

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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3rd Sunday of Lent— 22nd and 23rd of March 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

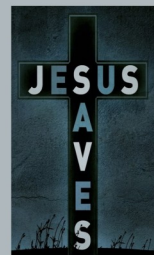
at Rowville Community Centre

(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. All are welcome to participate.

Let us prepare our hearts for Easter together.

Parish Community Notice

Thank you to all who attended our meeting on the 18th of March. 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
- ◆ Parish Multicultural Event – 1st June
- ◆ Sportsman Night – August (Date TBA)
- ◆ Parish Dinner Dance – November (Date TBA)

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

- ◆ More details on the Parish Bingo Night will be shared following **our next meeting on the 1st of April.**
- ◆ 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! There is an expression of interest form in the foyer.
- ◆ 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!

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.



28-30
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DISCIPLES OF JESUS YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN RETREAT

Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and community as we draw closer to Jesus this Lent in the beautiful setting of Port Albert. Open to adults 18-35.

"The time of fulfillment has arrived, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." MK 1:15

SSJ YOUTH GROUP

Year 5 to Year 10 students

TEAM ENGINEERING NIGHT

Come with your game face and brilliant minds and work together to build the strongest table out of given materials!

Snacks and drinks will be provided. A \$5 - 10 donation is most welcome.

30TH MARCH SUNDAY 3:00 - 4:30PM

St Simon's School Hall

Register or join the mailing list by contacting: ssjiouthteam@gmail.com

PREPARE YOUR HEART THIS LENT AT ST. SIMON'S

To help deepen your Lenten journey, **St. Simon's Parish** is offering a range of **Lenten activities and programs**:

☐ **Metanoia Lenten Groups:**

- * **Mondays** – 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room
- * **Tuesdays** – 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room
- * **Thursday**—7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
- * **Fridays** – 10:00 AM in the Parish Meeting Room

Lenten Reflection Group by Zoom – Mondays at 7:00 PM (Join from the comfort of your home) - contact the Parish Office for details.

Stations of the Cross – Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 PM

Super Soul Saturday the 5th of April at 10.00am in the Parish Centre—join us as we welcome Fr Bernard Teo for a Lenten Talk entitled: Conscience: The Gentle Voice of God inviting us to Conversion and to Communion with him.

We encourage you to take part in these opportunities for prayer and reflection as we journey together towards Easter. **There are still a few Metanoia book available for sale at the welcome desk for \$5.00.**

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.



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:

Anniversary of Death: Yolande Riviere and Guy Riviere

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, Jackie Xavier, Vince and Donna Montello.

Missed a Sacrament in primary school? Enrol now for classes!

If your child has missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in primary school, we invite you to contact the parish office on 9763 7302 to enrol in preparation classes. Additionally, if your child has not yet received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please reach out to the office to arrange classes for these as well.

Confirmation will be celebrated on July 30 at
St Patrick's Cathedral



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!



MISSION WARRIORS - YOUNG ADULTS 16+

ENCOUNTERING JESUS & PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

DATE: SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

TIME: 6.30 - 8.30PM (AFTER YOUTH MASS)

WHERE: ST SIMON'S PARISH CENTRE

DETAILS: FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED

GUEST SPEAKER: BR JOHN PAUL (MGL)



Parishioner looking for a Studio Apartment

A parishioner has come forward looking for assistance in finding accommodation in the Rowville area.

If you or someone you know has a studio apartment/room in the Rowville Area, please get in touch with Jean on 0451 571 359.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Third Sunday of Lent
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413 413.

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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READING FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4,6-8,11 Rv8

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

Gospel Acclamation

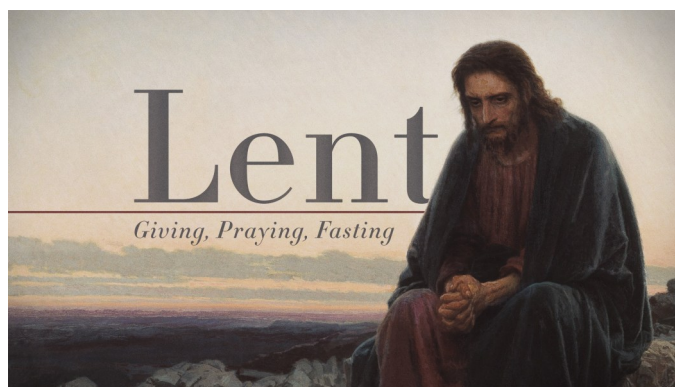
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord: the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 13: 1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

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!



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

MON — 24th-March	TUE — 25th March	WED — 26th March	THU — 27th March	FRI — 28th March	SAT — 29th March	SUN — 30th March
OFFICE CLOSED No Mass 7.00pm (Parish Meeting Room) Lenten Group	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald) 2.00pm Parish Centre Craft Group 4.00pm Parish Centre ASRE—Reco 7.00pm (Parish Meeting Room) Lenten Group 7.30pm (Church) RCIA	9.15am Communion Service 7.00pm (Parish Centre) Men's Group	9.15am Communion Service 10.00am (Parish Centre) Women's Group 5.00pm (Church) 3S Choir Practice	9.15am— Mass. (Fr Jerald) 10.00am (Parish Meeting Room) Lenten Group 6:00 pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration 7.00pm (Church) Stations of the Cross	OFFICE CLOSED 3.30 pm to 5.00pm Chaldean Community in the Side Chapel Reconciliation 5:30 pm 6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Steve Tynan) (Livestream)	OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mass (Steve Tynan) 11:00 am Mass (Steve Tynan) 2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community 3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community 5.00pm Youth Mass

MASS TIMES	SAT 29TH MARCH @6.00PM		SUN 30TH OF MARCH @9.00AM	SUN 30TH MARCH @ 11.00AM
COMMENTATOR	Zodie Marziano		Phil Mawdsley	Ildi Cilter
READER 1	Marcello Martino		Dorothy Stack	Alf Kakala
READER 2	Seymon Martino		Margaret Ng	Pia Pagotto
WELCOME DESK	Bernie Fernando		Zita Ragg	Romayne Ephraums
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy
	FLOWERS	Beatrice Polydor	ALTAR SOCIETY	Lidwin and Samuel Hudson
				CHURCH CLEANING
				Marian, Mike, Diana, and Kim