

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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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20/21 JUNE 2026 | Year A

Matthew 10:31 | ...there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

There are moments in life when fear can quietly take hold of our hearts. We worry about the future, the opinions of others, our health, our families, or whether we are capable of responding to what God asks of us. Into these fears, the Gospel offers a simple yet powerful message: **"Do not be afraid."**

Jesus speaks these words to His disciples as He prepares them for the challenges that lie ahead. He knows that following Him will not always be easy. There will be times of uncertainty, misunderstanding, and even rejection. Yet Jesus reminds them that they are never alone. The Father knows and cares for every detail of their lives. Not even a sparrow falls to the ground without God's knowledge, and each one of us is infinitely precious in His sight.

Jeremiah's experience echoes this same trust. Surrounded by opposition and disappointment, he places his confidence in the Lord, knowing that God remains faithful even in difficult times.

St Paul takes this one step further, reminding us that where sin and



Olive Wood Religious Items FROM BETHLEHEM

On 27-28 June, handcrafted olive wood religious items from Bethlehem will be available for purchase after all masses.

Made by Catholic families in the Holy Land, these items provide vital support to more than 600 families who rely on this work as their primary source of income. With ongoing conflict and very few pilgrims visiting Bethlehem, their livelihood has been greatly affected.

Your purchase will help support the Christian community in Bethlehem and contribute to preserving the faith and Christian presence in the Holy Land.



brokenness entered the world, God's grace proved even greater through Jesus Christ. Fear, failure, and weakness do not have the final word. God's love does.

As we continue our journey of discipleship, may we have the courage to trust in God's care, speak openly of our faith, and follow Christ with confidence and hope.

In Christ, Fr Jerald

RCIA & Discipleship

Our RCIA focus last weekend was a beautiful reminder that discipleship is about walking alongside others as they encounter Christ and grow in faith. We extend our sincere thanks to the St Simon's community for your prayerful support of our candidates, catechumens, and those recently welcomed through Baptism and the Sacraments.

Their journey reminds us that faith flourishes when people are welcomed, accompanied, and encouraged by a caring community.

As we continue our Discerning Discipleship journey, we now invite parishioners who may feel called to this ministry to explore how they can become involved. In the coming months, opportunities will be offered for formation, reflection, and learning as we continue building a team to support those seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ.

Together, we are creating a parish where people belong, serve, and grow 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 of prayer, worship and renewal, 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



**Congratulations to
Bruna and Flavio Bianchin
on their Golden Wedding
Anniversary!**

**May the Lord continue to bless
them with good health,
happiness, and peace, and may
their love continue to shine as
a beacon of His grace.**

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.

WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died Gil Barcial and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Fred Coates, Mary Fernandes, Mary Oylis Fernandes, Mary Rupasinghe, Laura Leavy, Harriet Palihena, Yvonne Footman, Johnson Lim

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, Alex Zunica, Flora Palleschi, Vlad



Proclaim26

Proclaim26 is an inspiring gathering to equip, form and send clergy, lay leaders and all who want to share Jesus Christ into their communities, on **27 June**, at Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

Please register at

<https://melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26#what-is-proclaim26>



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

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.



"Dare to Pause"

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

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 at Cana



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.



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

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"Do whatever he tells you."

John 2:5

PARISHIONER STORIES

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a beautiful journey that starts with an "inquiry"; a desire to know more about the Catholic faith. The process itself takes almost a year to complete with numerous weekly sessions that cover the most important subjects, we share meals, and other celebrations... culminating at Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday when the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist take place. Strangely this is not the end of the journey, it's just the beginning, and it takes the rest of your life to reach home.

For me, the journey began at Easter 2012 when I began to attend Mass and

soon after asked Father Jim how I might "join" the church. He pointed me to RCIA.... and so, we began. I was a Protestant from childhood and so asked many questions and was able to be satisfied to the extent that I was baptised in November 2012.

Since that time I have been regularly involved with RCIA as I have discovered that "conversion" is a lifelong process, so either as a Catechumen or as one of the team my faith is enriched and new things are always being revealed to me!

This is a joyous and fulfilling ministry and I am blessed to be able to serve God and my neighbour in this way.

Phil Mawdsley

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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



St Vincent de Paul Society
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WINTER WARMERS APPEAL

Winter can be especially challenging for those experiencing homelessness or hardship in our community. Through the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, individuals and families receive support with food, clothing, and shelter during difficult times.

We are currently collecting **Winter Warmers** and would greatly appreciate **donations of beanies, scarves, mittens, gloves, and new socks ONLY.**

To deliver visit the Parish Office Tuesday—Friday(9am-4pm).

These simple items can provide warmth, comfort, and dignity to those doing it tough this winter.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this important appeal.

With gratitude,
St Vincent de Paul Team



WARRIORS MEETUP

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE @ 6.30PM
ST SIMON'S PARISH CENTRE

Special Event!

GUEST SPEAKERS



LAWRENCE KAI



ANGELA UYBARRETA

THE HEALING OF EMOTIONS & TRIGGERS

- What should I do when I'm triggered?
- How can that overwhelming emotion possibly be holy?
- Learn the sacred role of emotions in the spiritual life, and discover freedom from the feelings you least embrace

Lawrence is the host of the internationally renowned Catholic podcast - *The Myth Pilgrim* & founder of *Shepherd's Heart*. He is a Spiritual Director, Life Coach & Speaker with a zeal to serve the Lord with warmth & clarity.

Angela is passionate about sharing God's love through music, storytelling, testimony, deep connection & laughter. She is embracing a new God-venture as a *Happyologist* and seeks to inspire others to embrace the adventure of faith with hope and purpose.

JOIN US FOR - FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FORMATION!!

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 22 JUNE	TUE 23 JUNE	WED 24 JUNE	THUR 25 JUNE	FRI 26 JUNE	SAT 27 JUNE	SUN 28 JUNE
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	10.00am (PC) Art Reflection	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
6.00pm (Church) Chaldean Rosary	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	7.00pm (PC) Men's Group	10.00pm (Stonez) Women's Group	10.00am (Cinema) Movie—Sapphires	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program		3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Classes	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
7.30pm (via Zoom) Gospel Reflection			5.00pm (PC) SSS Choir Practice	8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm Charismatic Mass
			7.00pm (PC) Social Committee			

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm 68

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-15*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no

one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 10:26-33*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one

falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



CARE TO CONNECT

We care

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

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

To join us on first and third Mondays for our **Online Gospel Reflection** please contact Loretta at the Parish office. Loretta.hughes@cam.org.au

A Special Tribute was presented to Reg Emons and Janine Fry, in recognition of their many years of dedicated service and valued contribution to the RCIA Ministry at St Simon's Parish.

NEXT WEEKEND		THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 27/28 JUNE 2026 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16, Romans 6:3-4. 8-11, Matthew 10:37-42				
MASS TIMES	27 JUNE, SATURDAY 6.00PM		28 JUNE, SUNDAY 9.00AM	28 JUNE, SUNDAY 11.00AM	28 JUNE, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Marcello Martino		Pam Comerford	Estela Banac	Paige	
Reader 1	De Mel Family		Dorothy Stack	Jan Richards	Gloria	
Reader 2	De Mel Family		Enakshi Jayamanne	Jacqui Giuliano	Chantel	
Welcome Desk	Seymon Martino		Victoria Kong	Pia Pagotto	—	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	—	
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