

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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

30/31 MAY 2026 | Year A

John 3:16 | 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son'

There are moments in life when we wonder whether we are truly accepted — especially when we fail, struggle, or feel we are not enough. This Sunday's readings speak directly into that human experience, revealing a God who does not pull away from us, but continually moves towards us with love, patience, and mercy.



people Moses led, we can be stubborn, distracted, or uncertain. Yet God continues to invite us back into relationship with Him.

St Paul's words in the Second Reading give us a practical way to live this message: help one another, be united,

live in peace. Faith is not only

about what we believe, but how we treat one another each day.

As we reflect this week, perhaps the invitation is simple — to trust a little more deeply in the love, mercy, and presence of God working within our lives and within our community.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**



In the First Reading, Moses encounters God not as harsh or distant, but as "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." These are words many of us need to hear again and again. We can sometimes carry an image of God as disappointed in us or waiting for us to fail. Yet Scripture reveals a God who remains patient even with a "headstrong people" and continues to stay close to them.

The Gospel echoes this beautifully. Perhaps one of the most recognised lines in all of Scripture is heard today: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." Jesus did not come into the world to condemn people, but to save them. God's first response to humanity is love.

That does not mean life is always easy or that we always get things right. Like the

DISCERNING DISCIPLESHIP

As we continue our Discerning Discipleship journey as a parish community, we invite you to prayerfully reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to you and how these gifts may help build and strengthen our community.

Discipleship begins with openness — a willingness to listen, participate, and walk alongside one another in faith. Perhaps this week we might reflect on:

- Where do I feel most connected within parish life?
- What gifts or talents has God given me to share?
- How can I help others feel welcomed and included?
- Is God inviting me to take a deeper step in discipleship and service?

Every ministry within our parish plays an important role in bringing Christ's presence to others. Together, through prayer, service, and community, we continue building a parish where all belong and all are called to discipleship. - Fr Jerald

We extend our sincere thanks to the Discerning Discipleship Team for their dedication, prayer, and commitment in helping guide our parish community on this important journey of faith, belonging, and service. Your generosity, collaboration, and willingness to share your gifts are helping build a stronger and more connected parish community. Thank you for the time, care, and encouragement you continue to offer to others through this ministry of discipleship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady on 6 June

Rosary and Benediction: 8:45am

Holy Mass: 9:15am

Place: St Jude's Parish Church,
George St Scoresby

Special Feast Mass

Sacred Heart & St Antony of Padua

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special Mass at **St Simon's** celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the Feast of St Antony of Padua.

**The Mass will be held on
Friday, 12 June at 7:00pm, following
Eucharistic Adoration.**

Come and join us in prayer and devotion as we reflect on the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and seek the intercession of St Antony.

All are welcome.



WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died especially Agripino Prado, Noreen D'Rozario and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time Bruno Cerdor, Lalitha Carvalho, Lilamani Wittahatchi, Magdalene Maloyo, Frank De Rango

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 and Jonny Salerno

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Our new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes is now ready for collection from the church foyer. We sincerely thank all parishioners for your continued generosity and support of our parish community. Your faithful contributions are greatly appreciated and help support the life and mission of our parish.

Please note that the current envelopes will finish at the end of June. If you are unable to find your envelopes or would like to join the Thanksgiving Program, please contact the Parish Office.



7 PM

AT PARISH CENTRE

A FUN NIGHT PROFESSIONALLY RUN TRIVIA AND GAMES

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JULY 10 2026



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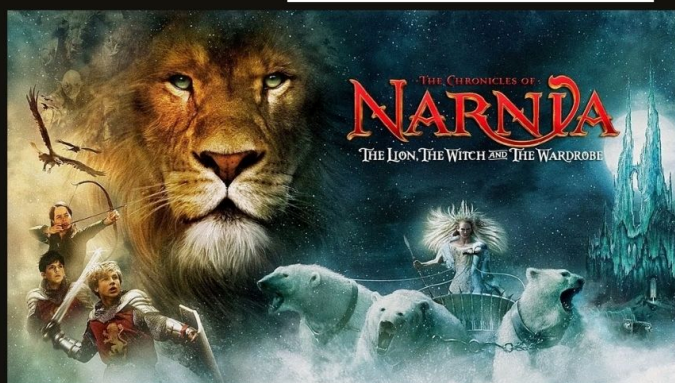
"DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

