

## 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  
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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](mailto: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

### ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

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Corey Payton  
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### 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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**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—1st and 2nd of March 2025**

## Ash Wednesday Mass

Join us as we begin the sacred season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on the 5th of March with Mass & Distribution of Ashes at 9.15am and 7.30pm at St Simon's. All are welcome to receive ashes as a sign of our repentance and commitment to Christ. Let us journey together in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19). We look forward to seeing you!

## Join Us for the Stations of the Cross

As we begin our Lenten journey, we invite you to walk with Christ through the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 PM in the church after adoration. This solemn devotion helps us reflect on Christ's passion and draw closer to Him in prayer. All are welcome to participate. Let us prepare our hearts for Easter together.

## PREPARE YOUR HEART THIS LENT AT ST. SIMON'S

With **Ash Wednesday**, we enter the holy season of **Lent**—a time of prayer, reflection, and renewal as we prepare for Easter.

To help deepen your Lenten journey, **St. Simon's Parish** is offering a range of **Lenten activities and programs**:

### ☐ **Metanoia Lenten Groups:**

- \* **Mondays** – 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room
- \* **Tuesdays** – 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room
- \* **Fridays** – 10:00 AM in the Parish Meeting Room

- ☐ **Lenten Reflection Group by Zoom – Mondays at 7:00 PM** (Join from the comfort of your home) - contact the Parish Office for details.

✠ **Stations of the Cross** – Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 PM

- ☐ **Friday Night Lenten Speakers** – We are working on securing a guest speaker each Friday in Lent after the Stations of the Cross to offer reflections and insights to enrich our spiritual journey. Stay tuned for more details!

We encourage you to take part in these opportunities for prayer and reflection as we journey together towards Easter.

## PARISH MEETING UPDATE & INVITATION TO JOIN

A heartfelt thank you to all who attended the Parish Meeting on the 25th of February. We truly appreciate you taking the time to be part of this important discussion.

We are pleased to share that, as a result of this meeting, the Social and Fundraising Committee has now been formed! It was a constructive and engaging session, where various social activities were discussed to help bring our parish community together. Once a more structured plan is in place, we will update the community.

- ☐ **Next Meeting:** 18th March at 7:00 PM in the Parish Centre

- ☐ **Invitation to Join:** If you are interested in being part of this exciting initiative, we warmly invite you to attend the next meeting.

Thank you for your continued support in building a vibrant and connected parish!

### RCIA Rite of Sending – Sunday, March 9, 2025

At the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 9, 2025, we will witness and celebrate the Rite of Sending for this year's RCIA Catechumens and Candidates. Following this special moment, they will journey to Saint Patrick's Cathedral to complete the next step of their faith formation. Please keep them in your prayers and join us in offering our warmest congratulations as they continue their path toward full initiation into the Church.

#### Catechumens and Candidates:



|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Anders van Vliet | Sharon Burroughs    |
| Lincoln Power    | Denzel Marthinussen |
| Jen Bui          | Claire Tang         |
| Shaun Kadane     | Luke Greig          |
| Aelaine Greig    | Anthony Dumitru     |
| David Rixon      | Nethini Boteju      |
| Matteo Larrera   |                     |

**May God bless them on this journey of faith!**

### A transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Our Lenten Program 2025—METANOIA

Lent is a sacred time of renewal, reflection, and conversion—a journey of Metanoia, a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels.

Join us this year as we participate in the Diocese of Wollongong's Lenten Program, designed to deepen our faith, enrich our prayer life, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

- ☐ What to Expect?
- ☐ Weekly reflections on the Sunday Gospels
- ☐ Guided prayer and personal meditations
- ☐ Small group discussions for spiritual growth
- ☐ An opportunity to encounter Christ in a new and profound way

#### When & Where?

**Monday from the 3rd of March at 7-8.30pm**

**Tuesdays from the 4th of March at 7-8.30pm**

**Friday from the 7th of March at 10-11.30am**

**All groups will be held in the Parish meeting room**

Our parish will be hosting Lenten reflection groups— come and journey with us!

**Sign up sheets in the foyer**

#### Viv's RE Care

Brian Crowley from Viv's RE Care, will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of the 15th and 16th of March.

Brian will share insights about the important work of Viv's RE Care and how it supports those in need within our community.

**Recent Death: Doug Comerford and Narciso Morales**

**Anniversary of Death: Alain Frederic, Peter Wong, Aeblardo Demetillo**

**Prayer for the Sick** Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong, Jenny Lim, 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.



