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let an encounter with you,
be an encounter with God

St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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BAPTISMS—1st & 3rd SUN 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)

ANointing OF THE SICK

By private arrangement
Contact St Jude's on 9763 7302

FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

MASS TIMES

Sun: 9.00 am & 11.00 am
Tue (Livestream) Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 5.20 pm - 5.50 pm
(before the 6.00 pm Mass)

27th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time—8 October 2023

The kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to some Jewish leaders about vinedressers who killed the servants sent by a landowner to collect the fruit of the harvest (Matthew 21:34-39). What is Jesus trying to say?

It would be easy to conclude that Jesus is rebuking these chief priests and elders for rejecting John the Baptist and himself. But he's doing more than foreshadowing his death by identifying himself with the murdered son of the vineyard owner (Matthew 21:37-42). He's not addressing only the Jewish leaders; he is speaking to us as well.

Jesus is telling us that the kingdom of God will be given to people who *bear fruit*. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, we hear the same message. John the Baptist exhorted Israel's religious leaders to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (Matthew 3:8). Jesus warned his disciples that "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down" (7:19). And what's the good fruit he is looking for? Faith in him and love for his people.

Jesus told this parable the day after entering Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna" (Matthew 21:9). He cured all the sick who flocked to him there, and everyone was amazed—except these leaders. Instead of accepting him and rejoicing that God's people were healed, they questioned his authority (21:23-24). And in doing so, they bore no fruit.

But that doesn't have to be our story. We can be a fruitful vineyard for the Lord! He has already planted the seed of faith within us. Each day he pours out grace to make us "rich soil" that produces fruit, even a hundredfold (Matthew 13:8). So let's nurture our seed with faith-filled prayer and prune our vines with repentance and works of mercy. Let's bear the fruit of faith, hope, and love. Let's receive the kingdom!

"Jesus, help me to bear fruit for you today."

Matthew 21:43 The WORD Among Us

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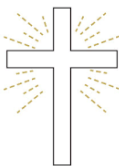
SAT. NOV 11, 2023
10:00 am—3:00 pm

DONATIONS Can be dropped off - **21 & 28 OCT.** between 10am—12pm (School Hall)

PARISH NOTICES

Recent Death

Elizabeth Wong Kim Yoon,
Kathleen Flaherty & Horace Stolke.



Anniversary of Death

Vincenza Santo, Marija Pongracic, Espedito Pettinato,
Antoinette Bedroffian, Defelice & Attard Family.

Prayer for the Sick

Mary Thisgaard, Carl Kelaart, Loredana Pellegrini,
Nigel Quadros, Ruth Vail, Glen Rawlins and Jenny Liston.

Children's Liturgy

THIS SAT 7 Oct (6.00 pm Mass)

NEXT SUN 15 Oct (11.00 am Mass)

Please note, any child not of school age should be accompanied. The children will return from their session by the end of the collection.

This Sunday —Cuppa after the 9am Mass

We are pleased to announce that **THIS SUNDAY, 8 Oct** there will be a cuppa available after the 9am Mass. Thank you to our generous volunteers for helping us get this started and we hope that you can join us for a cuppa and chat.

2023 Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle (CCPR)

St Simon's takes part each year with a number of other Catholic parishes in this raffle to help with parish operating costs. **TICKETS FOR SALE** at the HELP DESK for \$2 ea. or you can take a booklet of 10 and return it with \$20.

The raffle will be drawn on 2 Dec, 2023 at Resurrection, Keysborough parish.

Parish Renewal Program—Thanksgiving

REMEMBER TO PICK UP your **Thanksgiving Envelopes** or your **Direct Debit/ Credit Card Letter** from the parish office during office hours if you have not yet done so.

Parish Finance—Month of September 2023

Presbytery	\$ 7,711.45
Loose donations	\$ 2,771.18
Envelopes	\$ 2,379.00
Credit Cards/Direct Debit	\$ 14,860.00

Parish Centre and Church Environment

Please REMEMBER to take extra care if you are the last person to exit these facilities. Ensure that all is switched off and cleaned up ready for next venue usage event.

PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Tuesday Rosary Prayers of Intercession

After the 9:15am Mass in Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?

RCIA Group Session

THIS TUE, 10 Oct 2023 from 7.30 pm
(Parish Centre)

Ring the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or Phillip on 0437 343 022 or just come along on the night.
"Come and see."



Evening zoom Rosary Prayers of Intercession

1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Contact Ricardo at: ricardo_drozario@hotmail.com

Connecting with our wider community by visitation, phone call or letter to make a difference!



Connect Group

St Simon The Apostle
Parish - Rowville

CONNECT & CARE

- * Baptism families
 - * School Families
 - * Bereaved or Lonely Parishioners
 - * New Parishioners
 - * Info night Mon **16 Oct @ 7.30 pm**
(with Fr. Jerald)
- Join us for supper to learn more.
Help Fr. Jerald get this team going.
Sign up sheets in church foyer.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Eucharistic Adoration, Multicultural Rosary & Benediction

Will be held at St Jude's Parish Church
on Wednesday, **11 Oct** from **7.30 – 8.30 pm.**

All are invited to pray to Jesus and Mary for love, peace and goodness to grow in our families, church and world.



