move us on the journey.
 May we go your way of breath.

Amen



UPDATE ON THE PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM—THANKSGIVING

Thanks again to those who responded offering generously of their finances.

A few follow-up items remain from this program:

- 1) **If you are in the Thanksgiving program and have not collected your box of envelopes (weekly givers) or envelope in a letter (if you give by envelopes less frequently than weekly, by direct debit or by credit card), then please collect your box / letter from the right table in the foyer. We still have a lot of letters to be collected.**
 - a. Please note that the amount reported as your pledge in the letter is only for Thanksgiving to the church (current second collection). If you did pledge to the Presbytery collection for priests (current first collection), we have recorded it in our systems.
 - b. If there is no letter for you (and it hasn't been collected by someone else) and you wish to join thanksgiving in our Parish, please leave your name on the sheet next to the envelopes.
- 2) If your giving is by envelope, **please use the new envelopes from now on and not the old envelopes.** Some envelope numbers have changed, and it helps our admin team greatly if you use the new set.
- 3) We are trialling a change (until end of July) to move from two collection plates each weekend Mass to a single collection plate. This will be passed around after the Prayers of the Faithful, before the Eucharistic Prayer, which is when we have been taking up the second collection. If giving by envelope, please put it in this collection. If you are giving cash not in an envelope, then please put it on the collection plate. It will be split between Presbytery (for priests) and Thanksgiving (for church / parish) on a pre-defined 2/3 to Presbytery and 1/3 to Thanksgiving basis. This matches what we do now for giving by credit card on the Donation Tap Point devices in the church foyer. We will review this new approach with Fr. Jerald, our new Parish Priest, after he joins us in mid-July.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL UPDATE

In his comments at the Masses of 10/11 June 2023 after the Parish blessing on him, Fr. Mark mentioned recent consultation sessions about the Archdiocese's *Take the Way of the Gospel* initiative. (For more information on the overall initiative, please have a look at <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/take-the-way-of-the-gospel>).

There have been two of these consultation sessions with Parishes across Melbourne so far in 2023, with those for the Eastern Region (to which St Simon's belongs) being on: 3 May – Leading for Mission.

8 June – Collaborating for Mission.

The summary across the four sessions (one for each region) of the *Leading for Mission* round is available [here](#), with printed copies of this summary being available in the Church foyer. We encourage you to read it online or take a printed copy home and read it, then reflect upon it and what it might mean for our Parish.

The summary of the second session will be published to the Parish when it is available.

The final consultation session for the Eastern Region is on 29 August, with a focus on *Formation for Mission*. The summary from that session will also be made available when it is finalised.

If you have any questions or comments on these sessions or the overall initiative, please send them to Peter Evans (Parish Business Manager) at: peter@stsimonsparish.com.au and he will do his best to answer them or point you to the right resource.

We will be exploring with our new Parish Priest, Fr. Jerald, how best to engage the Parish in discussions about the Archdiocesan initiative after he starts with us on Wednesday, 19 July.

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!

Baptism Preparation

Our Baptism Preparation Team performs a vital role in our Parish: preparing parents for the sacrament of Baptism for their child and their responsibilities as Christian parents beyond that. We are looking for individuals or couples who will join this important ministry. Please contact the Parish office on 9764 4058 if you are interested and our Pastoral Associate will call you to explain the ministry.

Church Cleaning, Altar Society, Reading and Commentating

We are needing to fill some of our existing ministry teams. These ministries are based on a roster system. If you can spare some time and are interested in finding out more, please call the parish office on 9764 4058 or email on: office@stsimonsparish.com.au—Training will be provided.

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, email the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

THIS SUNDAY, 2nd July (11:00 am Mass)

NEXT SATURDAY, 8th July (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.

STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FIRST SACRAMENTS

Loving God, may these children grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them. May this time of preparation be a time of blessing and unite us all in your great love. Amen.

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.

MEN'S GROUP All men welcome to come and enjoy!

