

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-
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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4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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Easter Sunday—19th and 20th of April 2025



Easter Message 2025 — "Pilgrims of Hope" Message from Fr Jerald

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen — He is risen indeed!

As we gather to celebrate the radiant joy of Easter, our hearts are filled with gratitude and renewed hope. The tomb is empty. Death has been defeated. In the risen Christ, we are offered not only new life, but a deep and lasting joy that the world cannot take away.

This year, our Easter celebration is made all the more meaningful as we walk together toward the Jubilee Year under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." What a beautiful and timely invitation this is — to see ourselves as hopeful travellers, journeying not aimlessly, but with purpose, toward the fullness of God's love. To be a pilgrim is to move, to seek, to trust that God is with us in every step — in the highs and the lows, the known and the uncertain. To be a pilgrim of hope is to live not from fear or weariness, but from the deep conviction that Christ walks beside us, and that His resurrection is the wellspring of our hope.

This Easter, I invite each of you to reflect on where you are on your own spiritual pilgrimage. What are you carrying with you? What needs to be left at the foot of the Cross, and what new life might God be calling you to embrace?

Let us be a parish of hopeful pilgrims — lifting one another in faith, sharing the hope of the Gospel, and walking together toward the light of God's promise.

May the Risen Christ fill your homes, your hearts, and your lives with peace and joy this Easter.

In the joy of the Resurrection, Happy Easter. Fr Jerald and Fr Libeesh

A Heartfelt Thank You

As your parish priest, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who gave so generously of their time, energy, and talents throughout our Easter celebrations. From preparing the church, assisting in the liturgies, music ministry, decorating, coordinating the various ministries, and all the behind-the-scenes support — your dedication made a tremendous difference and helped create a truly prayerful and meaningful Easter for our entire parish community.

Thank you for your service, your spirit of generosity, and for being a blessing to our parish.

May the joy of the Risen Lord continue to fill your hearts.
Fr Jerald

ANZAC Day Service

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for our ANZAC Day Service on Thursday, 25th April at 10:00 AM. This replaces our normal 9.15am mass. Together, we will honour and remember the courage, sacrifice, and service of all men and women who have served our nations in times of war, conflict, and peacekeeping.

"Lest we forget."
All are welcome.

!! YOUNG ADULTS !!
FINDING MY TRUE SELF
Friday 25th April - Anzac Day



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Combined Youth Mass – All Are Welcome!

We are excited to share that our Combined Youth Mass will recommence on Sunday, 4th May at 5:00 pm at St Simon's Parish. These Masses are specially celebrated for the youth of both our parishes, offering a space to come together in prayer, music, and fellowship.

We warmly invite all young people and their families to join us each Sunday at 5:00 PM, as we celebrate faith and community in a vibrant and welcoming environment.

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.



Congratulations to Our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens

On behalf of the parish, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to all our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens who were received into the Church at the Easter Dawn Mass.

Your journey of faith, commitment, and openness to God's call has been an inspiration to us all.

We also extend our deepest thanks to the RCIA instructors and team members who have guided and supported our candidates and catechumens throughout this challenging and grace-filled journey. Your dedication, patience, and faith have played a vital role in helping them prepare for this sacred step.

May God continue to bless each of you abundantly in your faith journey.
Fr Jerald

Youth Mass Update

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

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



New Appointment and Happy Birthday– Fr Libeesh Kuriakose

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Fr Libeesh Kuriakose as Assistant Priest for St Simon's and St Jude's, effective from 9th April 2025.

We warmly welcome Fr Libeesh to our parish community and look forward to his ministry among us. We also take this opportunity to wish Fr Libeesh a very Happy Birthday for 20th April. May the blessings of our Lord be with you today and always.

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

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.



CARE TO CONNECT

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.

Recent Death:

Anniversary of Death: Vigilio Loro, Sydney and Gisele Jonas, France Hoareau, Vivian Genato, Golleen Nunes.

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, Bernadette and Murray Ukena, Flora Palleschi and Alex Zunica.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, 23rd of April from 11:30 am—2:30 pm
Anzac Day Theme

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

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



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Easter Sunday
20th April 2025

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we **Unite Against Poverty** through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.



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this Lent

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TOUR 28TH TO THE 31ST OF MAY

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Divine Mercy Shrine— Keysborough 31st May

1pm Rosary,

3pm Hour of Mercy

4pm Mass and concludes at 5.00pm

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

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May you all have a blessed Easter.

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Readings for Easter Sunday: 20th April 2025

First reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2,16-17,22-23,Rv24
This is the day the Lord has made;

Second reading Collossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be

on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed and he is your life, then you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone has been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb”, she said, “and we don’t know where they have put him”. So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head. This was not with the line cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teachings of the scriptures that he must rise from the dead.

THIS WEEK’S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS						
MON — 21st April	TUE — 22nd April	WED — 23rd April	THU — 24th April	FRI — 25th April	SAT — 26th April	SUN — 27th April
OFFICE CLOSED No Mass 6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald) 6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena	9.15am Mass (Communion Service) 11.00am (Parish Center) Viv’s RE Care 6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena 7.00pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Talk by Fr Ken Barker– Becoming Flame 7.00pm (Parish Meeting Room) 7.00pm Social Committee Meeting	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald) 6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena	10.00 Mass Anzac Day Mass (Fr Brendan Lane) 10.30am (Movie Theatre) St Faustina the Movie 6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena	OFFICE CLOSED 3.30 pm to 5.00pm Chaldean Community in the Side Chapel 5.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Reconciliation 5:30 pm 6:00 pm Vigil Mass (MGL Priest) (Livestream)	OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mass (Fr MGL Priest) 11:00 am Mass (MGL Priest) Divine Mercy Sunday (Church) 2pm Confession & Rosary 2.30pm Benediction 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.15pm Holy Mass 6.00pm Chaldean Community in Church NO YOUTH MASS

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 26th and 27th of April –2nd Sunday of Easter — Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16, Revelations 1:9,13,174-19 and John 20:19-31

Mass Times	Sunday 26th of April 6.00pm		Sunday 27th of April 9.00am		Sunday 27th of April 11.00am	
Commentator	Tineke Edwards		Tony Fry		Abbie Ferdinands	
Reader 1	Clement Lobo		Janina Woronczak		Therese West	
Reader 2	Marcello Martino		Enakshi Jayamanne		Illdi Citler	
Welcome Desk	Felicia A and Bernie F		Maggie Braganza		Val D’Souza	
Children’s Liturgy	Michelle and Ben M		Julie Ashman and Volunteer		No Children’s Liturgy	
	Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Lidwin and Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Judy and Caroline Schmidt