

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
St Simon the Apostle
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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

ANOIDTING 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."

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time —16th and 17th of August 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 12:13–21

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that may surprise us: "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" He is not talking about destruction, but about the fire of God's love — a fire that purifies, transforms, and renews. It is the fire of the Holy Spirit, burning away all that keeps us from fully following Him.

Jesus reminds us that choosing Him is not always easy. His way calls for truth, justice, mercy, and love — and sometimes, that challenges the ways of the world, and even the comfort of our own families and friendships. Faith in Christ can bring division because it asks for our whole heart and a willingness to stand for what is right, even when it is unpopular.

This Gospel is a call to courage. Jesus is asking us to allow the fire of His love to burn brightly in us — to be people who speak the truth in love, who stand firm in our faith, and who live as signs of God's Kingdom here and now.

May we not be afraid of the divisions that may come from living the Gospel. Instead, let us trust that when we keep our eyes on Jesus, the fire He kindles in our hearts will be a light to guide others home to Him.

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

Parish Support Officer

St Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville

Part Time | 24 Hours per week across 4 days

Are you looking for a role where you can truly make a difference? Do you love connecting with people and creating welcoming, vibrant communities?

St Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville, is seeking an energetic and community-minded Parish Support Officer to be a welcoming face of our Parish.

This is a rewarding, hands-on opportunity to work closely with our Parish Priest, team members, and volunteers to support a spirit of service, hospitality, and faith across our parish. You'll help shape the way we provide support to our community and be a friendly, supportive presence as we live out the mission of the Church together.

If you are interested in applying for this role please go to Parish Support Officer | Melbourne Catholic for the application link.

Communion Services

Please note as both Fr Jerald and Fr Libeesh will be away at the annual clergy conference from the 19th until the 22nd of August, all weekday Masses during this period will be replaced by communion services instead.

We ask you to keep them, and all our priests, in your prayers during this time of reflection and fellowship.

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.

in aid of
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Rowville*

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\$75

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7:00pm - 12:00 Midnight

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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

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

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

**COST INCLUDES : SATURDAY LUNCH AND DINNER, AS WELL
AS SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. Deposit \$100 by 16/8**

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Enquiries : Parish Office OR
loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au



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 Of-
fice on 9764 4058
or Phillip on 0437
343 022 or just
come along on the night.
"Come and see."



SSJ YOUTH

Year 5 to Year 10 students

**SUNDAY 24TH
AUGUST
6:30 - 8:00PM
(AFTER YOUTH
MASS)**

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

**ST SIMONS
PARISH
CENTRE**

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED. A \$5-\$10 DONATION IS MOST WELCOME

PLEASE CONTACT DENISE & DINELLE:
0435 742 838/ SSJYOUTH@GMAIL.COM

Weekly Emailed Newsletter

We would love for you to stay up to date with all the exciting news and events happening at our parish. Our weekly newsletter is a wonderful way to stay connected and informed about upcoming masses, community activities, and important announcements.

If you'd like to receive our newsletter weekly, sign up directly on www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj6fAAD&req=subscribe

Or call the Parish Office to express your interest.

We look forward to keeping you in the loop and sharing all the wonderful things happening in our parish!

2025 Archbishop's Campaign

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church.

Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

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| 3 rd Prize | - Gift Card to the value of \$3,000 |
| 4 th Prize & 5 th Prize | - Gift Card to the value of \$1,000 |
| 6 th Prize & 7 th Prizes | - Gift Card to the value of \$500 each |

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY

RAFFLE DRAWN:

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

402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough

Ticket sales close Thursday 13th November, 2025

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.



Recent Death: Chandrika Subasinghe

Anniversary of Death: Irene Rego, Elliot Rees and Fred Misso.

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 Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjou, Ruevin Serrand.

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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.
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. We look forward to journeying with our young parishioners as they prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament.

Care to Connect Ministry – Renewed and Ready to Serve

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.

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Readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—16th and 17th of August 2025.

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

The king’s leading men spoke to the king. ‘Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.’ ‘He is in your hands as you know,’ King Zedekiah answered ‘for the king is powerless against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. ‘My lord king,’ he said, ‘these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.’ At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: ‘Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39
Lord, Come to my aid.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for

the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God’s throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

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

Mon 18th Aug	Tue 19th Aug	Wed 20th Aug	Thu 21st Aug	Fri 22nd Aug	Sat 23rd Aug	Sun 24th Aug
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group	11.00am (Parish Centre) Viv’s RE Care	5—8pm(Parish Centre) SSS Choir	6.00pm (Church) Adoration	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children’s Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald)
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald)
					6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerald) (<u>Livestream</u>)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00pm Youth Mass
						6.30pm (Parish Centre) Youth Group Trivia Night.

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 23rd and 24th of August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21, Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 22-30

Mass Times	Saturday 23rd Aug 6.00pm		Sunday 24th Aug 9.00am		Sunday 24th Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Tineke Edwards		Margaret Ng		Loretta Hughes	
Reader 1	Sanuri Perera		Phil Mawdsley		Christina Liew	
Reader 2	Seymon Martino		Dorothy Stack		Terry Redden	
Welcome Desk	Yvonne Muspratt		Julie Ashman		Roseline Acker	
Children’s Liturgy	Julie F and Alicia C		Julie A and Rina R		No Children’s Liturgy	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Lidwin and Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Jeannette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Chona Alpay, Phil Mawdsley	5.00pm Volunteer