

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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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—3rd SUN of the month
 For application form refer to our web-
 site or call parish office on
 9764 4058.
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**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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**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN
NOTICES**

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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**3rd Sunday of Easter—3rd and 4th of May 2025****Reflection on the Gospel**

At this time in which Pope Francis, completing his ministry and mission, has been called home by God; and in which the Cardinals are now gathering in Conclave to elect a new Pope, it is fitting that our Gospel is of the Risen Lord appointing St Peter, the first Pope, as Shepherd of the flock.

A recurring theme in Jesus' plan for his disciples is that they will become sharers in his divine mission: qualities and powers that one might have thought were reserved for him alone, as God the Son made man, become theirs by participation. 'As the Father has sent me, even so I send you' (Jn 20:21) ... 'If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven' (Jn 20:23) ... 'He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.' (Lk 10:16)

We find this also in Jesus giving Simon Peter the mission of being Shepherd of all the sheep. Jesus has already called himself 'the Good Shepherd' (Jn 10:14) and he remains such from heaven. But now Peter is told, 'Feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep' (Jn 21:15-17) – feeding and tending the flock being the specific role of the shepherd. So anyone who is a sheep in Christ's flock thenceforth has also been gifted with Peter as Shepherd – feeding the flock with divine truth, guiding it by his leadership.

Peter is to be the visible presence of Jesus, the one Shepherd, now that Jesus himself is ascending into heaven. This is similar to Simon Peter's identity as Rock given him by Christ: 'You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' (Mt 16:18) Simon Peter in himself is a weak and sinful man, who denies Christ three times; but Christ is the deeper rock on whom Peter will depend (cf. 1 Cor 10:4). Together they are one Rock, one Shepherd.

And just as the mission to teach all nations, or the power to consecrate the Eucharist and forgive sins, did not cease with the Apostles who were first given that mission and those powers, neither did the essential visible unifying authority of Peter cease with his death.

Just as all the Apostles had successors in the Bishops, likewise – as the early Church understood, guided into all truth by the Holy Spirit as Jesus promised (Jn 16:13) – Peter has successors in the Bishops of Rome, where he himself was Bishop and was martyred.

One example of the many testimonies of ancient tradition is St Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons in the 2nd century, who spoke of the Church 'founded and organised at Rome by the two most glorious apostles, Peter and Paul...For it is a matter of necessity that every Church should agree with this Church, on account of its pre-eminent authority...'

So in Christ's plan all the sheep of the flock can easily know which Church is his, and remain united in the fullness of truth, because it will be the one with the clear link to Peter, appointed Rock and Shepherd by Christ – a simple and visible test, not restricted to the scholars.

Our prayers this week are with the Cardinals, that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they choose a new shepherd on earth for the flock of the Catholic Church.

Thank You – Divine Mercy Sunday Mass

A heartfelt thank you to Seymon, Marcello, and their dedicated team for the planning and beautiful execution of our Divine Mercy Sunday Mass. We are especially grateful to the choirs, readers, hospitality volunteers, and all who contributed their time and talents to make the celebration so meaningful.

Your hard work, preparation, and spirit of service were deeply appreciated by all who attended. Thank you for helping to lead our parish in prayer and reflection on this special day of mercy and grace.

Assistance Needed



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CO.AS.IT. through the Visitation Program offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organization is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely and in need of some companionship.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to someone's life. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to know more about the program, please call the Regional Coordinator Sonia Fedele on 0481 603 764
Please note, we require that the Volunteer be fully vaccinated against Covid19

FR CHRIS ALAR in MELBOURNE

TOUR 28TH TO THE 31ST OF MAY

Fr Chris Alare will be launching his new book : understanding the sacraments: god's grace guaranteed. Fr christ is a dynamic and widely viewed Catholic speaker in the . He is known for his powerful teachings on Divine Mercy , the Eucharist and the Catholic faith, bringing clarity , healing and hope to audiences everywhere , come hear him speak at **St Patricks Cathedral on the 31st of May from 9.30am to 12.00pm or Divine Mercy Shrine– Keysborough 31st May**
1pm Rosary, 3pm Hour of Mercy
4pm Mass and concludes at 5.00pm

Movie Morning May 23rd at 10.30am in the Parish Cinema Entry by donation

Risen is a 2016 biblical drama film directed by Kevin Reynolds and written by Reynolds and Paul Aiello. An American-Spanish co-production, the film stars Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton, Peter Firth, and Cliff Curtis, and details a Roman soldier's search for Jesus's body following his resurrection.
Tea and Coffee will be available after.

Combined Youth Mass – Welcome!

All Are



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.

Come, be inspired, and be part of something meaningful!

Help Needed

We are looking for assistance for the

- ★ Altar Society
- ★ Welcome Desk
- ★ Gardening Group.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

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



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.



CARE TO CONNECT

Recent Death: Carl Kelaart, Adrian Scrimizzi

Anniversary of Death: Joseph Reberio, Muriel Reberio

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 and Trevor Gomez

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, 7th of May from 11:30 am—2:30 pm
Mothers 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!



2024 Children's Liturgy

THIS SAT, 4th May @ 11.00am

NEXT SUN, 11th May @ 6.00pm Mass

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.

The Well

A Prayerful time to grow spiritually/ personally. 9th May @ 10:00 am (Parish Centre Meeting Room)

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

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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!

SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne requires that **ALL** Volunteers MUST HAVE a **CURRENT Working with Children Check Card REGISTERED** with St Simon's Parish.

Unfortunately, any person that does not have this card, will no longer be able to volunteer in any capacity.

If you need assistance or for more information, please contact the parish office on 9764 4058.

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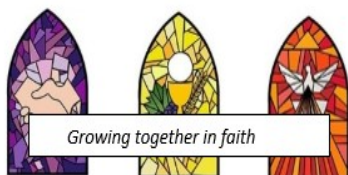
Contact Ash: 0413 913 619

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



Financial Counselling—Are you experiencing money stress?
(disconnection notices, missed loan payments or just need some help with Centrelink applications, etc.)

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Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter: 3/4th May 25

First reading Acts of the Apostles: 5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second reading: Revelation 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;

he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

THIS WEEKS PARIS DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.

Mon 5th April	Tue 6th April	Wed 7th April	Thu 8th April	Fri 9th April	Sat 10th April	Sun 11th April
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
No Mass	2.00pm Parish Centre Craft Group	11.00am (Parish Centre) Viv's RE Care	2.15pm Church Reconciliation Parent Session Year 3	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 (Meeting Room) Parish Social Committee	11.00am (Funeral) Presided by Fr Kevin	7.00pm Church Reconciliation Parent Session Year 3		Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald) Reconciliation Commitment Mass
	7.30pm RCIA (Parish Centre)	7.30pm (Parish Centre) Baptism Preparation			6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerald) (Livestream) Reconciliation Commitment Mass	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 10th and 11th of May –4th Sunday of Easter Sunday — Acts of the Apostles 13: 14,43-52, Revelations: 7-9,14-17
John 10: 27-30

Mass Times	Sunday 10th May 6.00am		Sunday 11th May 9.00am		Sunday 11th May 11.00am	
Commentator	Jodie Marziano		Phil Mawdsley		Jacqui Giuliano	
Reader 1	Julie Faul		Margaret Ng		Buena Di Nuzzo	
Reader 2	Terry O'Donnell		Paige Law		Terry Redden	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando		Victoria Kong		Josie Fanti	
Children's Liturgy	Gillian E and Malaika P		No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart & Bernadette Fernando	Church Cleaning	Marina Ruffolo, Mike Joseph,	Diana Paul-Anna, Kim Phoon