

MASS TIMES

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am
Fri: 6-7pm Adoration
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)
Sun: 9.00 & 11.00 am
Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass**

RECONCILIATION

Fri: From 6-7pm
Sat: 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
website or call parish office on
9764 4058.
Email: Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

Theresa Abraham (Tue)
Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

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

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Please Contact Parish Office

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

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Available for Funerals & Weddings
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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time —9th and 10th of August 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 12:32–48

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

These words of Jesus have always touched me deeply. I often return to them in prayer, especially when I'm feeling weighed down or anxious about the future. There is such tenderness in the way our Lord speaks to us here — like a shepherd gently reassuring his flock. "Do not be afraid." What a gift to hear those words, especially in the world we live in today.

But Jesus also invites us to be ready — not with fear, but with faith. He calls us to live each day with our lamps lit, our hearts open, and our lives attuned to His presence. It's not always easy. Life gets busy, and it's easy to forget that each moment is a chance to love, to serve, to grow closer to God.

As a priest, I'm often moved by the many ways I see you — our parish community — quietly living this Gospel. The way you care for one another, the way you give your time, your energy, your presence at Mass, these are signs that your lamps are indeed burning brightly. Jesus also says, "To whom much is given, much will be required." I take those words seriously in my own life and ministry. We have all been blessed in different ways, and we are all stewards of God's gifts. Let us keep encouraging one another, lifting each other up, and remaining faithful in the small, daily things that honour God.

Let's not be afraid. Let's be ready — trusting in the goodness of our Father, and always prepared to welcome Christ, whenever and however He comes.

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

Thank You, Felicia

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Felicia Ahumada for her many years of dedicated service in the parish office. Felicia's quiet commitment, generous spirit, and kind presence have been a true blessing to our parish community. This weekend, at our 6:00pm Saturday and 11:00am Sunday Masses, we take a moment to thank Felicia for all that she has contributed over the years. While her time in the parish office has come to a close, we are grateful that she remains very much a part of our church family. Thank you, Felicia, for your faithful service and the care you have shared so generously with us all.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Friday, 15 August

We warmly invite our parish community to join us in celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, 15 August, with Mass at 9:15am. This Holy Day of Obligation honours Mary's assumption into heaven, body and soul — a beautiful reminder of her faithfulness and the hope we share in Christ. During our 6pm adoration, we will have a special rosary. All are welcome to attend.

Thank You – Trivia Night

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped organise our recent Trivia Night — your time, energy, and enthusiasm made it a wonderful evening for all who attended. To those who planned, set up, hosted tables, donated prizes, and helped pack down — we are truly grateful for your efforts. Events like these remind us of the joy and strength of our parish community when we come together. Thank you for your generosity and dedication!

2025 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)

St Simon's is once again taking part in the above raffle. This Raffle will be our major fundraiser for the year. Please support your parish by picking up your pre-allocated raffle books (if you're on the Thanksgiving program) sorted in SURNAME order from the Foyer. If you can't find your envelope and would like a book/s, please pick up a book/s from the Raffle Volunteer in the foyer.

Parish Website and Emails

With effect from the 17th of August the current parish website will no longer be operational. We are transitioning to a new website. This also applies to any email address with @stsimonsparish.com.au. All new and current email addresses are on the front page.

Our new parish website will be

<https://pacem.my.site.com/sandbox/rowville>

This is a much simpler website, but more importantly this is provided and supported by the Archdiocese of Melbourne for free to all parishes. Thank you for your patience as we transition to this new website.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **20th August** from **11:30 am—2:30 pm** Theme: **Normal**

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?

TUE, **EVENINGS** starting **2 Sept.**

INFORMATION NIGHT

26, Aug @ 7:30 pm (Parish Centre)

Ring the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or Phillip on 0437 343 022 or just come along on the night.

"Come and see."



Sponsor for a Computer – Assistance Welcomed

We wish to let our parish community know that the computer we use to run the PowerPoint presentations during Mass is unfortunately no longer working.

If anyone feels called and is in a position to contribute towards the cost of a replacement, we would be most grateful. Every little bit helps, and your support would ensure we can continue to provide a smooth and prayerful experience during our liturgies.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.

