

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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Please contact our Parish Office

ANointing of the Sick

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



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livestreamed
Masses
please scan the
QR Code



Scan the QR code
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St Simon the Apostle Parish

A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5/6 SEPTEMBER 2026 | Year A

Matthew 18:20 | *"For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."*

It is easy to think of faith as something personal — something that happens between God and me. Yet the Gospel reminds us that **our journey of faith is never meant to be walked alone.**

Jesus speaks honestly about the difficulties that can arise between people.

Relationships can be wounded by misunderstandings, harsh words, disagreements and hurt. His invitation is not to ignore these difficulties, but to face them with courage, humility and a desire for reconciliation. **We are called to listen, to speak honestly and, when necessary, to seek the wisdom and support of others.**

This is not always easy. It takes humility to admit when we have been hurt, and even greater humility to recognise that we may have contributed to the hurt of another. Yet when we come together seeking understanding rather than victory, something changes. We create space for healing and for God to work among us.

Jesus gives us a beautiful promise: *"For where two or three meet in my name,*

I shall be there with them."

What a powerful reminder for our parish community. Whenever we gather — at Mass, in prayer, around a table, in our ministries, in small groups or simply in conversation — Christ is present among us.

Perhaps the invitation this week is to look at our relationships and our community differently. **Who might I need to listen to? Where might I be called to bring healing? And how can I help create a community where others experience the presence of Christ?**

We may sometimes feel that we are only two or three, but Jesus assures us that when we gather in His name, we are never alone.

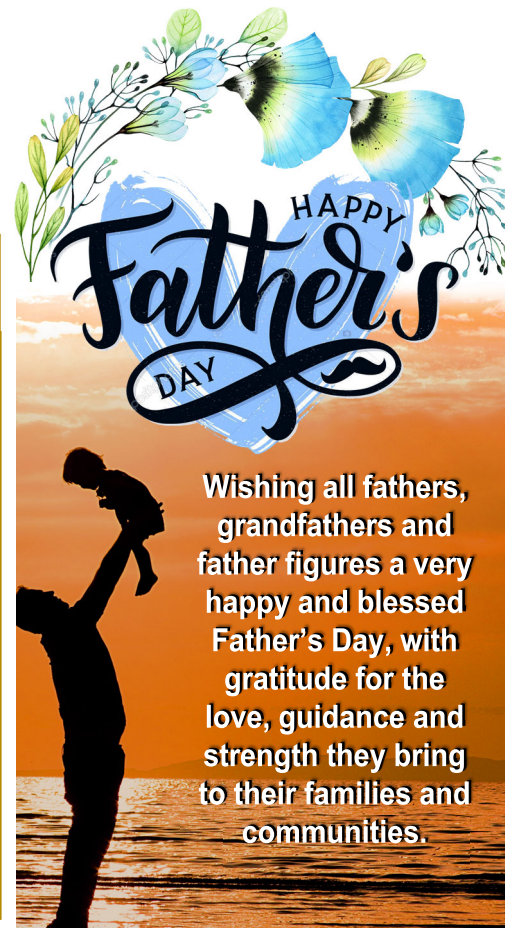
In Christ,
Fr Jerald



**We welcome our
First Holy Communion
children as they make
their commitment to
this important step in
their faith journey.**

**Our parish community is asked
to keep them and their families in
prayer as they prepare to receive Jesus
in the Eucharist for the first time.**

**May they grow in faith,
come to know Jesus more deeply,
and be supported by our
loving parish community.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**THERE WILL BE
NO MORNING MASS ON
TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**



**8
Sep**

Join us for a Combined Mass
celebrating the Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

**8 September
@St Simon's Church
Rosary 7.00pm
Mass 7.30pm**

**9
Sep**

Viv's RE Care

NEXT EVENT

**WED, 9 September,
11.30am—2.00pm**

A Father's Day Special!

**7
Oct**



Multicultural Rosary Adoration & Benediction

**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed, 7 October 2026 | 7.30–8.30pm
St Jude's Church**

Come and honour Jesus and Mary in
an evening of prayer and devotion.

- Candle-lit Procession
- Multicultural Rosary in 10 languages
- Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Following Our Lady's request at Fatima,
we come together in prayer, asking that
people throughout our world may turn
to God and renew their faith.

All are warmly invited.

Enquiries: Sr Maureen | 0410 755 972

**6-12 Sept 2026
NATIONAL CHILD
PROTECTION WEEK**

Funded by the
Australian Government
Department of Social Services

**EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS
SHIFTING
CONVERSATION
TO ACTION**

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 6–12 SEPTEMBER 2026

**Every Conversation Matters:
Shifting Conversation to Action.**

This National Child Protection Week,
we are reminded that creating safe
environments for children and young
people is everyone's responsibility.

