

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-
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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

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—22nd and 23rd of February 2025

Parish Meeting

We warmly invite you to a Parish Meeting to discuss new ideas for fundraising and social functions to help build our parish community and support our church.

□ Date: Tuesday, 25th February □ Time: 7:00 PM in the Parish Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, share ideas, and plan events that will bring our parish family closer while supporting our mission. Whether you have experience in organizing events or simply have creative ideas to contribute, your input is valuable! Let's work together to make our parish a vibrant, welcoming, and thriving community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Farewell to Fr Yoris

We are sorry to advise that Fr Yoris will be returning to Indonesia on the 28th of Feb. We invite you to join us for Morning Tea after Mass on Friday the 28th to bid farewell to Fr Yoris.

Hope you can join us.

Prep Welcome and Staff Commissioning 23rd Feb at 11.00am Mass

Welcome to all Prep's, Parents and Staff as we begin this exciting new school year, we extend a warm welcome to all our new Preps, Parents, and Staff members joining. We are blessed to have you with us and look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and faith. A special acknowledgment to our dedicated staff as they begin their journey of service this year. Through our Staff Commissioning, we recognize their commitment to providing a faith-filled education and guiding our students in their academic and spiritual growth. May they be strengthened in their vocation and find joy in their ministry. May this school year be filled with success, and God's abundant blessings. Our celebration will be followed by a BBQ. Please Join us.

A Pilgrimage of Faith and Fellowship

Recently, I had the great privilege of joining Archbishop Peter Comensoli and members of leadership from various organisations within the Archdiocese of Melbourne on a pilgrimage to the Vatican and Assisi. This journey was not only an opportunity to deepen our faith but also to strengthen our bonds as a community committed to the mission of the Church. Our time in Rome was marked by visits to the four major basilicas, where we had the profound experience of entering the Holy Doors, a moment of grace and renewal. A particularly moving encounter was our visit to the Sant'Egidio Community, where we listened to their inspiring mission of service to the poor and marginalized. A true highlight of our pilgrimage was the opportunity to concelebrate Mass near St. Peter's Tomb at St. Peter's Basilica—a moment of deep spiritual significance for all of us. In Assisi, we followed in the footsteps of St. Francis, spending time in prayer and reflection at Eremo delle Carceri, the place where he and his first companions sought silence and contemplation. Our journey continued with visits to the Basilica of St. Francis, the Basilica of St. Clare, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, the Church of San Damiano, and Santa Maria Maggiore, the resting place of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Throughout these days, I carried you all in my prayers, offering gratitude for our parish community and seeking God's blessings upon us. This pilgrimage was also a wonderful opportunity to form new friendships and gain a deeper appreciation of the many key people who contribute to the mission of the Archdiocese. May the fruits of this journey continue to inspire us in our shared mission of faith and service. Yours in Christ, Fr Jerald.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Join us as we begin the sacred season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on the 5th of March with Mass & Distribution of Ashes at 9.15am and 7.30pm at St Simon's. All are welcome to receive ashes as a sign of our repentance and commitment to Christ. Let us journey together in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19). We look forward to seeing you!

Returning of Old Palms

As part of our preparations for Ash Wednesday, we encourage you to return your old palms from last year's Palm Sunday. These palms will be burned to create the ashes used for the Ash Wednesday liturgies. A collection box will be placed in the foyer for you to drop them off.

Help Needed

We are in need of a bricklayer for some work around the parish. If you or someone you know has the skills and is willing to help, please reach out to the parish office. Your generosity and assistance are truly valued. Thank you for your support!

Warriors back in 2025!

Sunday 23rd Feb @ 6.30pm
(after 5pm Youth Mass)



- **Young Adults** Group 16yo+
- **Learn** about the Bible, Saints, Catholic teachings & more...
- **Discuss** challenging social topics with other Catholic Youth
- **Outreach** - Cooking and helping the poor/ less fortunate
- **Events & Travel** - Movies, Music, Food, Games, Retreats, Pilgrimages & Youth Conferences

A transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Our Lenten Program 2025—METANOIA

Lent is a sacred time of renewal, reflection, and conversion—a journey of Metanoia, a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels.

Join us this year as we participate in the Diocese of Wollongong's Lenten Program, designed to deepen our faith, enrich our prayer life, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

- ☐ What to Expect?
- ☐ Weekly reflections on the Sunday Gospels
- ☐ Guided prayer and personal meditations
- ☐ Small group discussions for spiritual growth
- ☐ An opportunity to encounter Christ in a new and profound way

When & Where?

