

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 **Charismatic Mass**

RECONCILIATION

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri 9am - 4pm



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13/14 JUNE 2026 | Year A

Matthew 10:5 | Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel

The readings this weekend reveal something beautiful about the heart of God. Before He asks anything of us, He first reminds us of His love.

In the First Reading, God speaks to the people of Israel through Moses and recalls how He carried them "on eagles' wings" and brought them close to Himself. They were not chosen because they were powerful or perfect, but because God loved them and desired a relationship with them. God continues to extend that same invitation to each of us today. We are His people, called to live in communion with Him and with one another.

St Paul, writing to the Romans, reminds us of the depth of that love. "Christ died for us while we were still sinners." These words remind us that God's love is not something we earn. He meets us where we are, with all our weaknesses and imperfections. Through Christ, we have been reconciled with God and given new life. This is the foundation of our faith and the source of our hope.

In the Gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds and is moved with compassion. He sees people who are searching, burdened, and

longing for direction. His response is not criticism or judgement, but love. He then turns to His disciples and says, "The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few."

These words remain relevant today. Many people are searching for meaning, belonging, and hope. Through our Discerning Discipleship journey, we are invited to consider how God may be calling us to respond. Whether through prayer, hospitality, service, RCIA, or one of the many ministries within our parish, each of us has a role in sharing Christ's love with others.

Often, we think discipleship requires extraordinary gifts or special qualifications. Yet throughout the Gospels, Jesus calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things through His grace. Discipleship begins with a willing heart. It begins when we choose to notice, listen, encourage, welcome, and walk alongside others in faith. Sometimes the most powerful witness we can offer is simply our presence.

The Lord does not call the qualified; He qualifies those He calls. May we have the courage to listen, trust, and respond generously to His invitation, knowing that the God who calls us will walk beside us every step of the way.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**



Discerning Discipleship – RCIA

This weekend we shine a spotlight on the RCIA Ministry (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), a ministry of accompaniment, welcome, and faith formation.

RCIA is more than a program of instruction. It is a journey of walking alongside those who are exploring the Catholic faith and seeking a deeper relationship with Christ. Through prayer, conversation, learning, and community, candidates are supported as they grow

in faith and discover their place within the Church.

As we prepare to welcome a new group of candidates, we invite parishioners to consider whether God may be calling them to serve in this important ministry. Sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is our presence, encouragement, and willingness to journey with others in faith.



An Evening with the *Missionaries of God's Love* Brothers

Come and experience the love, presence and power of God.

An uplifting evening of:

- Praise & Worship • Personal Testimony • Inspiring Teaching
- Prayer Ministry for Healing & Renewal

ENCOUNTER

Whether you are seeking encouragement, healing, a deeper relationship with Christ, or simply a place to pray and connect with others, this is an evening of prayer, worship and renewal.

All are warmly invited.

Bring your family and friends and encounter God's love in a welcoming and faith-filled community.

Following the evening, we will gather for supper in the Parish Centre, as we continue the spirit of fellowship and community.

Please bring a plate to share.

Friday, 3 July
6.00pm – 8.00pm
St Simon's Parish,
Rowville

HEARING LOOP Now Available in the Church

We are pleased to advise our parish community that a hearing loop system has now been installed in the Church to assist those with hearing difficulties.

We sincerely thank Knox Council for providing a grant that made this project possible.

If you would like to use the hearing loop system, please contact the Parish Office for further details. You can contact Liza at liza.jansz@cam.org.au.

We hope this new system will help make our liturgies more accessible and welcoming for all.



SAVE THE DATE
14 NOV 2026

Biggest Morning Tea – Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Biggest Morning Tea. We are delighted to announce that together we raised **\$1,110 for the Cancer Council**.

Thank you to all who attended, generously brought food to share, made donations, and helped create such a wonderful community event. A special thank you to those who shared their personal stories and experiences, reminding us of the importance of supporting those affected by cancer.

Your kindness, generosity and willingness to come together as a community made this event a great success. Thank you for helping us make a real difference.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thank you to all parishioners who have already collected their new Thanksgiving envelopes. We are grateful for your ongoing support of our parish.



