

## OUR MASS TIMES

Tue & Fri: 9.15am Mass  
Wed & Thurs: 9.15am Communion Service  
Sat: 6.00pm (Livestream)  
Sun: 9.00am and 11.00am  
Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass**

## RECONCILIATION

Fri: 6 - 7pm Adoration and Reconciliation  
Sat: 5.30pm - 5.50pm Reconciliation

## OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri 9am - 4pm



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### ANointing OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

## OUR SERVICES

### PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE

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### ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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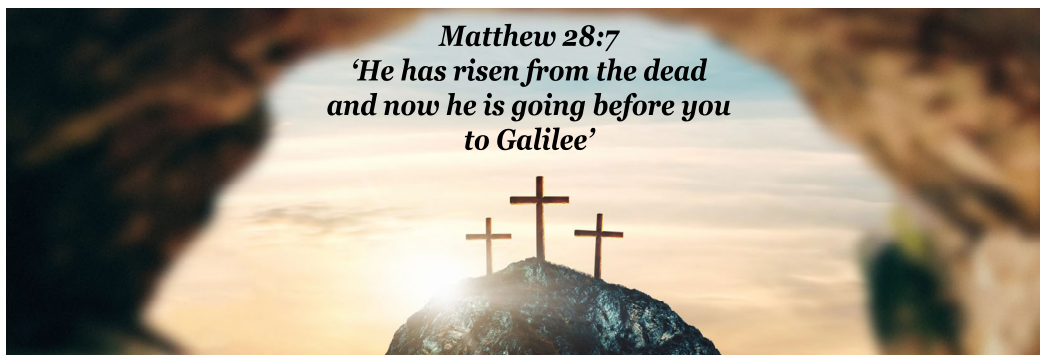
# St Simon the Apostle Parish

*A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ*

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 5 APRIL 2026 | YEAR A



Dear Parishioners,

On that first Easter morning, as we hear in the Gospel, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb while it was still dark. She came carrying grief and confusion, only to discover that the stone had been rolled away. What appeared to be the end had become, by God's grace, a new beginning. The empty tomb speaks quietly yet powerfully: **Christ is risen**. Death does not have the final word. Love is stronger than fear.

We celebrate Easter in a world that often feels unsettled and burdened. We witness conflict between nations, division within communities, and uncertainty in many hearts. At times, like the disciples, we may feel overwhelmed by events we do not fully understand. Yet the Easter Gospel reassures us that even in moments of darkness, God is already at work, bringing life where we least expect it.

The Resurrection is not only a memory of the past; it is the foundation of our hope today. The Risen Lord meets us where we are — in our anxieties, our disappointments, and our longing for peace — and gently calls us forward. He invites us to live as people of faith, of generous love, and of quiet courage.

Easter reminds us that no stone is too heavy for God to move. In our families, in our parish, and in our wider world, the light of Christ continues to shine. Whenever we choose forgiveness over resentment, kindness over indifference, and faith over fear, we bear living witness to the Resurrection.

May this Easter renew your hearts and your homes. May the joy of the Risen Christ strengthen you, and may His peace guide our world toward healing and unity. Let us hold fast to the truth that sustains us: **Christ is risen, and in Him there is hope**.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

**In Christ,  
Fr Jerald**



## ARE YOU NEW TO ST SIMON'S?

Welcome to our parish!

If you're new or recently joined us, please add your details to the **New Parishioner Book** at the **Welcome Desk** so we can stay connected.

You are very welcome here and in our prayers.

**Divine Mercy Novena**  
**daily, 3-11 April at 6pm**  
(except Saturday 4 & 11 April at 5pm)

**Celebrating**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**12 April, 2pm - 4pm**

### Rosary

**Divine Mercy Chaplet with Adoration and Reconciliation**

### Mass and Afternoon Tea

Sacramentals will be blessed at Mass. Sacramentals and religious items will be available for **CASH ONLY** purchase in the foyer.