Monday from the 3rd of March at 7.-8.30pm

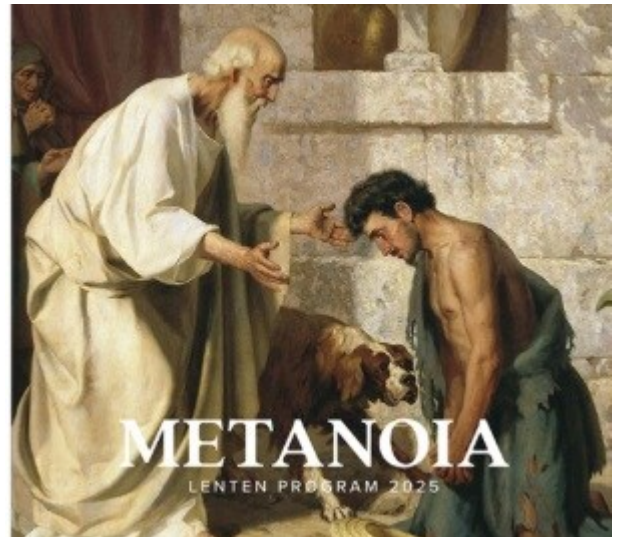
Tuesdays from the 4th of March at 7-8.30pm

Thursday from the 6th of March at 7-8.30pm

Friday from the 7th of March at 10-11.30am

All groups will be held in the Parish meeting room

Our parish will be hosting Lenten reflection groups— come and journey with us!



Viv's RE Care

Brian Crowley from Viv's RE Care, will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of the 15th and 16th of March.

Brian will share insights about the important work of Viv's RE Care and how it supports those in need within our community.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2025

We will be helping your children in their Faith Journey, to prepare them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation for 2025.

For further details, please contact our Parish Office or ASRE Coordinator Theresa Abraham during office hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on 9764 4058 or email asre@stsimonsparish.com.au / Theresa.abraham@cam.org.au

Recent Death: Doug Comerford, Chris Hart and Andrea Paratone

Anniversary of Death: Les Ragg, Corazon Olalia, Benariza Sason, William Lee, Angela Ting, Robert Wong, Sam Chin.

Prayer for the Sick Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong, Jenny Lim, 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.



World Day of Prayer 2025 Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'



Date and Time: 7th March 2025 at 7.00pm

Location: RAFT Anglican Church - 131 Taylors Lane, Rowville, VIC 3178

Contact number: 9764 2573

Weekly Emailed Newsletter

We would love for you to stay up to date with all the exciting news and events happening at our parish. Our weekly newsletter is a wonderful way to stay connected and informed about upcoming masses, community activities, and important announcements. If you'd like to receive our newsletter weekly, sign up directly on

www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj6fAAD&req=subscribe

We look forward to keeping you in the loop and sharing all the wonderful things happening in our parish!

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.

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

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First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven.

And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

'Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY— Mass Schedule and ONLY Parish Run Ministries and Events

MON — 24th Feb	TUE — 25th Feb	WED — 26th Feb	THU — 27th Feb	FRI — 28th Feb	SAT — 1st Mar	SUN — 2nd Mar
OFFICE CLOSED No Mass	9.15am Mass (Fr Yoris) 7.00pm Parish Meeting (Parish Centre) 7.30pm (Church) RCIA	9.15am Mass (Fr Yoris) 7.00pm Men's Group (Parish Centre)	9.15am Mass (Fr Yoris) 5.00pm 3S Choir Practice	9.15am— Mass. (Fr Jerald) 6:00 pm (Church) Eucharistic	OFFICE CLOSED Reconciliation 5:30 pm 3.30 pm to 5.00pm Chaldean Community in the Side Chapel 6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Steve Tynan) (<u>Livestream</u>)	OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mass (Fr Steve Tynan) 11:00 am Mass (Fr Steve Tynan) 2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community 3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community 5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 1st and 2nd of March –8th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Sirach 24: 4-7, 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 and

Luke 6: 39-45

MASS TIMES:	SAT, 22nd Feb @ 6:00 pm	SUN, 23rd Feb @ 9:00 am	SUN, 24th Feb @ 11:00 am
Commentator	Alden/Sam D'Couto	Phil Mawdsley	Jacqui Giuliano
Reader 1	Maria Soriano	Margaret Ng	Therese West
Reader 2	Seymon Martino	Dorothy Stack	Jan Richards
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando	Zita Ragg	Morris Dalton
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Elsa L and Julie A
Flowers:	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society:	Lidwin and Samuel Hudson
		Church Cleaning:	Marius Francis and Antony Singarasa