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COMPASSION**

**Project Compassion Sunday**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

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You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2025

We will be helping your children in their Faith Journey, to prepare them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation for 2025.

For further details, please contact our Parish Office or ASRE Coordinator Theresa Abraham during office hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on 9764 4058 or email [asre@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:asre@stsimonsparish.com.au) / [Theresa.abraham@cam.org.au](mailto:Theresa.abraham@cam.org.au)



Reconciliation



Holy Communion



Confirmation

# World Day of Prayer 2025 Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'



**Date and Time:** 7th March 2025 at 7.00pm

**Location:** RAFT Anglican Church - 131 Taylors Lane, Rowville, VIC 3178

**Contact number:** 9764 2573

## 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](http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj6fAAD&req=subscribe)

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

**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.

## 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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### First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

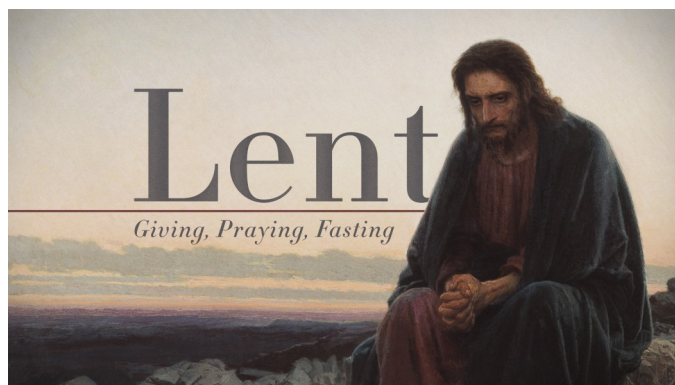
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



### THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY— Mass Schedule and ONLY Parish Run Ministries and Events

| MON — 3rd March                                                                          | TUE — 4th March                                                                                                                                                                                    | WED — 5th March                                                                                                | THU — 6th March                                                                                                                                    | FRI — 7th March                                                                                                               | SAT — 8th March                                                                                                                                                                          | SUN — 9th March                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><br>No Mass<br><br>7.00pm ( Parish Meeting Room)<br>Lenten Group | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)<br><br>1.30pm Parish Centre<br>Craft Group<br><br>4.00pm Parish Centre<br>ASRE—Reco<br><br>7.00pm ( Parish Meeting Room)<br>Lenten Group<br><br>7.30pm (Church)<br>RCIA | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br><br>9.15am Ash Wed Mass<br>(Fr Brendan Lane)<br><br>7.30pm Ash Wed Mass<br>(Fr Jerald) | 9.15am Communion Service<br><br>10.30am Funeral Rosary<br><br>11.00am Funeral Mass for Doug Comerford<br><br>5.00pm ( Church)<br>3S Choir Practice | 9.15am— Mass.<br>(Fr Jerald)<br><br>6:00 pm (Church)<br>Eucharistic Adoration<br><br>7.00pm (Church)<br>Stations of the Cross | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><br>3.30 pm to 5.00pm<br>Chaldean Community in the Side Chapel<br><br>Reconciliation<br>5:30 pm<br><br>6:00 pm Vigil Mass<br>(Bishop Tomlinson)<br>(Livestream ) | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><br>9:00 am Mass<br>(Fr Bernard Teo)<br><br>11:00 am Mass<br>(Fr David Lemewu)<br><br>2.00pm ( Church)<br>Chaldean Community<br><br>3.30-5pm (Parish Centre)<br>Chaldean Community<br><br>5.00Pm Youth Mass |

### NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 7th and 8th of March –9th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-12 and

Luke 4:1-13

| MASS TIMES:        | SAT, 8th of March @ 6:00 pm | SUN, 9th March @ 9:00 am | SUN, 9th March @ 11:00 am                                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Commentator        | Tineke Edwards              | Pam Comerford            | Pia Pagotto                                               |
| Reader 1           | Graham Edwards              | Madison Fielder          | Diana Paul Anna                                           |
| Reader 2           | Stephen White               | Janina Woronczak         | Aarya Paul Anna                                           |
| Welcome Desk       | Malaika Perera              | Victoria Kong            | Val D'Souza                                               |
| Children's Liturgy | Alicia C and Julie F        | No Children's Liturgy    | No Children's Liturgy                                     |
| Flowers:           | Melanie Jacobs              | Altar Society:           | Melanie Jacobs and Yvonne Pratt                           |
|                    |                             | Church Cleaning:         | Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Chona Alpay, Phil Mawdsley |