

MASS TIMES

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am
Fri: 6-7pm Adoration
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)
Sun: 9.00 & 11.00 am
RECONCILIATION
Fri: From 6-7pm
Sat's from 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

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Tue to Fri 9am-4pm
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—3rd SUN of the month
For application form refer to our web-
site or call parish office on
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AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

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WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP.

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ANointing OF THE SICK

By private arrangement
Contact St Jude's Parish office on
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St Simon's on 9764 4058

FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

SERVICES

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Please Contact Parish Office

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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St Peter and Paul, Apostle —28th and 29th of June 2025



Gospel Reflection – Matthew 16:13–19

"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."

In this deeply significant Gospel passage, Jesus asks His disciples a question that echoes through the centuries: "Who do you say I am?" It is Simon Peter who answers with great faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus affirms Peter's response, not only praising his insight, but declaring a mission: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." With these words, Jesus establishes the foundation of the Church—not on wealth or influence, but on faith, courage, and the grace of God working through ordinary people.

This passage reminds us that our faith is not a private matter alone, but a shared calling. Peter's confession is not just personal—it becomes the cornerstone of a community of believers. Christ entrusts His mission to human hands, and despite their faults (Peter included), His Church endures because it is built on truth and love. Today, Jesus continues to ask each of us: "Who do you say I am?" May we answer not only with our lips, but with our lives. And may we, like Peter, be willing to be shaped into the instruments through which God continues to build His Church in the world today. Amen. **With Every Blessing, Fr Jerald.**

Farewell to Felicia Ahumada

It is with both gratitude and sadness that we inform our parish community that Felicia Ahumada will be finishing her time with us, with her last day being Thursday, 18th July.

Felicia has been a cherished part of our parish for many years and has made a lasting impact on our community through her gentleness, kindness, dedication, and quiet strength. Whether behind the scenes or offering a listening ear, Felicia has always served with grace and humility, and her presence has been a true blessing to so many.

We are deeply grateful for all that she has given to St Simon's and we wish her every happiness and success in the journey ahead. She will be greatly missed. Please keep Felicia in your prayers as she prepares for this next chapter.

Safeguarding Essentials

A Safeguarding Professional from the Melbourne Archdiocese Eastern Region (Brech Burgess) will be coming to speak to us on the importance of a safeguarding Essentials training that all volunteers can do online. This accessible and engaging online resource provides clergy, parish staff and volunteers with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm. Volunteers are required to complete the training every 3 years.

Brech Burgess will be speaking at and available for any questions after these two Mass times

- Sunday, 13th July @ 11:00 Mass (St Simon's, Rowville)
- Saturday, 19th July @ 6:00 pm Mass (St Jude's Scoresby)

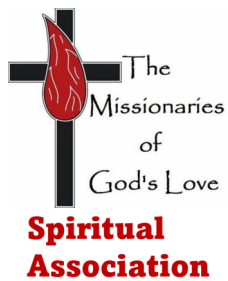
Access Link for the training: Login
(safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F)

Memorial Mass

To celebrate the life of Frederick Coates on Tuesday the 1st of July at 7.00pm here at St Simon's Church.

Frederick was a much cherished long standing member of our community and will be sorely missed. We hope you will be able to join us for his memorial mass.

Please bring a plate of sandwiches or cakes to share supper with Toni and Family after mass in the Parish Centre.



The Missionaries of God's Love Order invite you to attend a time of Prayer and Fellowship with them on July 26th from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

Mass included at 2.30pm
Bring a

plate to share and support the MGL's in their mission.

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Fr Jerald away and Weekday Masses

Fr Jerald will be away for a few weeks from the 30th of June.

During this time, please note our weekday masses will be as follows

Tuesday : Mass at 9.15am

Wednesday: Communion Service at 9.15am

Thursdays: Communion Service at 9.15am

Fridays: Mass at 9.15am

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Run by the Missionaries of God's Love

MERCY NIGHT

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FRIDAY
Date: 4th July, 6 pm to 8 pm

Parish Festival

All are Welcome!

SATURDAY
Date: 5th July, 2 pm to 8:30 pm
(Mass & Dinner Included)

Young Adults & Youth Day

Theme - OMG (Obeying My God)

Ages - 10 to 35

SUNDAY
Date: 6th July, 2 pm to 8 pm
(Mass & Dinner included)

St. Simon the Apostle Parish,
2 Taylor's Ln, Rowville VIC 3178
For queries, contact worklee3@gmail.com

Scan QR Code or Please fill the Registration Sheet at the Help-desk.