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, 5 April 2026

## First Reading:

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**

## Responsorial Psalm 22

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

## Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

## The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

24-week Series: Mondays 6pm-8pm  
Starting 20 April 2026

At St Jude's Conference Room  
*Limited availability*

To register contact Dinelle  
0416 810 541 OR Kim 0403 323 353

APRIL ReCare in Parish Centre  
8 and 22 April 2026

Lenten Group participants get together  
on Wednesday 15 April  
@ 7pm in the Parish Centre

A free copy of the MELBOURNE  
CATHOLIC DIGEST is available

## Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who

was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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## WE PRAY FOR

**For those who have recently died especially Geralda (Julie) Fenech** and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Kenny D'Souza, Karlo Agapito, Amerigo Ricciuti, Lorraine Ring

**For the Sick:** Bill Leane, Perry Law, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Aneta Crowley, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette Ukena, Brooke Hiho, Noelle Parsons, Jonathan Salerno, Barbara Kirsch, Mark Bramich, Charles, Daniel, Denzil Britto, Sonani Cramer, Rvevin Serrano, Paul McCole, Silivelia Talia, Ropeti Talia

## IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

| MON 6 APRIL                                                                                                                    | TUE 7 APRIL                            | WED 8 APRIL                            | THUR 9 APRIL                           | FRI 10 APRIL                                            | SAT 11 APRIL                           | SUN 12 APRIL                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| OFFICE CLOSED                                                                                                                  | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)             | 9.15am<br>Communion Service            | 9.15am<br>Communion Service            | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)                              | 5.00pm (Church)<br>Divine Mercy Novena | 9.00am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)                             |
| 6.00pm (Church)<br>Divine Mercy Novena                                                                                         | 1.30pm (PC)<br>Craft Group             | 11.00am<br>ReCare                      | 10.00am (PC)<br>Women's Group          | 10.00am<br>(Meeting Room)<br>The Well                   | 5.30pm (Church)<br>Reconciliation      | 11.00am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)                            |
| 7.00pm (Church)<br>Chaldean Adoration                                                                                          | 6.00pm (Church)<br>Divine Mercy Novena | 6.00pm (Church)<br>Divine Mercy Novena | 5.00pm (Church)<br>SSS Choir Practice  | 6.00pm (Church)<br>Divine Mercy Novena<br>and Adoration | 6.00pm (Church)<br>Mass                | 2.00pm<br>Divine Mercy Sunday<br>(Fr David & Fr David) |
| <b>NO YOUTH MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY<br/>&amp; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY<br/><br/>YOUTH MASSES WILL RESUME<br/>FROM SUNDAY 19 APRIL</b> |                                        |                                        | 6.00pm (Church)<br>Divine Mercy Novena | 8.00pm (PC)<br>11am Choir Practice                      |                                        | 6.00pm (Church)<br>St Simon's Warriors                 |
|                                                                                                                                |                                        |                                        | 6.30pm Social<br>Committee Meeting     |                                                         |                                        | <b>NO YOUTH MASS</b>                                   |

## NEXT WEEKEND

Divine Mercy Sunday — 11/12 APRIL 2026 — Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

| MASS TIMES         | 11 APRIL, SUNDAY 6.00AM | 12 APRIL, SUNDAY 9.00AM | 12 APRIL, SUNDAY 11.00AM                     | 12 APRIL, SUNDAY 5.00PM |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Commentator        | Alden/Sam D'Couto       | Pam Comerford           | Christina Liew                               | NO YOUTH MASS           |
| Reader 1           | Thabesan Family         | Dorothy Stack           | Jan Richards                                 | NO YOUTH MASS           |
| Reader 2           | De Mel Family           | Phil Mawdsley           | Jacqui Giuliano                              | NO YOUTH MASS           |
| Welcome Desk       | Malaika de Mel          | Enakshi Jayamanne       | Roseline Acker                               |                         |
| Children's Liturgy | No Children's Liturgy   | No Children's Liturgy   | No Children's Liturgy                        |                         |
| Flowers            | Nilmini Fernando        | Altar Society           | Lidwin & Samuel Hudson                       | Church Cleaning         |
|                    |                         |                         | Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley | Volunteer               |