

OUR MASS TIMES

Tue & Fri: 9.15am Mass
Wed & Thurs: 9.15am
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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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP, FUNERALS

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

OUR SERVICES

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Contact the Parish Office

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

Wednesday 4.00pm

St Simon the Apostle Parish

A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14/15 FEBRUARY 2026 | YEAR A



Matthew 5:17-37
Jesus comes to fulfil the law

At the heart of this Gospel is an invitation for the whole community: to live faith not only through actions that are seen, but through attitudes that are shaped by love, mercy and truth.

Jesus speaks plainly to his disciples, assuring them that he has not come to abolish the Law, but to bring it to fulfilment. What follows is not a rejection of tradition, but a deepening of it. Again and again, we hear Jesus say, "You have learnt how it was said... but I say to you." With these words, he draws our attention inward, to the places where faith truly takes root.

Jesus names anger, resentment, lust, broken relationships, and careless words—not to condemn, but to heal. He reminds us that what happens in the heart eventually shapes how we treat one another. Reconciliation matters. Integrity matters. Truth spoken simply and honestly matters. Even our worship,

Jesus tells us, is incomplete if we are unwilling to seek peace with those around us.

This teaching can feel demanding, yet it is also deeply hopeful. Jesus believes that God's grace can transform not only our behaviour, but our intentions. He invites us to move beyond a faith of appearances into a faith that is lived with consistency and compassion.

As a community of believers, this Gospel calls us to reflect together. How do our words build up or break down? Where are we being invited to choose reconciliation over resentment, honesty over convenience, love over habit?

In these small, faithful choices, the Law is not abolished—but fulfilled.

**With Blessings,
Fr Jerald Mariadas**



Wishing all our parishioners and their families a joyful and prosperous Lunar New Year 2026.

May the Year of the Horse bring strength, perseverance, hope, and abundant blessings to you and your loved ones.
Gong Xi Fa Cai!

(恭喜发财)



*Ash Wednesday Masses
At St Simon the Apostle,
9.15am and 7.00pm*

HEY TEENS, YOU'RE INVITED TO ALPHA.



SCAN THE QR TO RSVP via the
Whatsapp group
For questions, contact Dinelle
0416 810 541/Denise 0435 742 838

Come eat, think, learn, laugh, explore

**Monthly + Retreat
Sunday Evenings 6:30 - 8:00pm**

Who: Highschoolers (Year 7 - 12)

When: Starting 22nd February

Where: St Simon's Parish Centre

Dinner is provided

Looking for a way to make a real difference?

Our parish is inviting new volunteers to join our ministry teams — especially the youthful hearts who want to be more intentional in their faith and connected in community.

We're currently seeking volunteers for:

Volunteer

- ❑ Gardening Group
- ❑ Musicians Sunday 5pm
- ❑ Funeral Setup
- ❑ Cleaning of the church
- ❑ Hospitality & Welcomers

Serving in ministry is a way to:

- **Grow in faith**
- **Build meaningful community**
- **Share your gifts**
- Help our parish be a welcoming home for all

Whether you can offer an hour a month or more, **your presence matters.** *Interested?*

Add your name to the list at the Welcome Desk, or call the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or email:

cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au.

You don't need experience — just an open heart and a willingness to serve.

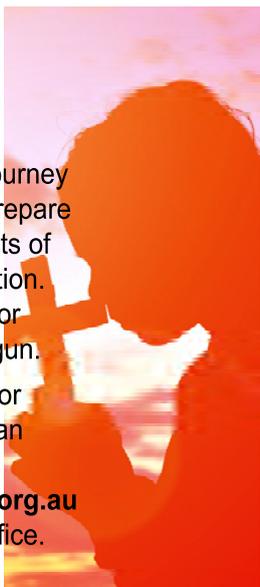
WE PRAY FOR

For those who have died recently Dawn Fernando, Andrew Saunders and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Carmelina Sivritas, Rogelio dela Cruz

For the Sick: Bill Leane, Jenny Liston, Perry Law, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Anita Crowley, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette and Murray Ukena, Lisette Visenjoux, Noelle Parsons, Jonathan Salerno, Barbara Kirsch, Mark Bramich, Charles, Daniel, Denzil Britto, Trevor Cross, Sonani Cramer, Rvevin Serrano.



Serve | Belong | Grow in faith



Our parish is blessed to journey with families as children prepare to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Preparation Classes for Reconciliation have begun.

To register your child or learn more, please scan the QR code, email

Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au or contact the Parish Office.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

RIDES • FOOD • MUSIC

TRASH & TREASURE • FUN FOR ALL AGES

WE NEED YOU!

JOIN THE FETE COMMITTEE AND BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL.