There are still a number of envelopes awaiting collection. If you have not yet picked up your box, please do so at your earliest convenience.

If you are unable to locate your envelopes or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish community.

TRIVIA NIGHT
JULY 10 2026
7 PM
AT PARISH CENTRE
A FUN NIGHT PROFESSIONALLY RUN TRIVIA AND GAMES
ALL TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY
TO BUY A TICKET OR BOOK DINNER PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR ENTER THE LINK (INSERT) IN YOUR BROWSER
SEATS ARE \$30 BYO NIBBLES AND DRINK CHOICE OF 2 DINNERS – \$15 (PRE-ORDER WITH TICKET)



WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died especially Gil Bacial, Phillip Rodrigues, Caleb Vanjour and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time Rita Mayadunne, Daisy Fernando, Marianne Misso, Jamie Piccolo, Richard Cole, Anthony Joel Selvanayagam, Dorothy Rodrigues, Craig McLeod

For the Sick: Perry Law, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Aneta Crowley, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette Ukena, Brooke Hiho, Noelle Parsons, Jonathan Salerno, Mark Bramich, Denzil Britto, Revin Serrano, Paul McCole, Silivelia Talia, Nick Brennan, Ropeti Talia, Paul Dugdale, Teresa & Paul Guiliano, Jonny Salerno, Janaka Wijayanayake, Alex Zunica, Flora Palleschi,

"DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Save the Date for
St Simon's Parish
Dinner Dance
at the Polish Hall

5 SEPTEMBER 2026 @7PM

"Dare to Pause"

The Salesian Sisters invite you to a day for young people - 18 -30yo



A day for Youth 18 – 30 yo

Take time out of your busy life
Spend time in personal prayer, reflection, sharing with like-minded youth, adoration and celebration of mass.

Take time out of your busy life to discover your

Pearl of Great Price

And to engage in reflection & conversation
On the beautiful words of Mary to the servants at the wedding of Cana



Discover your *Pearl of Great Price*, as you seek to do *"Do Whatever Jesus tells You"* to fulfill *God's Dream* in your life



When: Saturday 11th July 2026
Where: 43 George St. Scoresby
Time: 10.00 am – 3.30 pm.
Cost: Free -- bring a friend

Scan me



RSVP: 4th July

<https://forms.gle/knz5Md3RurpljycBL8>

PARISHIONER STORIES

For me, running RCIA has become far more than simply helping organise a program or preparing people for the Sacraments. It has become one of the greatest blessings of my own faith journey.

When I first became involved with RCIA, I thought I would mainly be teaching others about the Catholic faith. What I quickly discovered was that God was also teaching and transforming me through the people walking into the room each week. Watching catechumens and candidates slowly open their hearts to Christ, seeing their uncertainty turn into faith, has deeply impacted my own relationship with God. There is something incredibly moving about witnessing someone encounter Christ in a real and personal way. You



see people begin with curiosity, hesitation, or even fear, and over time watch the Holy Spirit ignite something within them. That spark grows into prayer, trust, love for the Church, and a genuine desire to follow Jesus Christ. To walk beside people during that journey is a privilege difficult to put into words.

The joy does not come from simply “getting people through a program” or ticking a box at Easter. RCIA is about making disciples — helping people encounter God, grow spiritually, and become active members of the Catholic Church and the wider Christian community.

One of the most beautiful parts of RCIA is that it does not end once someone is baptised or confirmed. In many ways, that is only the beginning. The journey of discipleship continues long after Easter, and our RCIA team remains connected with those who have become Catholic.

Our RCIA team are not simply volunteers running a course. We are disciples ourselves, helping others grow closer to God and His Church. Personally, RCIA has strengthened my own faith in ways I never expected. Seeing the courage and conversion of others constantly reminds me of God’s mercy, patience, and love.

RCIA has truly been one of the greatest blessings of my life.

