

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

OFFICE HOURS:

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.
Email:
baptism@stsimonsparish.com.au

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

Theresa Abraham (Tue)

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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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—12th and 13th of April 2025



Holy week and Easter ceremonies at St Simon's.

HOLY THURSDAY: 17th April 8.00pm

Good Friday:

***Stations of the Cross:** 18th April 10.00am

At Rowville Community Centre

(Meeting point : parking lot behind Police Station)

Passion of the Lord: 18th April 3.00pm

Easter Dawn Mass 20th April 6.00am

Easter Sunday Mass 20th April at 8.30 & 10.30am

* if you wish to attend an indoor service you are invited to join St Jude's service at Scoresby at 11.00am with Fr Ken Barker.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

As we prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, we invite you to join us for a series of Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers and a 9-day novena, beginning on Friday, 18th April, from 6:00–6:30 PM, and continuing each evening until Saturday, 26th April. Our Novena on the 26th of April will take place from 5-5.30pm. The Divine Mercy Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 27th April.

2:00 pm Confessions Commence
& Rosary

2:30 pm Benediction

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3.15 pm Holy Mass

There will be a number of Priests
hearing confessions.

Please note that there

will Divine Mercy Items and Icons for
sale.

Further, there will also be a space in the church
where you can place appropriate icons, images



New Appointment— Fr Libeesh Kuriakose

We are pleased to advise that Fr Libeesh has been appointed assistant priest for St Simon's and St Jude's effective 9th of April 2025. Welcome Fr Libeesh to our community.

Dawn Breakfast

Thank you to all those who have offered help for the dawn mass.

You are invited to breakfast after our Dawn Mass as we celebrate and welcome our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates.

Holy Week Morning Mass Update

Please be advised that there will be no Morning Mass on Tuesday, 15th April. A Communion Service will be held on this day in its place. Additionally, there will be no Morning Mass on Thursday, 17th April and Friday, 18th April, due to the celebration of our Holy Week liturgies. We kindly encourage all parishioners to refer to our Holy Week Mass Schedule for details of the upcoming services. Thank you for your understanding and participation during this sacred time.

Holy Thursday Practice

There will be a practice for all those who are involved in the Holy Thursday Liturgy on Tuesday the 15th of April at 6.30pm in the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday – Volunteers & Afternoon Tea Contributions

As we prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday on 27th April, we are seeking volunteers to assist with various roles:

- ★ Selling Divine Mercy Merchandise – 2 volunteers before the 3 PM Mass and 2 after Mass.
- ★ Church Setup – Volunteers needed on Saturday, 26th April to prepare the church.
- ★ Afternoon Tea Setup – Volunteers to assist in setting up after Mass.
- ★ Additionally, for those attending the celebration and staying for afternoon tea, we kindly ask if you could bring a plate to share.

A sign-up sheet is available for those wishing to volunteer or contribute to the afternoon tea. Please add your name, phone number, and chosen role/contribution.

For any inquiries, please contact Seymon at 0411 231 314.
Thank you for your generosity and support!

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TOUR 28TH TO THE 31ST OF MAY
Fr Chris Alar will be launching his new book : understanding the sacraments: god's grace guaranteed. Fr christ is a dynamic and widely viewed Catholic speaker in the . He is known for his powerful teachings on Divine Mercy , the Eucharist and the Catholic faith, bringing clarity , healing and hope to audiences everywhere , come hear him speak at

St Patricks Cathedral on the 31st of May from 9.30am to 12.00pm
or

**Divine Mercy Shrine–
Keysborough 31st May**

1pm Rosary, 3pm Hour of Mercy
4pm Mass and concludes at 5.00pm

!! YOUNG ADULTS !! FINDING MY TRUE SELF

Friday 25th April - Anzac Day

ONE DAY RETREAT

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9am - 8pm



SCAN ME

Movie Morning April 25th at 10.30am in the Parish Cinema Entry by donation

Faustina, a film by Jerzy Lukaszewicz. This is a wonderful documentary to watch on the life of Saint Faustina, The Apostle of Divine Mercy. Come along on the 25th of April, no need to register and enjoy the documovie. Tea and Coffee will be available after.