**Save the Date for
St Simon's Parish
Dinner Dance
at the Polish Hall
5 SEPTEMBER 2026
@7PM**

7.30PM JUNE 5TH - FRIDAY NIGHT SHOWING:



7.30PM JUNE 6TH - SATURDAY NIGHT SHOWING:



World Youth Day Fundraiser

MOVIE NIGHTS @ ST SIMON'S CINEMA

TICKETS: \$10 Adults | \$5 Kids

**SCAN QR
TO BOOK**



**PAY AT THE
DOOR**

Food & Drinks on Sale

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR YOUTH ATTEND
WYD IN SEOUL KOREA IN 2027!!**

Magnificent Humanity in the Age of AI

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), released on 25 May, invites all people to reflect on the dignity of the human person in an age shaped by artificial intelligence. The Holy Father reminds us that technology must always serve humanity, never diminish it. He calls for ethical responsibility, compassion, and wisdom in our use of emerging technologies. Upholding human dignity, protecting the vulnerable, and fostering authentic relationships remain essential. As disciples of Christ, we are encouraged to engage the digital world with faith, ensuring that innovation reflects God's image in every person and promotes the common good.

For further reading:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

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PARISHIONER STORIES

Peace and blessings to all.

It is a privilege to be a disciples at St Simons Parish.

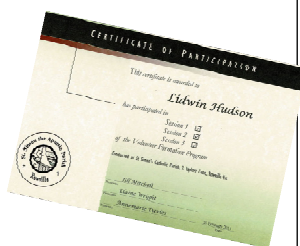
It was in year 2003 I attended an education in faith: Church and Sacrament conducted by Catholic Education at St Simons Parish. At the end of the sessions Philomena

Solari asked me if I am interested to come along and watch Baptism Preparation.

Accepting her invite I joined her at the next session and watched the activities and discussions between the families preparing their spiritual journey through their baby's baptism. Then she asked me if I would like to be part of the team!!! So here I am ever since I am part of the ministry of Baptism preparation.

This preparation helps the parents to reflect on their parenting experiences, journey of faith by share their testimonies. They express their feelings about being a family, importance of coming together as a church community. Seeing them coming together with their family and friends to celebrate the joyous day of their children becoming "Children of God our heavenly father" is very rewarding spiritual experience for me. I encourage your participation in this faith journey at St Simons.

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Saying "Yes" to God's Call

Growing up as an altar server, some of my fondest childhood memories were made right at the altar. I vividly remember the profound joy and excitement of serving during major celebrations like Christmas and Easter. Those moments planted a seed in my heart that never truly left.

Years later, Frs Jerald and Kevin approached me with an invitation to help lead our Altar Server Ministry. At the time, we didn't have an active leadership team for the ministry. Remembering my own youth, I said "yes" to the invitation — a simple decision that completely transformed my spiritual journey.

Saying "yes" to church ministry helped me prioritise God more deeply in my life. It was no longer just about attending Mass on Sundays, but about inviting Him into every aspect of my life — work, family, and social life. I began speaking to Him daily in prayer, learning to step back and let Him take full control. Surrendering that control, although difficult, has brought a deep and lasting peace to my heart that I never knew before.

Working with our youth and young adults has shown me the immense joy that comes from serving God and His Church. I've realised that every act of service, whether small or large, matters. God notices everything we do when it is done with charity. He works through each of us, using our hands to help bring His Kingdom to Earth.

If you are on the fence about stepping up, I encourage you to say "yes" to His invitation.