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Saturday December 6th 2025
at Resurrection Keysborough Parish, 7:30pm

402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough

Ticket sales close Thursday 13th November, 2025

ST SIMON'S PARISH RETREAT Please Register in the foyer

SAT SEPT 13TH 10.00AM - SUN SEPT 14TH 4.00PM

FACILITATOR : FR. Ray Sanchez CP

VENUE : HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE - TEMPLESTOWE

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Enquiries : Parish Office OR

loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au



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(B.Y.O.)

ENQUIRIES/TICKETS

Shanti - 0412 259 630	Cedric - 0414 503 687
Chrys - 0418 576 018	Jenny - 0438 092 909
Ben - 0434 506 158	Glaxon - 0418 176 501

Parish Pot Luck Dinner – Friday 15th August

All are warmly invited to join us for a Parish Pot Luck Dinner on Friday 15th of August, following our Adoration .

This is a lovely opportunity to come together in fellowship, share a meal, and enjoy one another's company.

Please bring a plate of food to share—sweet or savoury—all contributions are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You from the Craft Group

The Parish Craft Group would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who supported our recent stall.

We are so grateful for your generosity, encouragement, and kind words. Your support not only helps our efforts but truly affirms the spirit of community we're so blessed to share.

Thank you for helping make our little stall such a success!

Recent Death: Irene Rego, Aniel Barabasz

Anniversary of Death: Sue Roberts, Mohan Jayamane, Lim Soon Leng, Jozef and Adam Matiska

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, Andrew Bianchin, Aneta Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou , Bernadette and Murray Ukena and Christine Fernando, Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Paleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjoux, Ruevin Serrand, Reg Eamons, Aeyaana DeSilva.

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Movie's at St Simons

Will now be held every 3rd and 4th Friday's of every month after morning mass.

The following movies have been scheduled for the month of August.

15th of August. : Jesus of Nazareth

22nd of August: The Reluctant Saint

Come and join us for coffee, tea and biscuits and enjoy the movie. Bring your own popcorn!

First Holy Communion – Registrations Now Open

Registrations are now open for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

This sacrament is available to children in Grade 4 and above who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To register your child or for more information, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9764 4058.0We look forward to journeying with our young parishioners as they prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

8-Week Study Series



Mondays: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Location: St Judes' conference room

Start: 1st of September

Small refreshments provided

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Readings for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—9th and 10th of Aug 2025

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading—Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. ‘Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’ Peter said, ‘Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?’ The Lord replied, ‘What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master’s arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, “My master is taking his time coming”, and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. ‘The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.’

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

Mon 11th Aug	Tue 12th Aug	Wed 13th Aug	Thu 14th Aug	Fri 15th Aug	Sat 16th Aug	Sun 17th Aug
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Fr Libeesh)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
7.30pm 9 Gospel Reflection Via Zoom	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group		10.00am (Parish Centre) Women’s group	10.00am (Parish Cinema) Movie Morning	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children’s Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)
			5pm (Parish Centre) Warriors Outreach	12.00pm (Parish Church) Funeral of Aniela Barabasz (Fr Libeesh)	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (MGL Priest) 12.30pm Baptism (Fr Jerald)
			5pm (Parish Church) 3S Choir	3pm-4.30pm (Parish Centre) Warriors outreach	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (MGL Priest) (Livestream)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
				6.00pm (Church) Adoration and special rosary devotion to Mother Mary 7-10pm (Parish Centre) Potluck Dinner		3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 16th and 17th of August - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time — First Reading: Jeremiah 38: 8-10, Second reading: Hebrews 12-1-4, Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 49-53

Mass Times	Saturday 16th of Aug 6.00pm		Sunday 17th Aug 9.00am		Sunday 17th Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Alden/Sam Couto		Tony Fry		Abbie Ferdinands	
Reader 1	Jule Faull		Bernard Mulholland		Alf Kakala	
Reader 2	Beuna Di Nizzo		Enakshi Jayamanne		Jacqui Giuliano	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando		Maggie Braganza		Val D'Souza	
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy		Idi C and Therese W	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Elaine Gannon	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa	5.00pm Thabesan Family