

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

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time —15th and 16th of February 2025—Year C

Calling All Parishioners – Become a Lector!

Would you like to proclaim the Word of God at our Weekend or Weekday Masses?

We are inviting parishioners to serve as Lectors, sharing God's Word with our faith community.

Training Session:

☐ Wednesday, 26th February

☐ 7:30 PM

If you are interested in this ministry, please register your name and contact number in the foyer.

This is a beautiful opportunity to deepen your faith and actively participate in the liturgy.

For more information, please contact [Insert Contact Details].

☐ "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:16)

Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Wednesday 19th Feb. at 7.30pm
Please register your name and contact number in the foyer if you would like to serve in this ministry.

Pot Luck Dinners

Our Pot Luck Dinners will be resuming this month on the 21st of February at 7.00pm, after our Eucharistic Adoration. Come along for our Eucharistic Adoration and bring a dish to share

Viv's RE Care

Next event will be on the 19th of Feb from 11.30-2.30pm. Free Morning tea, lunch and entertainment. Call Brian Crowley for more info on 0429 090 770 .

LEARN TO PRAY with André Regnier (founder: Catholic Christian Ministries, Canada)

Tuesday 18 February 2025, 7pm – 9.15pm,
St John Vianney's Parish Hall, 23 Police Rd Mulgrave.

Do you desire a deeper encounter with God? Do you want to be consistent with your prayer routine, and deal with distractions that come up? Join us for a practical evening for the distracted and busy that will unlock a richer prayer life! Andre Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach and a leader in missionary outreach and ministry, will guide you through 5 steps to a daily prayer life. You will come away with a clear, step-by-step approach to establish a prayer routine that fits your life and practical strategies to turn silence into sacred moments. All are welcome

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.

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 seeking volunteers to assist with the Piety Stall . We are looking for a volunteers who would be willing to act as a purchasing officer in order to ensure adequate stock, to clean the piety stall and to also to do the banking . This is a flexible role .If you can spare some time , we would greatly appreciate your support. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our parish community.
- Additionally, 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.

Prep Welcome and Staff Commissioning

mass will be held on the 23rd of February at our 11am Mass.

Join us for this special mass to welcome our School community to the new school year.

Care To Connect

1st meeting for 2025 will be on Tue, 18th Feb at 7pm in the parish centre meeting room.

From the weekend 22/23 of Feb there will be a book for any parishioner who would like a phone call or visit from Care to Connect for the sick, lonely, bereaving or housebound. Please leave your details in this book at the Welcome Desk.

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

□ Venue: 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!

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

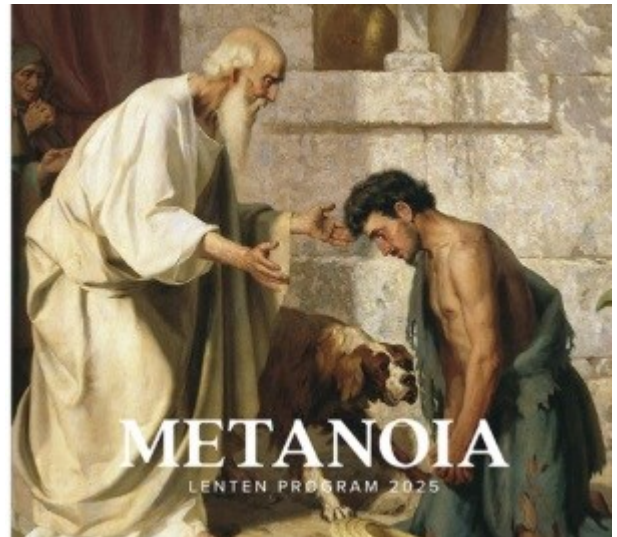
Tuesdays from the 4th of March at 7-8.30pm

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!



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 everyone.

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: Jenny Lim

Anniversary of Death: Vito Blaegngiardo, Maria Loro and Rosa Bartolotta

Prayer for the Sick Chris Hart, Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong, Jenny Lim, Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Rupert Ferdinands, Simeone Porter, Jenny Liston, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Adrien Cerdor, Josephine



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

VMCH, Wantirna Aged Care are seeking volunteers to assist our lovely residents to/from their rooms to the onsite chapel for services. This can also include subsequent visits to residents as they get to know you. Volunteers have a greatly appreciated and vital role in the services that we offer our residents at VMCH (Villa Maria Catholic Homes). We are particularly looking for volunteers every second Wednesday (between 10:15am and 12:15pm). Some residents are in wheelchairs. No lifting is required, and surfaces are flat. Training will be provided. You will need to have or obtain the following (VMCH will assist all applicants to obtain these):

- National Police Check
- Working with Children 's Check (WWCC)
- Certain Vaccinations

If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact John Prince (Pastoral Care Practitioner) at VMCH, Wantirna via email: John.Prince@vmch.com.au or via switch: 03 9800 7220.

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: Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: ‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. ‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5
Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.
But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

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

MON — 17th Feb	TUE — 18th Feb	WED — 19th Feb	THU — 20th Feb	FRI — 21th Feb	SAT —22nd Feb	SUN — 23rd Feb
OFFICE CLOSED No Mass	9.15am Mass (Fr Yoris) 2.00pm Shawl Group 7.00pm Care to Connect 7.30pm RCIA	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald) 11.30am Viv's RE Care 6.00pm Lions Club	9.15am Mass (Fr Yoris) 5.00pm 3S Choir Practice	9.15am– Mass. (Fr Jerald) 6:00 pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration 8.00pm 11.00am Choir Practice	OFFICE CLOSED Reconciliation 5:30 pm 6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerlad) (Livestream)	OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald) 11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald) 5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 22nd and 23rd of February –6th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 and Luke 6:27-38

MASS TIMES:	SAT, 22nd Feb @ 6:00 pm	SUN, 23rd Feb @ 9:00 am	SUN, 24th Feb @ 11:00 am
Commentator	Jodie Marziano	Margaret Ng	Loretta Hughes
Reader 1	Buena Di Nuzzo	Bernard Mulholland	Ingrid Kertesi
Reader 2	Alden/Sam D'Couto	Pam Comerford	Val D'Souza
Welcome Desk	Yvonne Muspratt	Julie Ashman	Christina Liew
Children's Liturgy	Michelle and Ben M	Enakshi J and Rina R	
Flowers:	Beatrice Poydor	Altar Society:	Elaine Gannon
		Church Cleaning:	Yacintha Thabesan and Family