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We Need Volunteers

CONTACT

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PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2026



Sessions are underway at the following times, in the Parish Center/ Chapel:

Monday 16 February:
7.00 – 8.30pm

Monday 16 February (on ZOOM):
7.30 – 9.00pm

Tuesday 17 February: 7.30 – 9.00pm

Thursday 19 February: 10.00 – 11.30am, 7.00 – 8.30pm

Friday 20 February: 10.00 – 11.30am
Please check the Parish Calendar

A Farewell collection for Fr Libeesh

As we prepare to farewell Fr Libeesh, we invite parishioners to contribute to a small gift in gratitude for his service and dedication to our parish.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please write your message to Fr Libeesh in the Book provided at the Welcome Desk

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Contact Giovanni Formichelli for more details 0425 722 436



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, it is ST SIMON'S turn to host the **World Day of Prayer service** for the Christian churches of Rowville and Lysterfield.

The service will be held at ST SIMON'S on **Thursday, 5 March at 7.00pm**, and will be followed by supper in the Parish Centre.

If you are able to help with supper, or can lend pictures or artefacts from the focus country, **Nigeria**, please leave your name at the Welcome Desk or contact Jeanette on 0466 261 632.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD has begun for the year



NEXT MEN'S GROUP

Wednesday 25 February 7.30pm
We are very grateful for the men who continue to support and strengthen this group, and we warmly welcome all for **Friendship | Conversation | Faith**



This Lent, let's support each other by joining the **Long Walk for Water** with the 292 million people who walk daily just to survive.

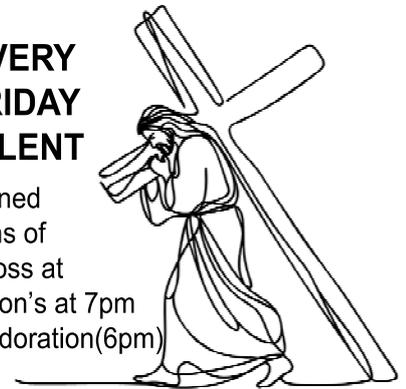
Please support **St Simon's Project Compassion** walk with the QR Code and help turn compassion into clean water and hope.

I CAN ... YOU CAN ... WE CAN ALL WALK FOR A COMPASSIONATE WORLD

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

Combined Stations of the Cross at St Simon's at 7pm after Adoration(6pm)



IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 16 FEB	TUE 17 FEB	WED 18 FEB	THUR 19 FEB	FRI 20 FEB	SAT 21 FEB	SUN 22 FEB
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (Parish Centre PC) Lenten Program	11.00am (Church) Funeral Mass of Dawn Fernando	7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass (Fr Jerald)	10.00am (PC) Lenten Program	10.00am (Chapel) Lenten Program	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	11.00am Mass—RCIA Rite of Sending (Fr Jerald)
	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group		5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	11.30am (Church) Funeral Mass		12.30pm (Church) Chaldean Catechism
	2.00pm (Meeting Room) Shawl Group		7.00pm (PC) Lenten Program	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration		2.00—4.30 Chaldean Community
	7.30pm (PC) RCIA			7.00pm (Church) Stations of the Cross		5.00pm Youth Mass (Fr Ken)
	7.00pm (Church) Death Anniversary Mass			8.00pm (PC) 11am Choir Practice		6.30pm (PC) SSJ Youth Group
	7.30pm (Chapel) Lenten Program			8.30pm (Church) Chaldeans Stations of the Cross		

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14/15 February 2026

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm 118 Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to

their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

What modern interpretation could be used that might better explain one of these laws?

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.

Lenten Taize' Prayer 2026

Join the Salesian Sisters' Community for a prayer experience



On Wednesdays during Lent 7.00pm – 8.00pm

@ 43 George St. Scoresby

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

NEXT WEEKEND		First Sunday of Lent — 21/22 FEB 2026 — Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11			
MASS TIMES	21 FEB, SATURDAY 6.00PM	22 FEB, SUNDAY 9.00AM	22 FEB, SUNDAY 11.00AM	22 FEB, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Alden/Sam D'Couto	Phil Mawdsley	Loretta Hughes	Paige	
Reader 1	Graham Edwards	Pam Comerford	Ildi Citter	Chantel	
Reader 2	Tineke Edwards	Bernard Mulholland	Jan Richards	Gloria	
Welcome Desk	Seymon Martino	Victoria Kong	Pia Pagotto		
Children's Liturgy	Michelle & Ben M	Enakshi J & Rina R	No Children's Liturgy		
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Lidwin & Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Sharon Melder, Danusha Ladd & Asela Angamma
					Thabesan Family