

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 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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Masses
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QR Code



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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18/19 JULY 2026 | Year A

Matthew 13:41 | *The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man.
The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom;
the darnel, the subjects of the evil one ...*



The parables in today's Gospel invite us to see the world through God's eyes. Jesus speaks of wheat and weeds growing together, a tiny mustard seed becoming a great tree, and yeast quietly transforming dough. Through these simple images, He reveals how God's Kingdom is already at work among us.

It is tempting to look around and become discouraged by the division, injustice, and suffering we see. We may even be quick to judge others or wish that God would remove everything that is wrong. Yet Jesus reminds us that God is patient. He sees the whole picture, knows every heart, and gives each person the opportunity to grow, change, and turn back to Him.

The Kingdom of God rarely grows through

dramatic moments. More often, it grows quietly through everyday acts of kindness, forgiveness, compassion, and faithful service. Like the mustard seed and the yeast, even the smallest act of love can have an impact far greater than we imagine.

The First Reading reminds us that God's strength is shown through mercy, while St Paul assures us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, even when we struggle to pray. We are never alone in our efforts to live the Gospel.

As we continue our journey of discipleship, may we trust God's patient work within us and around us. Instead of focusing on the weeds, may we become the good seed that bears fruit, allowing Christ's love to grow quietly through our words, our actions, and the way we care for one another.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**

Our Parish Food Stall

**Take home delicious homemade food
and support our Parish Retreat!**

Our talented parish cooks have prepared a wonderful selection of homemade meals and sweet treats for you to enjoy.

Available after all Masses
25 & 26 July | \$10 a box

Every purchase helps raise funds for our Parish Retreat.



Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our parish community.



Thank you for your generosity!



Discerning Discipleship

**Where is God quietly at
work in your life today?**

**Are you allowing His
patience, mercy, and love to
shape your heart?**



Perhaps the smallest act of kindness, forgiveness, or encouragement may become the seed that transforms another person's life. This week, let us trust God's timing and choose to be faithful disciples who quietly sow the seeds of His Kingdom.

**What seed is God inviting you
to plant this week?**

UPCOMING EVENTS



21
July

Craft Group & Prayer Shawl Ministry

Will meet at the Parish Centre, sharing a bit of creativity, joy and laughter.

21 July—1.30pm & 2.00pm

22
July

Viv's RE Care

NEXT EVENT

WED, 22 July

11.30am—2.00pm

Join us at a fun event with FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

For more info please contact Brian Crowley on 0429 090 770
We look forward to seeing you all soon!



23
July

Women's Group

Will meet at Stonez Restaurant for a coffee and some chatter.

23 July—10.00am

See you there!

WE PRAY FOR

Those who have recently died: **Betriz Bermuden, Dolores Campos, Arpad Brenzey, Magaly Ayesta, Mariazelle Goonetilleke, Bertrand Shaw, Nancy Taranto, Franco Grassi** and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially **Amal Pereira, Tanina Ferraro, Gil Barcial**

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, Alex Zunica, Flora Palleschi, Vlad, Joe Vail, Sr Jean, James, Joanne, Anne, Jean and Marian

JOIN US FOR A MASS
TO GIVE THANKS FOR
DENISE AND DINELLE

FOR FOUR YEARS OF COMMITMENT
TO OUR SSJ YOUTH

Give thanks with a grateful heart



Sunday 26 July, 5pm, St Simon's Church

Mass followed by supper
Bring a plate to share

"DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Presented by
St. Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville

Date: Sat, 5 September 2026
Time: 7pm to Midnight
Venue: The Polish Hall 'Syrena'
1325 Stud Road, Rowville
Donation: \$80 per Adult
(inclusive of Buffet Dinner)
BYO or purchased from the Bar
Live Music: Replay 6
Dress Code: Ladies After 5 | Gents Smart Casual

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INQUIRIES/TICKETS:
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Shanti - 0412 259 630

Chris - 0418 576 018
Ben - 0434 506 158
Cedric - 0414 503 687

Trivia Night – Thank You!

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our Parish Trivia Night on Friday, 10 July. We were delighted to welcome 70 people for an evening of fun, laughter and community.

Your generous support, raised an incredible \$2,992 after expenses. We sincerely thank everyone who attended, donated prizes, volunteered their time, and helped make the evening such a great success.

NOW AVAILABLE

A hearing loop system has been installed in the Church to assist those with hearing difficulties and support fuller participation in our liturgies.

For information on using the hearing loop, please contact the Parish Office or email: liza.jansz@cam.org.au.



Aaliyah's Coming Of Age Quinceañera Mass



25
July

Quinceañera Mass

(A Coming-of-Age Celebration in the Latin American Tradition)

The **Quinceañera Mass** is a Catholic celebration of thanksgiving marking a young woman's 15th birthday. During the Mass, she gives thanks to God for the gift of her life, renews her baptismal promises, and asks for His guidance and blessings as she enters a new stage of life.

