

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
9764 4058.
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AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

Theresa Abraham (Tue)
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WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP.

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

ANointing OF THE SICK

By private arrangement
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St Simon's on 9764 4058

FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

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SERVICES

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 5th and 6th of July 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 10:1–9

"The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few."

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to go ahead of Him, carrying peace, healing, and the Good News of the Kingdom. He gives them simple, yet powerful instructions—travel lightly, rely on the hospitality of others, and above all, bring peace.

This passage reminds us that we, too, are sent—each of us, in our daily lives, is called to be a witness to Christ through small acts of faith, kindness, and service. The world is longing for healing and hope, and Jesus is still calling disciples to go out and meet that need.

We may not feel ready or worthy, but just like the seventy-two, we go with His blessing and His strength—not our own. Let us be willing to answer the call, trusting that He will work through us, wherever we are planted.

"Say to them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.'"
May our words and actions make that truth known.

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.

Funeral On Tuesday the 8th of July 2025 at 12.00 pm,
the funeral of Lidia Grupillo will be held here at St Simon's. May she rest in peace.

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)

Volunteer registration forms with the training link are available at the welcome desk to also register the ministries that you are involved in at our Parish. Thank you to all who have already completed the forms in the last 6 months!

**Safeguarding
is everyone's
responsibility**

NAIDOC Week 2025 – 6th to 13th July

This year we mark the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week, a significant milestone in the ongoing journey of honouring the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples—the first custodians of this land.

The 2025 theme, “The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy,” calls us to reflect on the enduring strength of our Elders, the hopes of today’s youth, and the importance of passing on a legacy of truth, culture, and resilience.

As a parish community, we are invited to join in this national celebration by acknowledging the sacred connection First Nations peoples have with the land and their continued contribution to Australia’s cultural, spiritual, and social fabric.

“The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few.”

(Luke 10:2) – May we each play our part in building God’s kingdom of unity and love.

Fr Jerald away and Weekday Masses

During Fr Jerald’s absence, please note the following our weekday masses will be as follows

Tuesdays : Mass at 9.15am

Wednesday : Communion Service at 9.15 am

Thursdays : Communion Service at 9.15 am

Friday: Mass at 9.15 am



BINGO Night

Gather your family, friends, and fellow bingo enthusiasts for an evening of food, fun and unforgettable memories.

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Your paragraph text

FRIDAY 07.00–10.30 PM 11TH JULY

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Recent Death: Lydia Gruppilo

Anniversary of Death: Basil Chitty, Jacques Duhau, Warren Ithier, Philomena Ng, Daniel Fernando

Prayer for the Sick: Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunice, 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, Reg Emmons, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Christine Fernando, Julie Hanman, Bernadette and Murray Ukena.

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as we share exciting details
of our forthcoming production
and welcome your participation



**Celebrate the
20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF COG THEATRE!**

3pm, Saturday 26 July 2025

St Roch’s Primary School Hall,
200 Burke Road, Glen Iris, Vic 3146

Please register your attendance on trybooking for catering purposes at
www.trybooking.com/DBRJU

Movie—“Big Mouth”

The movie—Big Mouth will be shown in our Cinema on Friday the 11th of July after Morning Mass.
All are invited to attend.

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits will be provided.

Viv’s RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **9th 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!



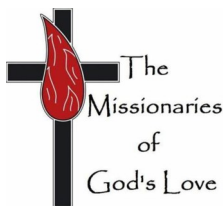
The Missionaries of God's Love Order invite you to attend a time of Prayer and Fellowship with them on July 26th from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

Mass included at 2.30pm

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

MGL Seminary
297-299 Warrigal Rd

Burwood.



**Spiritual
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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.

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

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ST SIMONS AND ST JUDES
YOUNG ADULTS [AGES: 18 - 35]

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📅 27th July 2025

⌚ after St Jude's 10:30am mass

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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 Trivia Night!

Mark your calendars! Our Parish Trivia Night is coming up on Monday, 8th July 2025.

Gather your family and friends for an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition—all in support of our parish community.

More details to come soon. For now, save the date and start brushing up on your trivia!

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.

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Readings for 14th Sun in Ordinary Time—5th & 6th July 2025

First Reading : Isaiah 66: 10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!
 Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!
 That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast,
 that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.
 For thus says the Lord:
 Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like
 a stream in spate the glory of the nations.
 At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her
 lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.
 And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your
 heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass.
 To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. v5

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second reading: Galatians 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord
 Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me,
 and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is
 circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an
 altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow
 this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks
 on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus
 Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
 and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel : Luke 10:1-9

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out
 ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself
 was to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is rich but the
 laborers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send
 laborers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am
 sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse,
 no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.
 Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, “Peace
 to this house!” And if a man of peace lives there, your peace
 will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay
 in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to
 offer, for the labours deserves his wages; do not move from
 house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they
 make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those
 in it who are sick, and say, “The kingdom of God is very near
 to you.”

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

Mon 7th July	Tue 8th July	Wed 9th July	Thu 10th July	Fri 11th July	Sat 12th July	Sun 13th July
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15 am Mass Communion Service	9.15 am Mass Communion Service	9.15 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
	12.00 pm (Church) Funeral of Lidia Gruppillo	11.00 am (Parish Centre) Viv's RE Care	5—8pm (Parish Centre) SSS Choir Practice	10.00 am Movie (Cinema) Big Mouth	12.30—3.30 pm (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)
	2.00 pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group			6.00 pm (Church) Adoration	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh) Safeguarding Weekend
				7.00 pm (Parish Centre) Bingo Night	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Libeesh) + <u>Livestream</u>	2.00 pm (Church) Chaldean Community
				8pm (Church) 11 am Choir Practice		3.30-5 pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00 pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 12th and 13th of July - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14,

Second Reading, Colossians 1: 15-20, Gospel Reading: 10: 25-37

Mass Times	Saturday 12th July 6.00 pm		Sunday 13th July 9.00 am		Sunday 13th July 11.00 am	
Commentator	Seymon Martino		Pam Comerford		Jacqui Giuliano	
Reader 1	Terry O'Donnell		Enakshi Jamanne		Ingrid Kertesi	
Reader 2	Alden/Sam D'Couto		Janina Woronczak		Colin Maslen	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando		Enakshi J/Volunteer		Val D'Souza	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart and Bernie Fernando	Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Chona Alpay, Phil Mawdsley	5.00pm Volunteer Needed