

## 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.

# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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**5th Sunday of Lent— 5th and 6th of April 2025**



## HOLY WEEK MASSES AT ST SIMON'S

RECONCILIATION 8th April 2025 7.30PM

HOLY THURSDAY 17th April 2025 8.00PM

### GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

18th April 2025 10.00AM

at Rowville Community Centre

(Meeting point parking lot behind Police Station)

PASSION OF THE LORD 18th April 2025 3.00PM

EASTER DAWN MASS 20th April 2025 6.00AM

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April 2025 9.00 AND 11AM



## Join Us for the Stations of the Cross

As we begin our Lenten journey, we invite you to walk with Christ through the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 PM in the church after adoration. This solemn devotion helps us reflect on Christ's passion and draw closer to Him in prayer. On the 11th of April we will have Fr Steve Tynan who will be joining us. On the 11th of April we will be holding a special collection for the MGL's in aid of their mission.

## Lenten Group

Our Lenten group on the 8th of April is postponed to Wed the 9th of April at 7pm due to our Lenten Reconciliation Service.

## Dawn Breakfast

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

You are invited to attend our Dawn Mass as we celebrate and welcome our RCIA Catechist and Candidates. We invite you to bring a plate to share for our breakfast if you are attending.

## 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 and alike for Blessing.



## Lenten Reconciliation Service

You are warmly invited to join our Lenten Reconciliation service at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 8th April. As we prepare our hearts during Lent, reconciliation is a vital part of our journey towards the risen Christ of Easter. This liturgy is a time for reflection on our lives and an opportunity to see how we can change to become better versions of ourselves

## Palm Sunday

We are seeking donations of palms for Palm Sunday and volunteers to assist with setting up the church on Friday, April 11th after morning mass. If you can provide palms or help with the setup, please contact the parish office or sign up in the foyer. Your support is greatly appreciated as we prepare for this special celebration. Thank you!

## Youth Mass Update

Please note, there will be no youth mass on Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday. Please mark your diaries accordingly. Thank you.

## Altar Servers

We are looking for altar servers to assist at the Easter liturgies. If you are available to serve during Holy Week and Easter, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the sacristy. Your help is greatly appreciated as we prepare for these important celebrations in our 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!

### Parish Community Notice

Thank you to all who attended our meeting on the 1st of April. It was a productive gathering, and we are excited to announce a series of upcoming community events for everyone to enjoy:

- ◆ Parish Bingo Night – 2nd May, 7:00 PM **Confirmed**
- ◆ Parish Multicultural Event – 1st June **Confirmed**
- ◆ Sportsman Night – August (Date TBA)
- ◆ Joint Parish Dinner Dance – 22nd November

These events are designed to strengthen our parish community, and we encourage you to mark your calendars!

- ◆ For the Multicultural Event, we will have a feast of international dishes for sale along with multicultural dancing. We are seeking parishioners who would like to participate in the dancing or other cultural activities. If you're interested, please get in touch! This weekend we will be having speakers at all of our masses to introduce these events and will be passing an information flyer. If you can help with any cultural dancing, cooking etc please let the parish office know. This will be a wonderful way to bring our community together.
- ◆ We also need more volunteers to join the Social and Fundraising Committee to help organize these events and ensure their success. Your involvement will make a meaningful difference in bringing our community together and supporting our parish initiatives.

We look forward to sharing these wonderful moments with you. Stay tuned for further updates!

## Shawl Ministry – Expressions of Interest

We are excited to begin a Shawl Ministry in our parish! Our first gathering will be on Monday, April 8th, at 2:00 PM in the Parish Centre. This ministry is open to anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting, as we create shawls to bring comfort and warmth to those in need. If you are interested in joining or would like to learn more, please add your name to the expressions of Interest sheet in the foyer or contact the parish office. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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 way, please contact the Parish Office.

## 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.



### Recent Death: *Facier Vaz*

**Anniversary of Death:** *Beverley Quirk, Karlo Agapito, Ken Agarin*

**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, Vince and Donna Montello, Bernadette and Murray Ukena and Trevor Gomez

# !! YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT !!

## Expression of Interest

THIS IS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION  
to Learn, Grow and Experience a  
Deeper Spiritual Connection with God  
at this One Day Only Youth Retreat.



**Ages:** 18yo - 35yo

**Date:** Fri 25th April (Anzac Day) or Sat 3rd May

**Time:** 9am - 8pm **Location & Cost:** TBC

**SCAN ME**

### Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, 9th of April 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!



