

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
St Simon the Apostle
2 Taylors Lane, Rowville, 3178
Tel: 9764 4058
Email: Rowville@cam.org.au

PARISH PERSONNEL

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Fr Jerald Mariadas
jerald.mariadas@cam.org.au

Assistant Priest:

Rev Fr Libeesh Kuriakose
Libeesh.kuriakose@cam.org.au

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Loretta Hughes
loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au

PARISH Coordinator

Liza Jansz (Tue and Wed)
Rowville@cam.org.au
Liza.jansz@cam.org.au

PARISH MINISTRY COORDINATOR and SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Felicia Ahumada (Wed to Fri)

FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs Melody Wells-Jansz
Melody.Wells-Jansz@cam.org.au

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—3rd SUN of the month
For application form refer to our web-
site 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

PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE

Please Contact Parish Office

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE

1800 305 330

MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE

Andrea O'Loughlin
Available for Funerals & Weddings
Mobile: 0404 051 401

LIVESTREAMING IN RESIDENCE

Corey Payton
Available for Funerals & Weddings
Mobile: 0498 185 295

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

St. Simon the Apostle Parish

"A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ."

Address: 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville 3178

Telephone: (03) 9764 4058

Email: rowville@cam.org.au

YouTube Channel: tinyurl.com/s36hstf

Website: stsimonsparish.com.au

6th Sunday of Easter—24th and 25th of May 2025



Gospel Reflection – John 14:23–29

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a tender promise: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." What a beautiful image — that the Lord desires to dwell with us, not as a distant God, but as one who enters the home of our hearts.

Jesus speaks these words on the eve of His Passion, and yet He speaks not of fear, but of peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." This peace is not the absence of trouble, but the deep calm that comes from knowing that Christ is near, that we are never abandoned.

The world offers many passing comforts, but only Christ gives lasting peace — a peace rooted in love, obedience, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As we go about our daily lives, let us strive to keep His word, trusting that in doing so, we are building a home for God within us.

May we open the doors of our hearts anew today and allow His peace to settle there. Amen

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

Funerals

The funeral of

† Van Luong will be held here at St
Simon's on Wednesday the 28th of May
at 11.00am.

May they rest in Peace

Parish Mission -

Journeying together in Hope – Facilitated
by the Missionaries of God's
Love. Commencing July 4th to 6th .

An opportunity to reflect on our own
personal journey as well as a pilgrim
people, to strengthen our faith experience,
grow in a deeper knowledge of God's love.
More details to follow next week.

Hearing Loop Update

We would like to thank everyone for
their continued patience regarding the
hearing loop in the church.

We understand how important this
system is for many of our parishioners.
Please be assured that we are actively
following up with the service providers
regarding its status.

As soon as we receive a response or
further update, we will share this
information with the parish community.

Thank you once again for your
understanding and support.



MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

May is the Catholic liturgical month
dedicated to the Blessed Virgin
Mary. To honour Mary, Mother of God
and Mother of the whole Church, St
Jude's is having a Rosary and Holy Mass
celebrated on Saturday the 31st of May.

Rosary will commence at 8.45am
followed by Mass at 9.15am.
We look forward to you joining us for this
special mass.

Stroke Community Connection Group

We are pleased to share an opportunity for support and connection in our local community. The Stroke Community Connection Group is a welcoming space for individuals who have experienced Aphasia, Dysarthria, or Cognitive Communication changes following a stroke or brain injury. This group is part of a community engagement initiative and is free of charge. The sessions will be led by Charlotte Pinnock, a certified Speech Pathologist who is deeply passionate about stroke and brain injury recovery, and committed to supporting communication for all.

□ Session Dates and Locations:

Friday 14th June, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St Jude's

Friday 21st June, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St Simon's

This group is open to anyone in the parish or anyone you may know who could benefit from this kind of support.

For more information, please see the noticeboard in the foyer, where a sign-up sheet is also available.

