

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 website or call parish office on 9764 4058.
Email: Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

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
Contact St Jude's Parish office on 9763 7302, or
St Simon's on 9764 4058

FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

SERVICES

PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE

Please Contact Parish Office

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

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1800 305 330

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time —19th and 20th of July 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 10:38–42

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

In today's Gospel, we encounter the well-known story of Martha and Mary—two sisters who welcome Jesus into their home. It's a passage that speaks directly to the heart of our daily Christian life, especially in the busyness of our modern world. Martha is often misunderstood. She is not wrong to be serving—hospitality was, and remains, a sacred duty. She is doing a good thing. But the Lord gently invites her to see that service, while important, is not the only important thing. What Mary chooses—to sit at Jesus' feet and listen—is not a dismissal of work, but a reminder that being with the Lord must come first.

As a parish priest, I often see many "Marthas" in our community—faithful people serving tirelessly in the Church: preparing the altar, arranging flowers, cooking meals, organising events. These are beautiful, essential acts. But I also know how easy it is to become "worried and upset about many things," to lose the peace that comes from prayer and quiet time with Christ.

Mary, on the other hand, represents that contemplative heart—someone who chooses to pause, to listen, to simply be with the Lord. Jesus praises her not to diminish Martha, but to remind us all of our first vocation—to be disciples who sit at the feet of the Master. This Gospel is not about choosing between action and contemplation, but about prioritising. We serve better when we've first sat with Jesus. We become more fruitful in our work when it flows from prayer.

Let us be a parish that encourages both the heart of Martha and the heart of Mary—rooted in prayer, growing in service, and centred always on Christ.

With Every Blessing, Fr Jerald.

Food Stall – Sunday 20th July

A friendly reminder that there will be a Food Stall after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday, 20th July.

Come along and enjoy some wonderful homemade dishes prepared by members of our parish community. It's a great way to share a meal, connect with others, and support a good cause.

A Message from Felicia

Volunteering is a beautiful way to deepen our faith and strengthen our connection to God and our Parish Community. It's about living our faith through action—demonstrating that love, kindness, and service are truly at the heart of who we are as God's people.

Over the years, I have been truly blessed to get to know so many of you, and I am deeply grateful that you entrusted me to support you in our shared mission. Thank you. Because of our shared efforts, we are the Church—God's people gathered in faith, united in purpose.

I am humbled by the kindness and support shown to me by our wonderful parishioners and volunteers, as well as by my fellow staff members. It has been an honour to serve in the parish office, and I will genuinely miss being part of the team. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Fr. Jerald and Fr. Labeesh for their understanding and support as I step away from this role.

Though I will no longer be part of the office staff, I will remain a proud parishioner of St. Simon's, and I look forward to seeing you all at Mass and continuing to serve in other ways. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all of our past parish and assistant priests who have guided and supported me on my journey with God here at St. Simon's.

As I transition out of this position, I warmly encourage everyone to consider the joy and blessing of volunteering. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, your contribution helps keep our parish a place that is welcoming, prayerful, and vibrant. Together, we enrich our community and make it a true home for all.

Thank you once again for allowing me to serve this incredible community. I look forward to continuing this journey of faith with all of you—as a fellow parishioner and sister in Christ. With gratitude and love,
Felicia

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

ST SIMON'S PARISH RETREAT Please Register in the foyer

SAT SEPT 13TH 10.00AM – SUN SEPT 14TH 4.00PM

FACILITATOR : FR. Ray Sanchez CP

VENUE : HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE – TEMPLESTOWE

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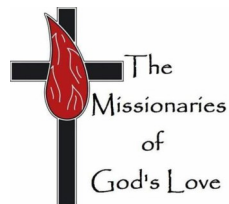
**Enquiries : Parish Office OR
loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au**



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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St Simon's Theatre

Saturday August 9th

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Sunday August 10th

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Recent Death:

Anniversary of Death: Maureen Lugnani

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, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette and Murray Ukena and Christine Fernando, Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjou

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!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?

TUE, **EVENINGS** starting 2 Sept.

INFORMATION NIGHT

26, Aug @ 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."



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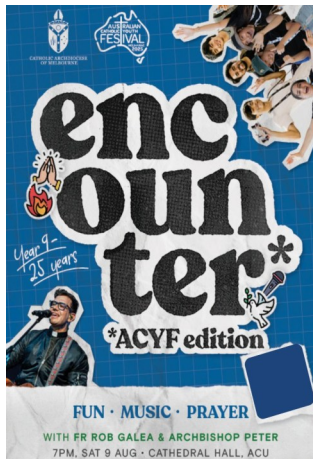
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YEAR 9 - 25 YO Expression of Interest for Fundraising



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.

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.

Movie's at St Simons

Will now be held every 3rd and 4th Friday's of every month after morning mass.

The following movies have been scheduled for the month of August.

15th of August. : Jesus of Nazareth

22nd of August: The Reluctant Saint

Come and join us for coffee, tea and biscuits and enjoy the movie. Bring your own popcorn!

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.

On Saturday, 26 July, from 9 am-3 pm, Catholic Theological College will open its doors to the public as part of the 2025 Open House Melbourne Weekend. This program fosters public appreciation for good design and public engagement to rediscover the city.

We're excited to invite you to a special opportunity to experience the space through the eyes of the architect behind the design of Catholic Theological College. Mr. Greg Burgess will be onsite to engage directly with visitors between 10 am – 12 pm.

□ Date: Saturday, 26 July 2025

□ Location: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002

□ Time: 9 am – 3 pm

Whether you're curious about the inspiration behind the architecture, interested in the design process, or simply want to connect, this is a



rare chance to ask questions and hear insights straight from the source. Don't miss this chance to step inside the story of the building—and the mind behind it.

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Readings for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—19th and 20th July 2025

First Reading Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. ‘My lord,’ he said, ‘I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant’s direction.’ They replied, ‘Do as you say.’ Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. ‘Hurry,’ he said, ‘knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.’ Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ they asked him. ‘She is in the tent,’ he replied. Then his guest said, ‘I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14 :
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading—Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God’s message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It

was God’s purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord’s feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.’ But the Lord answered: ‘Martha, Martha,’ he said, ‘you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.’



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

Mon 21st July	Tue 22nd July	Wed 23rd July	Thu 24th July	Fri 25th July	Sat 26th July	Sun 27th July
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass Communion Service	9.15am Mass Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group	11am (Parish Centre) Viv’s RE care Christmas in July	5pm (Church) Parent/child confirmation workshop	2.00pm (Parish Church) Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children’s Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (St Joseph’s College Mass)
			5—8pm(Parish Centre) SSS Choir	6.00pm (Church) Adoration	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald and Fr David)
			7pm (Church) Parent/child confirmation	8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Libeesh) (<u>Livestream</u>)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 26th and 27th of July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time — First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32, Collossians 2: 12-14, Luke 11: 1-13

Mass Times	Saturday 26th July 6.00pm		Sunday 27th July 9.00am		Sunday 27th July 11.00am	
Commentator	Tineke Edwards		Margaret Ng		Christina Liew	
Reader 1	Alden/Sam D’Couto		Paige Law		Aarya/Diana Paul Anna	
Reader 2	Samantha D’Couto		Bernard Mulholland		Val D’Souza	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando		Victoria Kong		Pai Pagotto	
Children’s Liturgy	Alicia C and Julie F		Tony F and Julie A		No Children’s Liturgy	
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Lidwin and Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Sharon Melder, Danusha Ladd and Asela Angammana	Volunteer