

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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Contact the Parish Office

OUR SERVICES

PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE

Contact the Parish Office

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

Wednesday 4.00pm

Email: cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au



To access our
livestreamed
Masses
please scan the
QR Code



Scan the QR code
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Parish Newsletter

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St Simon the Apostle Parish

A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ

2 Taylors Lane, ROWVILLE VIC 3178 | <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/rowville>



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25/26 JULY 2026 | Year A

Matthew 13:45 | ... the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one ... he sells everything he owns and buys it.



In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a hidden treasure, a pearl of great price, and a fishing net. Each image reminds us that discovering God's Kingdom changes everything. Those who recognise its value respond with joy, courage, and wholehearted commitment.

The treasure is not something we earn; it is something we discover. It is found in our relationship with Christ, in His Word, in the Eucharist, and in the community of believers. Once we recognise this gift, we are invited to place God at the centre of our lives, allowing His love to shape our choices and priorities.

Jesus also reminds us that the Kingdom is open to all. Like the fishing net gathering every kind of fish, God's invitation extends



to everyone. We are called not only to receive His love but also to share it generously with others.

As disciples, we become stewards of this treasure. We bring forth "things both new and old" by sharing the timeless message of the

Gospel in ways that speak to today's world. Every act of welcome, kindness, generosity, and service becomes an opportunity to reveal the Kingdom already present among us.

May we recognise the priceless treasure we have found in Christ and joyfully share it with all whom we meet.

In Christ,
Fr Jerald

Discerning Discipleship

The Kingdom of God is a treasure meant to be shared. As we continue our **Discerning Discipleship Journey**, we are invited to recognise the gifts God has entrusted to each of us and to use them in service of others. This weekend we give thanks for our **Hospitality and Event Organising Teams**, whose generous welcome helps create a parish where people feel seen, valued, and connected. A smile, a conversation, or an invitation can become the beginning of someone's journey of faith. Together, we are building a community where everyone is invited to discover the treasure of belonging in Christ.



Our Parish Food Stall

Take home delicious homemade food
and support our Parish Retreat!

THIS WEEKEND

Available after
all Masses

25 & 26 July | \$10 a box

Thank you for your generosity!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Men's Group

Our Men's Group provides an opportunity for men of all ages to build friendships, grow in faith, and support one another through regular gatherings and shared activities. New members are always welcome to join this welcoming community.

29 July—7.00pm, Parish Centre
See you there!

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**.

Save the Date!

Indoor Lawn Bowls on
Friday, **23 October 2026**
at the Dandenong Club,
cnr of Dandenong Rd and Stud Rd
Cost: \$30 per person
More details will be available soon

WE PRAY FOR

Those who have recently died Ray Last, William Taylor, Stanley Abraham, Erlinda Maldyo and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Giuseppina Di Nuzzo, Luc Hennequin, Rudy Nainie, Basil Chitty, Suzette Savrimoothoo. Clive Pieterse, Sue Roberts,

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, Jonny Salerno, Alex Zunica, Flora Palleschi, Vlad, Joe Vail, Delene Jones

"DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Presented by
St. Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville

Date: Sat, 5 September 2026 **5 Sep**
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*

INQUIRIES/TICKETS:
Dawn – 0427 191 111
Shanti – 0412 259 630
Chris – 0418 576 018
Ben – 0434 506 158
Cedric – 0414 503 687

Weekday Mass Parking

We kindly ask all parishioners attending our weekday morning Masses to be mindful of where they park.

There are **two disabled parking bays** available in the school car park. Once these are occupied, we ask that you please use the **upper car park on Taylors Lane**.

For the safety of our school community, please **do not park on the school basketball court or block the accessway between the church and the school**. These areas must remain clear at all times to ensure safe access for students, staff and emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your understanding, consideration and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

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.



What is worth giving everything for?



First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady on 1 August



Rosary and Benediction: 8:45am
Holy Mass: 9:15am
Place: St Jude's Parish Church,
George St Scoresby



MOVIE CLUB



New Members Welcome

Interested in joining our Movie Club? Help choose the movies and enjoy fellowship through film.