Let us continue to be a parish that cares for one another in practical and compassionate ways.



A Thank You Message

Safeguarding the most vulnerable members of our community requires a shared response – everyone has a part to play.

Our parishes could not function without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Whether they are welcoming people upon arrival at mass, creating opportunities for children and young people to participate in their parish in youth ministry, preparing a scrumptious morning tea, or supporting the parish priest as a member of the parish Safeguarding Committee, each and every role is extremely valuable.

This week we want to take the opportunity to say thank you, and let you know how much we value the precious time that you devote to our parishes. Through your work, our parishes continue to grow as enriching, welcoming and safe communities for all.

Thank You for your continues support and dedication to your ministries. Your help is invaluable.



YOUNG MEN OF GOD MOVEMENT

PHILIPPINES MISSION 2025

23 JUNE - 7 JULY





This mid-year YMG is returning to the Philippines!

Join us for a life changing experience of service with and for the poor. The 14 day mission will involve six days of helping with building projects, family visits in the slums and indigenous communities, serving at a youth retreat, sightseeing, free time and a weekend at the beach to debrief. This will take place in an atmosphere of prayer and brotherhood, guided by the MGL brothers. No building experience is necessary.

BOOK NOW

NEXT STEPS

1. CONTACT US
2. CONFIRM REGISTRATION
3. BOOK FLIGHTS

\$1500* + FLIGHTS

*WE CAN HELP YOU FUNDRAISE TO COVER COSTS

0476175405 – BR. JAMES

0406727276 – BR. AARON

 @YMGMOVEMENT

 YMGMOVEMENT

 YMGMOVEMENT.ORG.AU

Recent Death: Van Luong

Anniversary of Death: Allan Saxton, Audrey Bakelimum and Ondray Ephraums

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, Trevor Gomez and Salim Aboujaber

On the 31st of May and 1st of June at all masses, there will be for sale olivewood biblical items handcrafted by Catholic families in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. Any purchase helps to support the Catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and helps to maintain the holy sites there.'



Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, 4th June 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!



GISELLE'S CLEANING FAIRY SERVICES



Let a cleaning fairy work magic!

- Regular Complete Home Cleaning
- Aged Care / Disability Experience
- End of Lease Clean
- Sports club / Office Cleaning
- Declutter & Renovation Clean
- We Make Life Easy

For a FREE QUOTE

Contact us: 0417 966 415

<https://fairygisellecleaning.com>



Assurance Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd

- * Business Insurance (property, liability)
- * Commercial Property Owners Insurance
- * High-end Cars and Homes
- * New Business Insurance Advice
- * Risk consulting
- * Review existing insurance policies and offer better alternatives

Contact Joseph: 0402 834 889
E: joseph@assuranceib.com.au

Zumba Pierre Melbourne BOOK NOW!

1st Class Trial **FREE**

0417 322 312

Email:

zumbafitness@live.com.au

Location:
Park Ridge Primary School



Wed PM
7-8pm

Sat AM
10:30-11:30am

All Ages
& Fitness
Levels
Welcome

Piano Lessons

Private or Group Lessons on:
Piano, Keyboard, Guitar,
Singing, Theory.

5 years old to adults, for all levels
Preparation for A.M.E.B
and V.C.E Exams,
vocal performances and just
for your pleasure!

Book a free trial class:

Phone: 0407 816 197

Email: nataliaspeirs12@gmail.com
www.melodymusicsschool.com.au

Appliance Repairs & Installation Service

We specialize in the repair of:

- ♦ Washing Machines
- ♦ Dishwashers
- ♦ Dryers
- ♦ Electric Ovens
- ♦ Microwaves
- ♦ Cooktops / Range hoods
- ♦ Fridges / Freezers
- ♦ Test / Tag Services

Contact Ash: 0413 913 619

Super Steve's Cleaning Team

- * Spring Clean Windows Inside and Out
- * Carpet Cleaning
- * Tenant Vacate Clean
- * Corporate/Office Cleaning
- * Water Blasting & Pressure Washing

For a FREE QUOTE

Contact Steve: 0423 496 516



Home Loans, Investment Loans, Commercial Loans
Interest rates have never been lower.

