

## MASS TIMES

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am  
Fri: 6-7pm Adoration  
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)  
Sun: 9.00 & 11.00 am  
Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass**  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Fri: From 6-7pm  
Sat: From 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

## OFFICE HOURS:

Tue to Fri 9am-4pm  
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## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS**—3rd SUN of the month  
For application form refer to our  
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### AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

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### WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP.

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

### 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)

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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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**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time —12th and 13th of July 2025**



## Gospel Reflection – Luke 10:25–37

**"Go and do likewise."**

Dear friends in Christ, Today's Gospel gives us the familiar but always powerful story of the Good Samaritan. When asked, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus responds not with a definition, but with a story—one that turns expectations upside down.

It isn't the priest or the Levite who stops to help the wounded man, but a Samaritan—an outsider. He shows compassion, goes out of his way, and offers generous care. Jesus makes it clear: being a neighbour means acting with mercy, regardless of who the person is.

This parable challenges us to ask: Do I walk past those in need? Do I allow myself to be interrupted for love's sake? It's easy to help those we know and like—but the Gospel calls us to reach out beyond comfort and convenience.

Christ Himself is the true Good Samaritan. He comes to us in our woundedness, lifts us up, and restores us. As His followers, may we do the same for others.

**Let us take His words to heart: "Go and do likewise."  
With Every Blessing, Fr Jerald.**

## Thank You for a Spirit-Filled Parish Mission

Our recent Parish Mission was a truly grace-filled time for St Simon's, drawing together parishioners young and old in a joyful celebration of God's love. The sessions were well attended and deeply inspiring, rekindling faith and community spirit among us all. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr Ken, Fr Steve, Fr Tony, Br Leander, and the devoted MGL brothers for leading us with such energy and spiritual depth. A sincere thank you also to our hardworking Parish Mission Team: Bernie, Kim, Christina and Ben Liew, Marcello and Seymon, John and Sheila, Suzette, Val, Ricardo, Pia, Nimmi, Therese A, and Loretta. Your time and dedication made this mission truly special. Special thanks to all those who lovingly provided meals and refreshments throughout the week—your generosity nourished both body and spirit. And finally, thank you to our St Simon's community for responding so warmly to the call to come together in faith. May we continue to grow as a parish alive in Christ. Fr Jerald & Fr Libeesh

## Winter Craft Stall – 19th & 20th July

Our talented parish Craft Group will be holding a Winter Craft Stall after all Masses on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th July.

Come along and browse a lovely selection of handmade knitted beanies, scarves, blankets, and thoughtful gifts—perfect for the winter season.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and all proceeds go towards supporting parish initiatives.

**Warm thanks, The Craft Group**

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**Sunday, 20 July, 2025 | after the 9.00am and 11am Mass**

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To make things easier, you can pre-order your meals using the sheets available in the church foyer.

Come along, enjoy some wonderful food, and support our parish community!

## 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 9.15am

**Thursdays :**

Communion Service at 9.15am

**Friday:** Mass at 9.15am

## 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.

**We will be holding a parish farewell for Felicia upon Fr Jerald's return, so that we may properly thank her together as a community.**

**In the meantime, we invite you to join us for a morning tea on Felicia's last day—Friday, 18th July, following the 9:15am Morning Mass.**

**Please bring a plate to share as we come together to express our gratitude and offer our good wishes to Felicia.**

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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## WARRIORS MONTHLY MISSION Outreach - Feed the Poor FRIDAY 18TH JULY

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**Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT**

WED, **23rd July** from **11:30 am—2:30 pm**  
**Theme: Christmas in July**

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

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







**MISSION WARRIORS 16+**

## PROPHETS



**What can we learn from OLD Biblical Times that's RELEVANT to YOUTH Today?**

**JOIN US: SUNDAY 20TH JULY @ 6.30PM - 8.30PM**

**ST SIMON'S PARISH CENTRE**

### 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!

### Parish Centre Use

This is a gentle reminder to kindly take care of a few housekeeping tasks before leaving the Centre:

- Ensure that all bins are emptied.
- Check that the toilets are cleaned.
- Leave the Centre in a neat and tidy condition.

### Parish Pot Luck Dinner – Friday 18th July

All are warmly invited to join us for a Parish Pot Luck Dinner on Friday 18th July, following our Adoration Mass.

This is a lovely opportunity to come together in fellowship, share a meal, and enjoy one another's company.

Please bring a plate of food to share—sweet or savoury—all contributions are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

### First Holy Communion – Registrations Now Open

Registrations are now open for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

This sacrament is available to children in Grade 4 and above who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To register your child or for more information, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9764 4058. We look forward to journeying with our young parishioners as they prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament.

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**Readings for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—  
12th and 13th July 2025**

**First Reading : Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 68**

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

**Second Reading : Colossians 1:15-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation,,for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation :**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel : Luke 10:25-37**

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus, ‘do this and life is yours.’

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one who took pity on him,’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do the same yourself.’

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

Mon 14th July	Tue 15th July	Wed 16th July	Thu 17h July	Fri 18th July	Sat 19h July	Sun 20th 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 ) Craft Group		5—9pm( Parish Centre) Warriors	3-4.30pm ( Parish Centre) Warriors	12.30—3.30 ( Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson ) Food Stall
			5—8pm( Church) SSS Choir	6.00pm ( Church) Adoration	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass ( Bishop Tomlinson ) Food Stall
				7.00pm ( Parish Centre) Pot Luck Dinner	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Bishop Tomlinson ) ( <u>Livestream</u> )	2.00pm ( Church) Chaldean Community
				8pm ( Church) 11am Choir Practice		3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00Pm Youth Mass

**NEXT WEEKEND**— Duty Rosters: 19th and 20th of July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — First Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10, Collossians: 1: 24-28, Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Mass Times	Saturday 19th July 6.00pm		Sunday 20th July 9.00am		Sunday 20th July 11.00am	
Commentator	Alden/Sam D'Couto		Tony Fry		Estela Banac	
Reader 1	De Mel Family		Dorothy Stack		Therese West	
Reader 2	De Mel Family		Neela T/Madison Feilder		Loretta Hughes	
Welcome Desk	Yvonne Muspratt		Maggie Braganza		Josie Fanti	
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