Help Needed

We are looking for assistance for the

- ★ Altar Society
- ★ Welcome Desk
- ★ Gardening Group.

If you are able to help in any

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.



Care to Connect Ministry – Renewed and Ready to Serve

We are pleased to announce that the Care to Connect Ministry at St. Simon's has been reformed to better serve our parish community.

Our dedicated volunteers are here to offer support and companionship to those who are sick, lonely, bereaved, or housebound.

If you know someone who would benefit from a friendly call or visit, please leave their details in the Care to Connect book at the Help Desk.

Together, we can ensure that no one in our parish
feels alone.

Recent Death: George Goodwillie, Trevor Gomes

Anniversary of Death: Anne White, Joseph A Tran

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, Mario Di Fiore and Andrew Bianchin, Aneta Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou ,Jackie Xavier, . Bernadette and Murray Ukena and Trevor Gomez

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, 23rd of April from 11:30 am—2:30 pm
Anzac Day Theme

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Palm Sunday 12-13th of April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can Unite Against Poverty and help transform lives this Lent.

A reminder to return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes on Holy Thursday. Please change any coin donations into notes, as this would assist us greatly.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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.
- Thank you for your understanding and for helping us maintain our Parish Centre as a welcoming and well-kept space for

WARRIORS - YOUNG ADULTS 16+

Rosary Making Night w/ Br Dan

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL (PALM SUNDAY)

6.30PM - ST SIMON'S PARISH CENTRE

Make your very own Holy Rosary to share with someone special, keep or donate to the Piety Stall for Warriors fundraising.

Donations welcome



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.

Easter Craft Stall

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous support. We hope you enjoy your easter purchases.

May you all have a blessed Easter.

— Thank you from the Craft Group

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Readings for Palm Sunday: 12th and 13th of April

First reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple’s tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second reading Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47



THIS WEEK’S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS						
MON — 14th April	TUE — 15th April	WED — 16th April	THU — 17th April Holy Thursday	FRI — 18th April Good Friday	SAT — 19th April Holy Saturday	SUN — 20th April Easter Sunday
OFFICE CLOSED No Mass	No Mass Communion Service 2.00pm Parish Centre Craft Group 2.00pm Parish Centre Shawl Group 6.30pm (Church) Rehearsal for washing of the feet 7.00pm (Parish Centre) St Vincent De Paul Meeting 7.30pm RCIA (Church)	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald) 4pm (Parish Centre) Rowville Lions Club	5.00pm (Church) Chaldeans Holy Thursday mass 8.00pm (Church) Last Supper of the Lord/Altar of Repose	10.00am Stations of the Cross Rowville Community Centre (Meeting point : parking lot behind Police Station) 3:00 pm (Church) Passion of the Lord 6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena 7.00pm Church Chaldeans Good Friday Mass	OFFICE CLOSED 3.00pm (Church) Altar Servers Training 4.00pm (Church) RCIA Preparation Rites 6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena 8.00pm(Church) Chaldeans Easter Vigil Mass	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 am Dawn Mass (Fr Jerald) 9:00 am Mass (Fr Kevin Dillon) 11:00 am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson) 6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena NO YOUTH MASS
NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 19th and 20th of April –Easter Sunday — Acts of the Apostles 10: 34. 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4. John 20: 1-9						
Mass Times	Sunday 20th of April 6.00am		Sunday 20th of April 9.00am		Sunday 20th of April 11.00am	
Commentator	“Special Roster”		“Special Roster”		“Special Roster”	
Reader 1	“Special Roster”		“Special Roster”		“Special Roster”	
Reader 2	“Special Roster”		“Special Roster”		“Special Roster”	
Welcome Desk	Yvonne Muspratt		Julie Ashman		Volunteer Please	
Children’s Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	
	Flowers	Melanie	Altar Society	Altar Society	Church Cleaning	Jeannette, Vicki, Chona and Phil