Recent Death: Frederick Coates and Lydia Gruppilo

Anniversary of Death: Daniel Fernando and John Ferdinands

Prayer for the Sick: Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong, Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Jenny Liston, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Adrien Cerdor, Nigel Quadros, Andrew Bianchin, Aneta Crowley, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette and Murray Ukena and Christine Fernando, Julie Hanman

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **2nd of July** from **11:30 am—2:30 pm**

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

For more info., contact Brian Crowley on 0429 090 770. We look forward to seeing you all soon!



Evening Rosary Prayers of Intercession 7:30 pm (Via Zoom)

Please note that our Zoom Rosary Meetings are held FORTNIGHTLY on a WED.

Zoom details:

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88501017265?
pwd=VZXExAAffHD4LVn9JgEFZy28kjzvR.1](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88501017265?pwd=VZXExAAffHD4LVn9JgEFZy28kjzvR.1)

Meeting ID: 885 0101 7265 | Passcode: 2v4xeB

For Zoom Details Con-
tact: ricardo_drozario@hotmail.com

Helpers Needed

Urgent Help Needed – Join Our Gardening Team!

Our faithful gardening team has served the parish grounds with love and dedication for many years, but they're now in need of a helping hand — or several!

We're calling on families, couples, and individuals of all ages to consider joining in. Whether you can spare a few hours now and then or make a day of it, your help is needed to keep our church grounds looking beautiful and welcoming.

Let's work together to care for the house of the Lord. Fresh air, good company, and the joy of giving back what could be better?

If you can help or want to find out more, please contact the parish office.

Thanksgiving Envelope

The new set of thanksgiving envelopes are now available for collection.

These envelopes are effective from the 5th of July onwards.

Please pick your set of envelopes up this weekend. We sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

Save the Date – Parish Retreat

Mark your calendars! Our Parish Retreat will take place on September 13th & 14th at Holy Cross Centre, Serpells Road, Templestowe. Led by Fr. Ray Sanchez, this retreat offers a special time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal. You may choose to attend overnight or for the day.

More details to come—stay tuned!

Financial Counselling—Are you experiencing money stress? (disconnection notices, missed loan payments or just need some help with Centrelink applications, etc.)

For a free and confidential chat (via Phone consultations), please call Gina on 0408 107 038 (Mon-Wed 5:30 - 7:00 pm). Spots are limited and will be a maximum of 20 mins.

SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne requires that ALL Volunteers MUST HAVE a CURRENT Working with Children Check Card REGISTERED with St Simon's Parish.

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

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Readings for Peter and Paul , Apostles —28th and 29th of June

First Reading : Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. v5

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel : Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.

Mon 30th June	Tue 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thu 3rd July	Fri 4th July	Sat 5th July	Sun 6th July
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass Communion Service	9.15am Mass Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Shawl Ministry	11.00am (Parish Centre) Viv's RE Care	5—8pm(Church) SSS Choir	10.00—11.30am (Parish Centre) Senior's Morning Tea after the Anointing mass.	PARISH MISSION 2-8PM PARISH FESTIVAL (Mass and Dinner Included)	9:00 am Mass (MGL Priest)
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group	7.30pm (Chapel) Baptism Preparation		PARISH MISSION 6-8PM MERCY NIGHT	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (MGL Priest) (<u>Livestream</u>)	11:00 am Mass (Fr MGL Priest)
	7.00pm (Church) Memorial Mass for Frederick Coates					PARISH MISSION 2-8 PM YOUNG ADULTS (Mass and Dinner Included)
	8.00pm (Parish Centre) Refreshments after Memorial Mass					5.00PM Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 5th and 6th of July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Isaiah 66: 10-14, Galations 6: 14-18, Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Mass Times	Saturday 5th July 6.00pm		Sunday 6th July 9.00am		Sunday 6th July 11.00am	
Commentator	Marcello Martino		Phil Mawdsley		Pia Pagotta	
Reader 1	Maria Soriano		Margaret Ng		Jan Richards	
Reader 2	Clement Lobo		Paige Law		Christina Liew	
Welcome Desk	Malaika Perera		Victoria Kong		Morris Dalton	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs And Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa	5.00pm— Thabesan Family