Aaliyah Brearley warmly invites the St Simon's Parish community to join her family in celebrating this special occasion.

**Saturday 25 July
@ 2.30pm
St Simon's Church**



**SAVE THE DATE
14 NOV 2026**

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We specialize in the repair of:

- Washing Machines ● Dishwashers ● Dryers ● Electric Ovens ● Microwaves ● Cooktops ● Range hoods ● Fridges ● Freezers Test ● Tag Services

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THE SYNOD THEME PAPERS

are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion.

The suggested reflection process is a **‘Conversation in the Spirit’** or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

We pray for the Melbourne Synod:

That our preparations will be marked by wisdom in decision-making, courage in leadership, and humility in listening to one another.

May the Spirit guide our every conversation and action. Amen.

For more information on the Melbourne Synod please scan the QR Code above.

The Beauty of serving behind the scenes

Try to imagine this beautiful place where we come together to pray, to worship, to celebrate, and to enjoy being a community—without the many hours of dedicated, behind-the-scenes work carried out by our volunteers.

Twice a week, and often in between, people young and old come here in their work clothes to vacuum, sweep, clean windows, dust and polish. A dedicated team also spends many hours caring for the gardens, creating the order and serenity that we all enjoy.

This work is a celebration of our love for God and for one another. A clean, calm, and welcoming environment helps us focus on the reason we gather—to encounter Christ in prayer



PARISHIONER STORIES

and worship. It may not seem essential, but as I said above, imagine our church without it.

Similarly, though on a less structured basis, we also rely on people with practical skills to paint, repair woodwork or metalwork, attend to electrical repairs, and help maintain our parish buildings.

St Simon's depends on parishioners with love, goodwill, and practical talents who are willing to share a little of their time to help care for our parish home. Please ask yourself whether this might be your contribution—an opportunity to use the gifts God has given you.

In my experience, the reward always outweighs the effort.

Our Cleaning and Maintenance Team

2026 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)

St Simon's is once again taking part in the above raffle. Please support your parish by **picking up your pre-allocated raffle books** (if you're on the Thanksgiving program) sorted in **SURNAME** order from the Foyer. If you can't find your envelope and would like a book/s, please pick up a book/s from the Raffle Volunteer at the foyer from next weekend onwards.

Parish Notice

Parishioners are kindly advised that there will be no Mass at St Jude's on Wednesday, 22 July, and Thursday, 23 July, as Fr Jerald will be attending a Religious Education Symposium together with our school principals and Religious Education leaders.

A Communion Service will be held on both days at the usual time.

Thank you for your understanding .

Save the Date!

Our next social fundraising event will be **Indoor Lawn Bowls** on Friday, **23 October 2026** at the Dandenong Club, corner of Dandenong Road and Stud Road.

Cost: \$30 per person

More details will be available soon. Get ready for an enjoyable evening!

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 20 JULY	TUE 21 JULY	WED 22 JULY	THUR 23 JULY	FRI 24 JULY	SAT 25 JULY	SUN 26 JULY
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	2.30pm (Church) Quinceañera— Coming of Age Mass	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.30am (PC) Viv's ReCare	10.00am (Stonez Restaurant) Women's Group	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass— St Joseph's School Mass (Fr Jerald)
	2.00pm (PC) Prayer Shawl Ministry		3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Classes	8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program		5.00pm (PC) SSS Choir Practice			5.00pm Charismatic Youth Mass
			7.00pm (PC) Fete Meeting			6.30pm (PC) SSJ Youth Group

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13.16-19

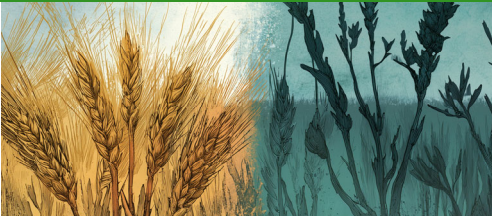
There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm 85

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and



that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind 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 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out

the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.' He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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Br Isaac Seraphin & Br Stephen John

SUNDAY 19TH JULY - 6.30PM

YOUNG ADULTS MEETUP

St Simon's Parish Centre Rowville 3178



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NEXT WEEKEND		17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 25/26 JULY 2026 1 Kings 3:5.7-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52				
MASS TIMES	25 JULY, SATURDAY 6.00PM	26 JULY, SUNDAY 9.00AM	26 JULY, SUNDAY 11.00AM	26 JULY, SUNDAY 5.00PM		
Commentator	Alden D'Couto	Pam Comerford	Jacqui Giuliano	Damon		
Reader 1	Clement Lobo	Dorothy Stack	Buena Di Nuzzo	Gloria		
Reader 2	Marcello Martino	Enakshi Jayamanne	Ingrid Kertesi	Chantel		
Welcome Desk	Seymon Martino	Enakshi Jayamanne	Pia Pagotto			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Malaika de M			
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Lidwin & Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa	Thabesan Family