

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)
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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

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1800 305 330

MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE

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Available for Funerals & Weddings
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Corey Payton
Available for Funerals & Weddings
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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time —2nd and 3rd of August 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 12:13–21

This Gospel begins with a man asking Jesus to sort out a family dispute over inheritance. It's the kind of thing many of us can relate to—real-life concerns, money matters, family tensions.

But Jesus doesn't answer the question the way the man expects. Instead, He tells a parable. A story about a wealthy farmer who has a good harvest—so good, in fact, that he doesn't have enough room to store it. So he pulls down his barns and builds bigger ones, planning to take it easy and enjoy life. But that very night, his life is demanded of him.

It's a confronting parable. Not because the man was rich—but because he lived as if all he had was his, and as if he had all the time in the world. He gave no thought to God, to others, or to what his life was really for.

Jesus isn't condemning success or hard work. He's inviting us to look deeper—to ask ourselves: What am I building my life on? Am I storing up things that will last? Or am I clinging to what won't follow me beyond the grave?

We spend so much of our lives chasing security, comfort, and control. But none of that will matter in the end if we haven't lived with open hands and a generous heart. So perhaps this week, we could ask ourselves: What would it look like to be "rich in the sight of God"? Not in possessions—but in love, mercy, and a life shared with others. Because in the end, that's what we take with us. And that's what lasts.

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

Mass of Appreciation for Felicia Ahumada

After 7 years of dedicated service in the Parish Office, we would like to acknowledge and thank Felicia Ahumada for all that she has contributed to our parish life.

While Felicia will no longer be part of the parish office team, she will continue to be a valued and active member of our parish community.
We invite you to join us for a Mass of Appreciation on:

Saturday 9th August at the 6:00pm Mass

Sunday 10th August at the 11:00am Mass

We hope you can join us as we offer thanks for Felicia's years of faithful service and wish her well in this new chapter.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift, donations can be made at the Help Desk after Mass or through the Parish Office during the week.

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 .



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National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage.

Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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."

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



Funeral

We pray for the repose of the soul of Salvatore Cannella.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Simon the Apostle Parish on Tuesday the 5th of August at 11.00am

We offer our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Salvatore's family and friends during this time of loss.

May he rest in peace.

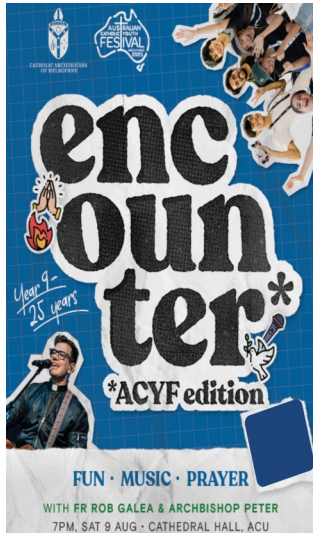
2025 Children's Liturgy

THIS SUN: 11.00am

NEXT SUNDAY : 10th August at 6.00pm

We ask parents and guardians to please sign in the children at the Welcome Desk before Mass begins when possible.

Please note, any child not of school age should be accompanied. The children will return from their session by the end of collection for the offertory procession.



YEAR 9 - 25 YO

Expression of Interest for Fundraising



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.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **6th 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!



Recent Death: Bill Noonan and Salvatore Cannella
Anniversary of Death: Clive Pieterse and Suzette Savrimoothoo

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 Visenjoux, 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.
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. 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.



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Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—2nd and 3rd of Aug 2025

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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 – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian,

slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

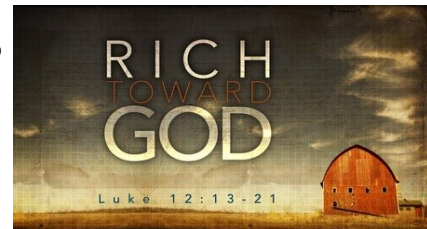
Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



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

Mon 4th Aug	Tue 5th Aug	Wed 6th Aug	Thu 7th Aug	Fri 8th Aug	Sat 9th Aug	Sun 10th Aug
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Anointing Mass (Fr Jerald)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
	11.00am (Church) Funeral of Salvatore Cannella	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)
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group	7(Church) Vinnies Regional Mass	7pm (Parish Meeting Room) Social Committee Meeting	7.30pm (Parish Centre) Parish Trivia Night	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald) Mass of Appreciation for Felicia Ahumada
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerald) (<u>Livestream</u>) Mass of Appreciation for Felicia Ahumada	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 9th and 10th of August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9, Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2. 8.12, Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 32-48

Mass Times	Saturday 2nd of Aug 6.00pm		Sunday 3rd Aug 9.00am		Sunday 3rd Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Seymon Martino		Pam Comerford		Theresa West	
Reader 1	Clement Lobo		Priscilla Sequeira		Junius De Silva	
Reader 2	Terry O'Donnell		Margaret Ng		Ildi Citler	
Welcome Desk	Malaika Perera		EnakshiJ / Volunteer		Christina Liew	
Children's Liturgy	Michelle and Ben M		No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	
Flowers	Beatrice Poliday	Altar Society	Sheila Kelarrt and Bernie Fernando	Church Cleaning	Tony Constanzo and Volunteer	5.00pm Volunteer