Marcello

WINTER CRAFT STALL

20-21 June | After all Masses

Our Winter Craft Stall will be held after all Masses on the weekend of 20–21 June.

We invite you to come along and support our Craft Ministry by purchasing a range of handmade items, including scarves, beanies, casserole carriers, vanity bags, and more.

Thank you for your generous support of the Craft Ministry and the talented parishioners who lovingly create these items.

Melanie Jacobs

Care to Connect

If you have a family member or friend who is housebound, please leave their details in our **Care to Connect Book at the Help Desk**. Our volunteers will be pleased to call or visit them.

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE THIS WINTER



Winter can be a difficult time for many members of our community.

Through the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, families and individuals in need receive assistance with food, clothing, and shelter.

Over the next two weekends, appeal envelopes will be available in the pews. We invite you to support this important ministry and help bring comfort and hope to those doing it tough this winter.

Vinnies is also collecting Winter Warmers for those experiencing homelessness and hardship. Donations of beanies, scarves, mittens, gloves, and new socks are greatly appreciated and can make a real difference during the colder months.

Your kindness can bring warmth, dignity, and hope to someone in need.

With gratitude,
St Vincent de Paul Team

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IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 15 JUNE	TUE 16 JUNE	WED 17 JUNE	THUR 18 JUNE	FRI 19 JUNE	SAT 20 JUNE	SUN 21 JUNE
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
6.00pm (Church) Chaldean Rosary	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.00am Viv's ReCare	3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Classes	3.00pm (PC) Warriors Outreach	6.00pm Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)	11.00am Mass (Fr Ken)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	2.00pm (PC) Shawl Ministry	11.00am (Church) Funeral of Gil Barcial	5.00pm (PC) SSS Choir Practice	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration		12.30pm (Church) Baptisms
7.00pm (Meeting Rm) SVdP Meeting	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program	6.00pm (PC) Rowville Lion's Club	6.00pm (PC) Warriors Outreach (Group Cooking)	7.00pm (PC) Pot Luck Dinner		12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
		7.00pm (Meeting Rm) Care to Connect		8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm Charismatic Mass
						6.00pm (PC) St Simon's Warriors

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm 99

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These



twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

RIP Gil Barcial



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Gil on 10 June. We acknowledge his great contribution to the parish and 11am Choir. As we commend him to God's mercy, we ask the Lord to grant him eternal rest and comfort his family at this time. **His funeral will be held on the 17th of June at 11am here at St Simon's.**

Position Available – Casual Data Entry / Insurance Clerk

A local business is seeking a Casual Data Entry / Insurance Clerk to assist with daily administrative and bookkeeping tasks. Working closely with the Director, the successful applicant will help ensure financial data is accurately entered and maintained within MYOB and other administrative systems.

The position is for approximately **10–15 hours per fortnight.**

For further information or to express your interest, please contact

assuranceins24@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

A Special Tribute

Reg and Janine Emons have been a valued part of the RCIA Ministry at St Simon's for many years.

Reg joined the parish in 2001 and became part of the RCIA team in 2007, while Janine had already been serving in the ministry for some time. Reg retired from the team in 2023 at the age of 87, and Janine concluded her service this year.

During Reg's ministry, 71 candidates and catechumens were Baptised and/or Confirmed. He also developed much of the course material used in RCIA. **Their dedication, faith, and generosity have blessed many lives within our parish community.**

NEXT WEEKEND		TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 20/21 JUNE 2026 Jeremiah 20:10-13, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33			
MASS TIMES	20 JUNE, SATURDAY 6.00PM	21 JUNE, SUNDAY 9.00AM	21 JUNE, SUNDAY 11.00AM	21 JUNE, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Alden D' Couto	Phil Mawdsley	Pia Pagotto	Damon	
Reader 1	Thabesan Family	Janina Woronczak	Junius De Silva	Saniru	
Reader 2	Tineke Edwards	Margaret Ng	Christina Liew	Zara	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando	Maggie Braganza	Rosaline Acker	—	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	—	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs, Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Marina Ruffolo, Diana Paul-Anna, Kim Phoon Volunteer Needed