Women's Social Group

THIS THU, 12 Oct @ 10.00 am (Parish Centre)

Theme: Christmas Decorations with material.



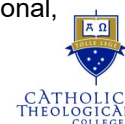
Engaging Your Faith Online Series

We are delighted to announce the return in October 2023 of our popular online lecture series, **Engaging Your Faith**. Fourteen stand-alone sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff.

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- Science and faith issues



Dates: • Mon **16 Oct** to **2 Nov 2023**

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St Joseph's College Memorial Mass

Mass for Deceased Loved Ones

Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2023.

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Location: St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully, Chapel

RSVP: Bronwyn Dean (Head of Music and Ministry)

bdean@stjosephs.com.au



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Heart of Life

Gospel Faith Inspirations

One aspect that we see in today's Gospel is the way in which we can fall quickly into sin when we allow greed to remain or grow in us, or even simply adopt a self-focussed approach to life.

Jesus talks about the tenants who disrespect the landowner and his property. Rather than honouring the agreement between landowner and tenant, the tenants look to take advantage of the landowner being away. Rather than being grateful for having a place to live while the landowner was away, the tenants go to the extreme of even killing the son, so they can keep the land for themselves. A life for land.

In what situations do we put our needs over others? Or do we not give to others what is rightfully theirs? There may be times we feel entitled to have something someone else has, and we find ways to justify taking it from them. Doesn't have to be the extreme of physically attacking or killing someone - as the Bible says, the motivation behind being angry or hating someone can be as bad as the motivation behind killing someone. When we criticise someone in public, we steal from them the opportunity of good standing. When we are envious of another's blessing, we steal from them the right to feel blessed; when we shirk our duties and responsibilities, we steal from the other the right to be served and looked after.

We have the responsibility to be the key or corner stone for those around us, to be solid and supportive, faith-filled and loving. This does not mean we must be invincible or hide our flaws, but in fact we need to be fully vulnerable and honest with God. Through this, we are given access to God's goodness and strength, and are able to be the strength for others, despite our smallness and inadequacies. For those you meet, let an encounter with you be an encounter with God. **Provided by St Simon's Faith Development Team**

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

DONATIONS

Can be dropped off on the **21 & 28 Oct** Between 10am-12pm (School Hall)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Against the Lord's vineyard

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you

what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts

is the House of Israel,

and the men of Judah

that chosen plant.

He expected justice,

but found bloodshed,

integrity,

but only a cry of distress.



Responsorial Psalm

79(80):9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They answered, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the king-
dom of God will be taken from you and given to a people
who will produce its fruit.'

27th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

PARISH DIARY — Mass Schedule and Parish Run Ministries and Events

Mon 9 Oct	Tue — 10 Oct	Wed—11 Oct	Thu—12 Oct	Fri—13 Oct	Sat—14 Oct	Sun—15 Oct
Gospel Reflection 7.30 pm (Via Zoom)	9.15 am Mass (Fr. Samuel Pearson) <u>Livestream</u> Followed by Rosary Prayers Craft Group 1.30 pm (Parish Centre) RCIA @ 7.30 pm (Parish Centre)	9.15 am Mass (Fr. Jerald Mariadas) Viv's RE Care Planning Meeting 1.00 pm (Parish Centre) Eucharistic Adoration, Multicultural Rosary & Benediction 7.30 – 8.30 pm (St Jude's, Scoresby)	9.15 am Mass (Fr. Jerald Mariadas) Women's Social Group 10.00 am (Parish Centre)	9.15 am Mass (Fr. Samuel Pearson) Eucharistic Adoration 6.00 – 7.00 pm (Church)	6.00 pm Mass (Fr. Jerald Mariadas) <u>Livestream</u> + Rite of Welcome + 1st Holy Eucharist	9.00 am Mass (Fr. Jerald Mariadas) 11.00 am Mass (Fr. Jerald Mariadas) + Children's Liturgy + 1st Holy Eucharist Baptism @ 12.30 pm

ROSTERS for NEXT WEEKEND: 14th & 15th Oct READINGS: 28th SUNDAY Ordinary Time — Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

FLOWERS:	Beatrice Polydor	ALTAR SOCIETY:	Melanie J & Yvonne M	CHURCH CLEANING:	Yacintha Thabesan & Family
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MASS TIMES:	SATURDAY, 6.00 pm	SUNDAY, 9.00 am	SUNDAY, 11.00 am
Commentators	Seymon Martino	Phil Mawdsley	Jacqui Giuliano
Reader 1	D'Souza Family	Sheridan Reberio	Christina Liew
Reader 2	Anthony Thabesan	Dorothy Stack	Loretta Hughes
Welcome Desk	Malaika Perera	Zita Ragg	Buena Di Nuzzo
Children's Liturgy	N/A	N/A	Therese W & Rina R or Theresa A