Please **register your name and contact details** in the book at the helpdesk. **Sessions are held on third Wednesdays of each month at 10.30am and 7.00pm.**

For enquiries, contact the Parish Office or Bill Walton – 0434 331 759

Viv's RE Care

NEXT EVENT

WED, 5 August, 11.30am—2.00pm



SAVE THE DATE
14 NOV 2026

Appliance Repairs & Installation Service

We specialize in the repair of:

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

Contact Ash: 0413 913 619

PARISHIONER CORNER

Ministry Spotlight

Hospitality is much more than offering tea, coffee, or organising an event. It is one of the first ways we reflect the love of Christ. A warm welcome, a friendly smile, and an invitation to stay and connect can make someone feel that they truly belong.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus welcomed people with openness, compassion, and generosity. He met people where they were, shared meals with them, and created spaces where lives were transformed. **Our Hospitality and Event Organising Teams** continue that mission today by creating opportunities for parishioners to gather, celebrate, support one another, and grow in faith together.

Whether preparing a parish celebration, organising a community event, or simply greeting someone after Mass, these ministries help build relationships that strengthen our parish family. They remind us that the Church is not just a place we attend but a community where everyone is known, welcomed, and valued.

If you enjoy bringing people together and helping others feel at home, perhaps God is inviting you to share your gifts through this ministry. Your welcome could be the first step in someone discovering a lifelong home in our parish.



"DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE"

SPECIAL GUESTS: MGL SISTERS

SISTERS KATERINE & JULIE

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST - 6.30PM

MISSION WARRIORS YOUNG ADULTS

St Simon's Parish - Rowville 3178

**GOD'S PLAN & PURPOSE
FOR YOUR LIFE**



**AGES 16+ WELCOME
FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS,
FAITH & FORMATION**



FRIDAY 31ST JULY - 7.30PM

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST - 7.30PM



MOVIE NIGHTS - ST SIMON'S CINEMA



**SCAN TO
BOOK**



**PAY AT
THE DOOR**



**TICKETS: \$10 Adults | \$5 Kids
WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER - FOOD & DRINKS FOR SALE**

The Synod Theme Papers

are an important step in our journey of listening, prayer, and discernment. They invite us to reflect together using the **Conversation in the Spirit** process.

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



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.

**WE ARE
Called
VOCATIONS EXPO**



ACU Campus Ministry and

Vocations Melbourne invite you to come and explore what life looks like in Catholic Religious Orders, Diocesan Priesthood, and Married life. Hear from speakers who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way.

Saturday 1 August, 9am-1pm

Greg Craven Centre,
Lvl 7, St Teresa of Kolkata Bldg,
ACU Melbourne

Free event

Book via - trybooking.com/DNKHK

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 27 JULY	TUE 28 JULY	WED 29 JULY	THUR 30 JULY	FRI 31 JULY	SAT 1 AUGUST	SUN 2 AUGUST
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	8.45am (Church) Devotion to Our Lady Mass	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	7.00pm (PC) Men's Group	3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Classes	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Tony)
7.30pm (Zoom) Gospel Reflection	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program		5.00pm (PC) SSS Choir Practice	7.30pm (Cinema) Youth Movie Night	6.00pm Mass (Fr Tony)	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
	6.00pm (Meeting Rm) Care to Connect		7.00pm (PC) Social Group	8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm Charismatic Youth Mass
						6.00pm (PC) St Simon's Warriors

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

Responsorial Psalm 118

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’



Thank You, Dinelle and Denise

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dinelle and Denise for your faithful dedication to our Parish Youth Group over the past four years. Through your leadership, encouragement, and commitment, you have helped nurture the faith and friendships of many young people across our Rowville and Scoresby communities. Your generosity, care, and witness have made a lasting difference in the lives of our youth.

We are deeply grateful for your service and pray that God continues to bless you abundantly.

Thanksgiving Mass, 26 July, 5pm
followed by supper
Bring a plate to share



NEXT WEEKEND		18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 1/2 AUGUST 2026 Isaiah 55:1-3, Romans 8:35. 37-39, Matthew 14:13-21			
MASS TIMES	1 AUG, SATURDAY 6.00PM	2 AUG, SUNDAY 9.00AM	2 AUG, SUNDAY 11.00AM	2 AUG, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Marcello Martino	Tony Fry	Pia Pagotto	Damon	
Reader 1	De Mel Family	Bernard Mulholland	Jacqui Giuliano	Zara	
Reader 2	De Mel Family	Pam Comerford	Junius De Silva	Aarya	
Welcome Desk	Malaika de Mel	Maggie Braganza	Josie Fanti		
Children's Liturgy			Ildi C & Jade De S		
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley
				Volunteer Needed	