Kim

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 1 JUNE	TUE 2 JUNE	WED 3 JUNE	THUR 4 JUNE	FRI 5 JUNE	SAT 6 JUNE	SUN 7 JUNE
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	8.45am (St Jude's) First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
6.00pm (Church) Chaldean Rosary	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.00am (PC) Viv's ReCare	3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Classes	10.00am (PC) Senior's Morning Tea	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Tony Alex)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program	7.30pm (Church) Baptism Prep	5.00pm (PC) SSS Choir Practice	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	6.00pm Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
				7.30pm (Cinema) Paul Apostle of Christ	7.30pm (Cinema) Narnia	5.00pm Youth Mass
				8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		6.30pm (PC) SS Warriors

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday - 30/31 May 2026

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation:

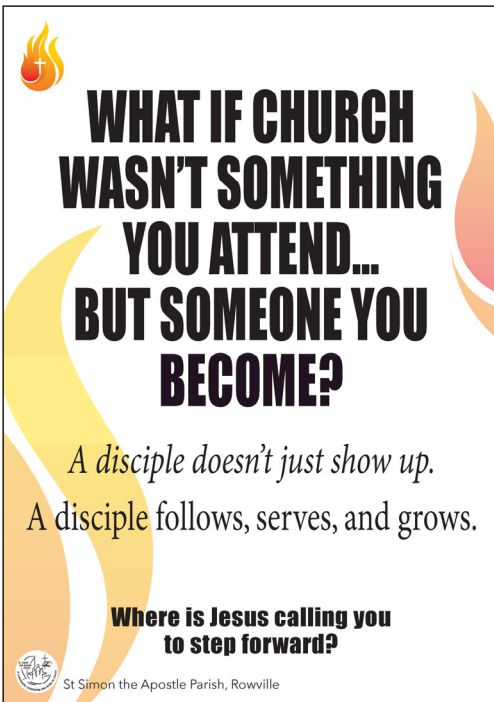
Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. . Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

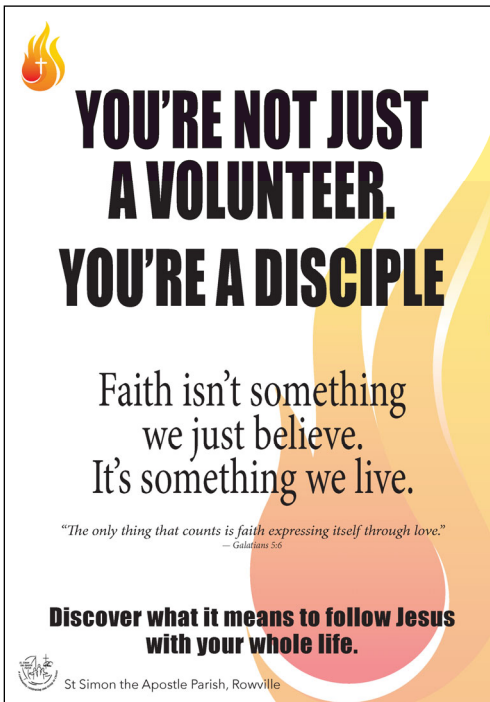


WHAT IF CHURCH WASN'T SOMETHING YOU ATTEND... BUT SOMEONE YOU BECOME?

A disciple doesn't just show up.
A disciple follows, serves, and grows.

Where is Jesus calling you to step forward?

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YOU'RE NOT JUST A VOLUNTEER. YOU'RE A DISCIPLE

Faith isn't something we just believe.
It's something we live.

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."
— Galatians 5:6

Discover what it means to follow Jesus with your whole life.

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Take up a new ministry

St Simon the Apostle Church

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

Our sincere thanks to everyone who organised and attended Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in support of the Cancer Council. Your generosity, community spirit, and support are greatly appreciated.

NEXT WEEKEND		THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST — 7 JUNE 2026 Deut 8:2-3, 14-16, 1 Cor 10:16-17, John 6:51-58			
MASS TIMES		6 JUNE, SATURDAY 6.00PM	7 JUNE, SUNDAY 9.00AM	7 JUNE, SUNDAY 11.00AM	7 JUNE, SUNDAY 5.00PM
Commentator		Jodie Marziano	Volunteer Needed	Loretta Hughes	Damon
Reader 1		Clement Lobo	Pam Comerford	Alf Kakala	Zara
Reader 2		Saniru Perera	Bernard Mulholland	Christina Liew	Aarya
Welcome Desk		Malaika de Mel	Victoria Kong	Morris Dalton	—
Children’s Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	—
Flowers Beatrice Polydor		Altar Society Sheila Kelaart & Bernie Fernando	Church Cleaning Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley		Volunteer Needed