

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

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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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MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time —26th and 27th of July 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 11:1–13 "Lord, teach us to pray..."

In today's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. In response, He gives them the Our Father—a prayer of trust, simplicity, and surrender to God's will.

Jesus encourages us to persevere in prayer: to ask, to seek, to knock. He reminds us that our Heavenly Father is generous, far more than any earthly parent, and He gives us what we most need—His Holy Spirit.

Prayer is not about perfect words, but about a trusting heart. Like the disciples, may we keep turning to the Lord and saying, "Teach us to pray."

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

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 at the foyer from this weekend onwards.



Congratulations to Our Confirmation Candidates

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to all our young parishioners who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 30th July.

This is a special milestone in their journey of faith, and we pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen them throughout their lives.

We also extend our thanks to their families, sponsors, and teachers who have supported them in preparing for this important day. May the joy of the Holy Spirit be with them always.

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 Theatre
Saturday August 9th
2.00PM followed by
Afternoon Tea
Sunday August 10th
12.00pm light lunch
followed by movie.

Sign up sheets in foyer.

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Funeral

We pray for the repose of the soul of Tim Noonan, a parishioner of St Simon's.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Simon the Apostle Parish on Thursday, 31st July at 2.00pm.

Tim and his family have been long-term members of our parish community, and he was well known to many as a General Manager at Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools.

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

May he rest in peace.

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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loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au**



Thanksgiving Envelope

There are still some envelopes to be picked up from the welcome desk.

Please pick you set up this weekend to save the parish on postage.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

2025 Children's Liturgy

THIS SUN: 6.00pm and 9.00am

NEXT SUNDAY : 3rd August @ 11.00am

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

Recent Death: Tim Noonan, Regina Sabalde and Salvatore Cannella

Anniversary of Death: Joseph Duc Tran, Edgardo'toto Torno, Cecille Torno, Josephine Dixon, Amal Pereira, Rogelio dela Cruz, Crescenzo Di Scalaand

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

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!



First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady

Let us come together to renew our devotion to Our Blessed Mother on the First Saturday of each month. Our next devotion will be held on Saturday, 2nd of August at St Jude's Church.

We will pray the Rosary at 8:45 AM, followed by Mass at 9:15 AM.

All are warmly invited to participate in this beautiful act of love and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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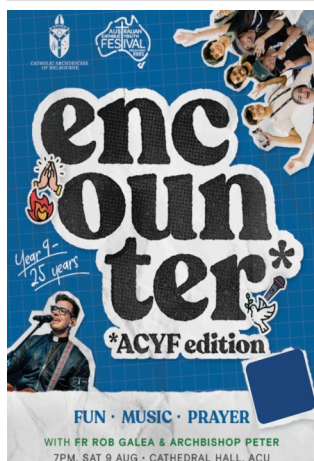
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Expression of Interest for Fundraising



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.

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.

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!

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.



Men's Group

Our Next Men's group will be held on Wednesday the 30th of July from 7-9.30pm in the Parish Centre. Come join our group.

Come along for a relaxed evening of conversation, connection, and fellowship with other men in our parish community. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, you'll be most welcome.

Women's Group – Monthly Catch-Up

We're pleased to share that the Women's Group will now be meeting regularly on the last Thursday of each month. **Next meeting on the 31st of July.**

Join us for a relaxed morning chat at 10:00am at The Stonez Restaurant, Unit 1, 1091 Stud Road, Rowville VIC 3178.

All women of the parish are warmly invited—it's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—26th and 27th July 2025

First Reading—Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’ The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’ Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No’, he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’ Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’ Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:
Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because

you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God’s children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Say this when you pray: “Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.”’ He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. ‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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

Mon 28th July	Tue 29th July	Wed 30tg July	Thu 31st July	Fri 1st Aug	Sat 2nd Aug	Sun 3rd Aug
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Anointing Mass (Fr Jerald)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
	1-2.00pm (Parish School) Visit by Bishop Thinh	5—9.30pm (St Patrick’s Cathedral) CONFIRMATION CEREMONY	10—12pm Women’s Group at Stonez Restaurant	Seniors Morning Tea after Anointing Mass	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children’s Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group	7—9.30pm (Parish Centre) Men’s Group	2.00pm (Church) Funeral of Tim Noonan	6.00pm (Church) Adoration	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (MGL Priest))
			5—8pm(Parish Centre) SSS Choir	8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Libeesh) (Livestream)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 2nd and 3rd of August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2:21-23, Collossians 3: 1-5,9-11, Luke 12:13-21

Mass Times	Saturday 2nd of Aug 6.00pm		Sunday 3rd Aug 9.00am		Sunday 3rd Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Jodie Marziano		Phil Mawdsley		Ildi Cilter	
Reader 1	Seymon Martino		Janina Woronczak		Beuna Di Nuzzo	
Reader 2	Maria Soriano		Paige Law		Pia Pagotta	
Welcome Desk	Seymon Martino		Julie Ashman		Morris Dalton	
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Lilturgy		Elsa L and Julie A	
Flowers	Beatrice Poliday	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs, Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Marina Ruffolo, Diana Paul-Anna, Kim Phoon	Thabesan Family