THIS WEDNESDAY,

5th July from 7:00 pm

(Parish Centre).

Sausages \$5 | Drinks \$3



THE WELL

THIS THURSDAY, 6th July @ 10:00 am (Parish Centre).

Group Spiritual Direction to help us journey through life. A time to contemplate, share and grow spiritually and personally. Email: loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au

CRAFT GROUP

Please note, **NO MEETING THIS TUESDAY** and during school holidays. Sessions Resume NEXT Tuesday,

11th July @ 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

NEXT MONDAY, 10th July @ 7:30 pm via Zoom

Contact Loretta at: loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au

RE CARE



NEXT Gathering—WEDNESDAY, 12th July 2023 from 11:30 pm to 2:30 pm (Parish Centre)

NEEDING permanent Kitchen help volunteers (on a roster basis) If this is something that interests

you please contact Brian Crowley on 0429 090 770.

MORNING ROSARY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

10:00 am on Wednesdays after morning 9:15 am Communion Service.

EVENING ROSARY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Contact Ricardo at: ricardo_drozario@hotmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—FRIDAY'S 6PM AT ST SIMON'S

Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics to spend some time in quiet, contemplative prayer with the Eucharist.

He said: "The Eucharist is here to remind us who God is. It does not do so just in words, but in a concrete way, showing us God as bread broken, as love crucified and bestowed..."

We do well to spend time in adoration before the Eucharist in order to contemplate... Let's make time for adoration."

All are welcome to join fellow parishioners for quiet prayer, contemplation and meditation with the Blessed Sacrament.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ON THURSDAY

20th July @ 10:00 am

(Parish Centre)

Theme:

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

POT LUCK DINNER—Sign up Sheet in Church Foyer.

3rd Friday of every month at St Simon's Parish from 7pm. NEXT MEETING on the 21st July.

Bring your favourite dish and enjoy a relaxed evening with great food and company!



COMING FAITH DEVELOPMENT EVENTS AT ST SIMON'S

SATURDAY MORNINGS: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

♦ ♦ **Date: 15th July Venue:** St Simon's Church, Rowville.
Speaker: Rev Dr. Elio Capra SDB. BTh, MTh, MTh, DTh.

Reverend Dr Elio Capra SDB is a lecturer at CTC and is a member of the Department of Systematic Theology.

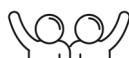
Theme: JESUS' REVOLUTION OF LOVE THROUGH ART

♦ ♦ **Date: 26th Aug. Venue:** St Simon's Church, Rowville.
Speaker: Rev. Dr Max Vodola BTh, MA, MTS, PhD

A Research Coordinator & Lecturer at CTC Head of the Department of Church History.

Theme: VATICAN II AND SYNODALITY

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



Please note no meeting this month.

NEXT GATHERING—SUNDAY, 30 July (Parish Centre)

Who: Year 5 -Year 10 Students

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Dinner provided:** \$5 Donation.

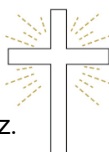
Contact: youthteam@stsimonsparish.com.au

VINNES WINTER APPEAL

For supporting the people in need through difficult times. Your donations have been greatly welcomed. Please contact the Parish Office on 9764 4058. Donation Tub in church foyer.

Your local Vinnies Conference - Rowville

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Anniversary of Death: John Ferdinands, Jacques Duhau, Terry Bowker and Stella Fernandez.

Prayer of the sick: Damien Tavella, Fran Steffanoni, Jenny Liston, Rupert Ferdinands, Loredana Pellegrini, Yvonne White and Christine Fernando.

We lift up our prayers to you Lord

GOD AND BEER JULY: DEACON HAROLD FROM THE USA

Meeting Jesus in the Truth and Beauty of the Catholic Faith

Speaker: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Date: Monday 17th July Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, **7:30 pm** for the talk.

Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC

RSVP: Godandbeer.com.au **Contact:** jtsmyth@gmail.com

HEART OF LIFE—WINDOW INTO GOD (in-person event)

Sat 29 Jul, 10:00 am—3:00 pm. The windows explored are incarnation, darkness, abundance and self- acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is lavish with her/his gifts and wants us to enjoy them. Self-acceptance is linked to these themes since it means accepting both the darkness and the light in ourselves. An interactive event allowing time for reflection and sharing, facilitated by Br Tim Lockwood cfc.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation.

Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch). Book and pay via website:

www.heartoflife.melbourne, Telephone: 9890 1101

or Email: info@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.

PARISH FETE

11 Nov 23

We are looking for **CAPTAINS** for

DUTCH PANCAKES, DEVOSHIRE TEA & COFFEE STALLS.

Coffee stall needs someone who has experience as a barista (manual coffee machine).

Register online via our website or email our fete committee via: fete@stsimonsparish.com.au

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FIRST READING**2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammite. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**88(89):2-3,16-19***For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***SECOND READING****Romans 6:3-4,8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Next week's Readings: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zech 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

GOSPEL**Matthew 10:37-42**

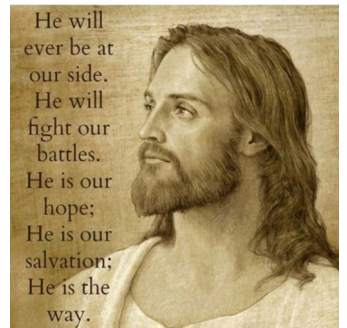
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

He will
ever be at
our side.
He will
fight our
battles.
He is our
hope;
He is our
salvation;
He is the
way.

**FAITH INSPIRATIONS**

Losing our lives for Jesus' sake means putting Him before ourselves. His commands before our plans. His glory before our success. We lose our life to Christ by giving it to Him to use. We do it by helping others in their needs and by sharing the Gospel message. We are able to give our lives to others because Jesus gave His life for us. He came into the world for our benefit, then took our sins to the cross and paid the penalty we deserve. I must take up my cross and follow Him. He assures us that anyone who gives even a cup of water to the least of His followers will certainly receive a reward. Jesus claims a special place in my life. Everything – my possessions, my dreams, my family, my life – comes under His leadership. Anything that gets in the way of my total surrender to Christ must go. I don't stop loving my family. It simply means that there is a higher love that takes precedence. To be a good parent or good son or daughter I need a strong relationship with God first then a relationship with my loved ones.

Provided by **St Simon's Faith Development Team****MINISTRY/ EVENTS PARISH DIARY**

Mon — 3 July	Tue — 4 July	Wed — 5 July	Thu — 6 July	Fri — 7 July	Sat — 8 July	Sun — 9 July
	9:00 AM Mass	9:15 AM Communion Service Rosary Prayers 10:00 am (In Church) 7:30pm (Via Zoom) RE Care Planning 1:00 pm (Parish Centre) Men's Group 7:00 pm (Parish Centre) Baptism Preparation 7:30 pm (Church)	9:15 AM Communion Service The Well 10:00 am (Parish Centre) Finance Committee 6:00 pm (Parish Centre)	9:15 AM Communion Service NO ANOINTING MASS or SENIOR'S MORNING TEA. Euch. Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Church)	6:00 PM Mass <u>Livestream</u> + Children's Liturgy	9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 8 & 9 July

MASS TIMES:	SATURDAY, 6:00 PM	SUNDAY, 9:00 AM	SUNDAY, 11:00 AM
Commentators	Tineke Edwards	Tony Fry	Colin Maslen
Reader 1	Alden/ Samantha D'Couto	Sheridan Reberio	Jacqui Giuliano
Reader 2	Seymon Martino	Dorothy Stack	Jan Richards
Help Desk	Felicia Ahumada	Myrella Desfosses	Christina Liew
Children's Liturgy	Gillian Elias/ Malaika Perera	N/A	N/A

FLOWERS: Nilmini Fernando**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Sheila Kelaart**CHURCH CLEANING:** Yacintha Thabesan & Family