If you haven't reviewed your lending recently,
give our team who are based right here in Rowville
a call to find out how much you could save!

Learn more at www.together.finance find us

on Facebook@together.finance or call

(03) 8761 9024 | 0404 065 396

GRACE with the Sacraments & Divine Mercy

FR CHRIS ALAR, MIC
Most Prolific Catholic Speaker

SATURDAY 31 MAY



St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne VIC 3002

9:30 AM - Rosary Prayer
10:00 AM - Mass Celebration
11:00 AM - Insightful Talk with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC



Featuring World First
Book Launch in Australia
Understanding the Sacraments
God's Grace Guaranteed!



For any additional inquiries reach out to the following contact:
Carmen 0400 482 499 | John 03 9839 4380 B4



Divine Mercy Shrine
343-337 Greens Rd, Keysborough VIC 3173

1:00 PM - Rosary Prayer
Followed by Inspirational Talks:
• Tommy Canning
• Bridget Sakr
• Fr. Chris Alar

3:00 PM - Hour of Mercy
4:00 PM - Mass Celebration
5:00 PM - Event Concludes

For any additional inquiries reach out to the following contact:
Nene 0438 354 831 | John 03 9839 4380 B4
Carmen 0400 482 499

UP CLOSE AND PRAYERFUL
DIVINE MERCY AUSTRALIA FUNDRAISER

Polish House Synema Reception Centre
1325 Stud Rd, Rowville VIC 3178

6:00 - 11:00 PM
Dinner with Fr. Chris Alar, Bridget Sakr
and Tommy Canning
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS VISIT: TRYBOOKING.COM/DAKOU



PO Box 351, Camberwell Victoria 3124, Australia
marketing@divinemercy.org.au | divinemercy.org.au



BINGO Night

Gather your family, friends, and fellow bingo enthusiasts for an evening of food, fun and unforgettable memories.

THIS WILL BE A SHORTER SESSION OF 15 GAMES.

Your paragraph text

FRIDAY 07.00-10.30 PM 13TH JUNE

ROWVILLE@CAM.ORG.AU

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.

First reading : Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: ‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8 R v4

O God , let all the nations praise you!

Second reading: Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and

glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation : John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.’

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

Mon 26th May	Tue 27th May	Wed 28th May	Thu 29th May	Fri 30th May	Sat 31st May	Sun 1st June
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
	2.00pm Parish Centre Craft Group	11.00am (Church) Funeral of Van Luong	7:00 pm (Church) One month Memorial Service for Carl Kelaart	6:00 pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	3.30 pm to 5.00pm Chaldean Community in the Side Chapel	9:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald)
		7.00pm (Parish Centre) Men’s Group	7.00pm (Parish Centre) Refreshments following Memorial Service		Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald)
					6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerald) (Livestream)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 30th of May and 1st of June –Ascension of the Lord — Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 , Ephesians 1: 17-23 Revelation 21:10-14,22-23 and Luke 24: 46-53

Mass Times	Sunday 30th May 6.00pm		Sunday 1st of June 9.00am		Sunday 1st of June 11.00am	
Commentator	Marcello Martino		Margaret Ng		Christina Liew	
Reader 1	Seymon Martino		Paige Law		Val D’Souza	
Reader 2	Maria Soriano		Bernard Mulholland		Junius De Silva	
Welcome Desk	Romyne Ephraums		Victoria Kong		Morris Dalton	
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy		Therese W and Ildy C	
Flowers	Melanie Jabos	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart and Bernadette Fernando	Church Cleaning	Jeannet Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Chona Alpay, Phil Mawdsley	5.00pm— Abraham