

## 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

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# St Simon the Apostle Parish

*A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ*

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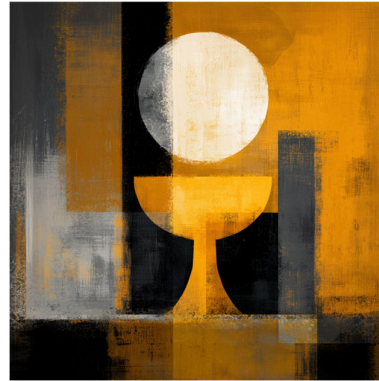


## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 6/7 JUNE 2026 | Year A

*John 6:53 | 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.'*

There is something deeply comforting about sharing a meal with others.

Around a table, friendships are strengthened, stories are shared, and people feel they belong. It is no coincidence that Jesus chose a meal as the way He would remain with us forever.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus describes Himself as the "living bread come down from heaven." His words are direct and challenging. He is not speaking symbolically about an idea or a memory. He is offering Himself completely so that His life may become part of ours. Every time we receive Holy Communion, Christ gives Himself to us as nourishment for our journey of faith.

Yet today's Second Reading reminds us that the Eucharist is not only personal; it is communal. St Paul writes that "though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf." The Eucharist does more than unite us with Christ; it unites us with one another.

In a world where people often experience loneliness, division, and isolation, the Eucharist calls us to something different. We gather as individuals with different stories, backgrounds, and struggles, yet we approach the same altar and receive the same Bread of Life. We become one family in Christ.

The challenge for us is to carry what we celebrate into our daily lives. If we receive the Body of Christ, we are also called to be the Body of Christ for others - offering kindness, forgiveness, welcome, and compassion.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, may we recognise this precious gift anew. May the Eucharist strengthen our relationship with Jesus and deepen our commitment to one another, so that through us, Christ's presence may continue to nourish the world.

*In Christ,*  
Fr Jerald



## *A Special Combined Mass to celebrate the Feasts of the Sacred Heart and St Anthony of Padua*



Friday, 12 June, from 6.00pm  
ST SIMON'S CHURCH, ROWVILLE

Join us from 6.00pm as we begin with a **candlelit procession, followed by the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration**, preparing our hearts for the celebration of **Holy Mass at 7.00pm**



We warmly invite you to join us as we gather in **prayer and devotion**, giving thanks for the boundless love of Christ and seeking the guidance and intercession of St Anthony.

We would be delighted to welcome you, your family, and friends as we come together in faith and fellowship to celebrate these special feast days.

**All are most welcome**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Agripino Prado*  
**The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Simon's Church on Wednesday, 10 June at 10.00am**

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Agripino's family and loved ones, and ask that you keep them in your prayers during this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.15AM, 12 JUNE. IT IS A SCHOOL MASS. PLEASE JOIN US AT 7PM, 12 JUNE**



**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** and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time John Porcino, Joe Alessi, Jamie Piccolo, Celeste Luther, Phillip Luther, Lawrence Misso, Frances Cross, Gerard La'Rive

**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, Rvevin Serrano, Paul McCole, Silivelia Talia, Nick Brennan, Ropeti Talia, Paul Dugdale, Teresa & Paul Guiliano, Jonny Salerno, Janaka Wijayanayake



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**14 NOV 2026**

**"DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

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

**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.



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

Take time out of your busy life to discover your

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



**A day for Youth 18- 30 yo**

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



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

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**RSVP: 4th July**

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## DISCERNING DISCIPLESHIP

As we continue to discerning our Discipleship journey, this weekend's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ reminds us that, although we are many, we are one body in Christ.

Through the Eucharist, we are nourished by the same Bread of Life and united as one parish family. Each of us has been given unique gifts, talents, and experiences that help strengthen and enrich our community.

Perhaps this week we might reflect on:

- **How is God calling me to contribute to the life of our parish?**
- **What gifts have I received that could serve others?**
- **Where do I experience a sense of belonging within our community?**
- **How can I help build a parish where others feel welcomed, valued, and connected?**

Just as many grains become one loaf of bread, we too are called to come together in faith, service, and fellowship. Through our shared discipleship, may we continue building a parish community where Christ is present, and where every person has a place to belong and contribute.



## PARISHIONER STORIES

### St Simon's Men's Group

In 2005, Fr Martin asked me to start something for the men of the parish. With his approval, the first meeting of St Simon's Men's Group was held on 31 August 2005 with the theme:

***"The group provides an opportunity for men to gather in a community celebrating and living in Christ, where everyone is welcome and accepted."***

Over the years, this vision has remained at the heart of our group. Although we come from different countries and backgrounds, we celebrate all that we have in common. Through friendship, faith, and fellowship, we have shared our lives, supported one another through challenges, and celebrated many joys together.

Being part of this caring and supportive community has been a blessing to many of us. It has provided opportunities to build lasting friendships, deepen our faith, and strengthen our connection to parish life.

My hope is that future generations of men will continue to benefit from this welcoming community and find the same sense of belonging and support that we have experienced.

Thank you to Fr Jerald and all the priests of St Simon's who have encouraged and supported us throughout the past twenty-one years.

**Reg Emons**



## 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 8 JUNE	TUE 9 JUNE	WED 10 JUNE	THUR 11 JUNE	FRI 12 JUNE	SAT 13 JUNE	SUN 14 JUNE
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am <b>No Mass</b>	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
6.00pm (Church) Chaldean Rosary	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	10.00am Funeral Mass for Agripino Prado	10.00am (Stonez) Women's Group	10.00am (PC) The Well	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (Meeting Room) SVdP	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program		3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Classes	<b>6.00pm (Church) Rosary with Eucharistic Adoration</b>		12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community			5.00pm (PC) SSS Choir Practice	7.00pm (Church) Combined Feast Mass—Sacred Heart and St Anthony		5.00pm Youth Mass
7.30pm (Online) Gospel Reflection				8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		6.30pm (PC) SSJ Youth Group

**First Reading: Deut 8:2-3. 14-16**

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

**Responsorial Psalm 147**

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

**Second Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**SHARE YOUR GIFTS AND CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS THROUGH OUR PARISH**

How is God calling you to serve?

Take up a new ministry

**PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3**

**YOU ARE THE PRESENCE OF JESUS FOR OTHERS**

Be part of someone's journey to faith

Welcome and Invite

St Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville



**Why listening matters in the Church**

*Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a farm of love and a path to wisdom.*

NEXT WEEKEND		ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 13/14 JUNE 2026 Exodus 19:2-6, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36 – 10:8			
<b>MASS TIMES</b>	13 JUNE, SATURDAY 6.00PM	14 JUNE, SUNDAY 9.00AM	14 JUNE, SUNDAY 11.00AM	14 JUNE, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
<b>Commentator</b>	Tineke Edwards	Margaret Ng	Jacqui Giuliano	Paige	
<b>Reader 1</b>	Graham Edwards	Dorothy Stack	Ingrid Kertesi	Claire	
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<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	—	
<b>Flowers</b>	Melanie Jacobs	<b>Altar Society</b>	Lidwin & Samuel Hudson	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Sharon Melder, Danusha Ladd & Asela Angamma
					Thabesan Family