### Lector Training

Our next lector training will be held on Wednesday the 9th of April at 6.30pm in the Church. If you have signed up to become a lector, please make a note in your diary.



**PROJECT  
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### Fifth Sunday of Lent

5th and 6th of April 2025

The transformative work of Caritas Australia is only possible thanks to supporters like you and the dedication, passion, and resilience of our local partners, who tirelessly work to empower communities and create brighter futures.

In Vietnam, Caritas Australia's partner programs, like I-SHINE, helped Lam, a young man with a disability, gain graphic design skills and start a successful freelance business, inspiring others to pursue their dreams. In Samoa, Caritas Australia works with Caritas Samoa to improve access to clean water and sanitation through initiatives like water tank installations, transforming health and well-being for families like Toefuata'iga's. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Kongolo on the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program. This initiative equipped Irene, a single mother, with sewing and farming skills, enabling her to support her family and empower others in her community.

Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe.



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AGAINST  
POVERTY**

this Lent

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### 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

The Easter Craft Stall will be held after all Masses on the weekend of This weekend. Come and browse a beautiful selection of handcrafted items, perfect for Easter gifts and decorations.

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— Craft Group

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READING FOR THE 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125 R.v3

R: The lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Phillippians 3: 8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

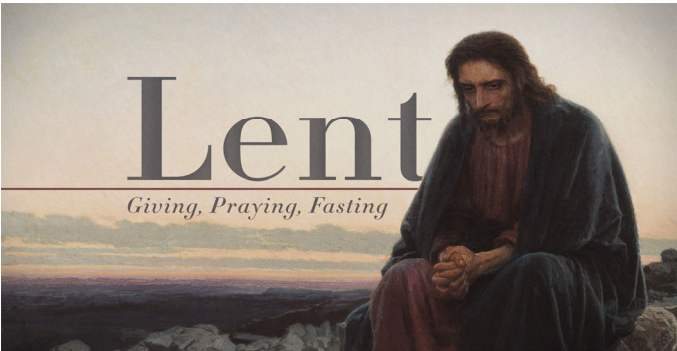
Gospel Acclamation :Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and

compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, ‘Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?’ They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said Jesus ‘go away, and don’t sin any more.’



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

| MON — 7th April                                                                          | TUE — 8th April                                                                                                                                                        | WED — 9th April                                                                                                                  | THU —10th April                                                                                                               | FRI — 11th April                                                                                                                                                                     | SAT —12th April                                                                                                                                                               | SUN — 13th April                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><br>No Mass<br><br>7.00pm ( Parish Meeting Room)<br>Lenten Group | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Libeesh)<br><br>2.00pm Parish Centre<br>Craft Group<br><br>7.30pm (Church)<br>Lenten Reconciliation Service<br><br>7.30pm (Church)<br>Parish Centre | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)<br><br>11.00am ( Parish Centre)<br>Viv’s RE Care<br><br>7.00pm ( Parish Meeting Room)<br>Lenten Group | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Libeesh)<br><br>5.00pm ( Church)<br>3S Choir Practice<br><br>7.00pm ( Parish Meeting Room)<br>Lenten Group | 9.15am– Mass.<br>( Fr Jerald)<br><br>10.00am ( Parish Meeting Room)<br>Lenten Group<br><br>6:00 pm (Church)<br>Eucharistic Adoration<br><br>7.00pm (Church)<br>Stations of the Cross | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>3.30 pm to 5.00pm<br>Chaldean Community in the Side Chapel<br><br>Reconciliation<br>5:30 pm<br><br>6:00 pm Vigil Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)<br>(Livestream ) | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>9:00 am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)<br><br>11:00 am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)<br><br>2.00pm ( Church)<br>Chaldean Community<br><br>3.30-5pm (Parish Centre)<br>Chaldean Community<br><br>5.00Pm Youth Mass |

| MASS TIMES         | SAT 5th APRIL @6.00PM |                | SUN 6TH APRIL @9.00AM |                                      | SUN 6TH 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       | Seymour Martin        |                | Maggie Baganza        |                                      | Volunteer Please        |                   |
| CHILDREN’S LITURGY | No Children’s Liturgy |                | No Children’s Liturgy |                                      | No Children’s Liturgy   |                   |
|                    | FLOWERS               | Melanie Jacobs | ALTAR SOCIETY         | Shelia Keldart & Bernadette Fernando | CHURCH CLEANING         | Marius and Antony |