**Through open conversations,
awareness and action, we can help
build communities where every
child feels safe, supported and able
to thrive.**

Find out more: NAPCAN – National
Child Protection Week

www.napcan.org.au

St Jude Novena

19–28 October

***Please consider assisting
with the Powerpoint slides
at the Novena***

6.30pm to 7.30pm @St Jude's Church

If you can help on these dates
at St Jude's church,
please notify the parish office or

**Please select your preferred
schedule on the Registration Sheet
at the Welcome Desk.**



Saturday 14th November, 10am–4pm

We need your Help

⇒ Can you donate

- ♥ raffle prizes from business
- ♥ sponsorship \$
- ♥ vouchers to be used as prizes
- ♥ your time to volunteer to assist
- ♥ books, DVDs, CDs that can be sold



To help or donate contact
Toni Coates 0409 855889
Jenny Maxwell 0403 832731

Please help our church in any way possible

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your generosity.

As we have a surplus of non-
perishable foods we request you to
hold off all donations till further notice.

***With thanks from
St Vincent de Paul
Rowville Conference***



WE PRAY FOR

**Those who have recently died Johnny
Salerno** and those whose memories are
sacred to us at this time especially Anna
Mary Rasiah, Nestar Taylor, Anthony
Joel Selvanayagam, Lenka Agapito,
Christine Fernando, Trevor Gomes,
Therese Clare, Rose, Rienzie, Mina
Nugara, Prem, Precilla, Lincoln, David
& Karuna Perera, Dwayne Jansz &
Maurice Adams

For the Sick: Sam Russo, Jay Russel,
Aneta Crowley, Lisette & Noah
Vissenjou, Bernadette Ukena, Brooke
Hiho, Mark Bramich, Denzil Britto,
Rvevin Serrano, Paul McCole, Silivelia
Talia, Nick Brennan, Ropeti Talia, Paul
Dugdale, Teresa & Paul Guiliano, Alex
Zunica, Flora Palleschi, Vlad, Delene
Jones, Tania Stewart & Jacqueline White

**16
Sep**



RABBIT PROOF FENCE

The film follows the Aboriginal girls as
they walk for nine weeks along 1,600km
(990mi) of the Australian rabbit-proof
fence to return to their community
at Jigalong.

**16 SEPTEMBER @ 7.00pm
ST SIMON'S CINEMA**

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

Appliance Repairs & Installation Service

We specialize in the repair of:

- Washing Machines ● Dishwashers ●
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- Cooktops ● Range hoods ● Fridges ●
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Contact Ash: 0413 913 619



Our family arrived in Rowville in 2002, with 4 young children and a 5-week-old baby. We were quickly enveloped in the life of the St Simon's community.

Over the years, I have been blessed to serve in a number of ministries. In proclaiming God's Word, Commentating, Children's liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion, Youth Ministry, and Faith Formation.

Each ministry offers an experience of God's presence and the chance to accompany and be accompanied on our faith journey. Each allows me to use my talents in ways that assist encounter with God, deepens my appreciation of God's beauty and goodness, and gives me the opportunity to learn and serve alongside others.

I love St Simon's parish community. It is an extension of our home. It is where I am grounded in my faith, supported and loved. I thank God for the privilege of knowing and feeling God's presence in the members of the parish; in each person who reflects the presence of the Holy Spirit in their joy, generosity, and faithfulness. – Jacqui

22 Sep

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 22 September 2026
7.00pm – 8.00pm

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

Thank you for your support!

We have **89 books of tickets still available**. Please consider taking a book to sell to family and friends, or purchasing one yourself.

See the **Raffle Volunteer** in the foyer.

Already have tickets?

Please return your ticket butts and payment as soon as possible to the **Parish Office** or to the **Raffle Volunteer/Welcome Desk** after weekend Masses.

Every ticket helps! Your support is much appreciated!



12 Sep

Ready to serve your parish?

Safeguarding Essentials & Code of Conduct Compliance Required?

Thinking about joining or already involved in a parish ministry?

Join us on Saturday, 12 September
10.00 am—11.30am
St Simon's Parish Centre

Our Safeguarding Officer will guide you through the **Safeguarding Essentials and Code of Conduct**, with all required forms and sign-offs available on the day.

Your attendance will be recorded to help ensure our parish meets **Archdiocesan safeguarding requirements**.

Need help with your WWCC or National Police Check?

Assistance will also be available after the session.

Come along, get your requirements in order, and be ready to serve our parish community with confidence.

Everyone involved in parish ministry is welcome. Please REGISTER at the WELCOME DESK or Parish Office

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 7 SEPT	TUE 8 SEPT	WED 9 SEPT	THUR 10 SEPT	FRI 11 SEPT	SAT 12 SEPT	SUN 13 SEPT
OFFICE CLOSED	NO Morning Mass or Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	10.00am (PC) Safeguarding Essentials Training	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.30am (PC) Viv's ReCare	10.00am (Stonez) Women's Group	10.00am (Meeting Rm) The Well	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	2.00pm (School Hall) First Holy Communion Workshop	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
	6.30pm (School Hall) Confirmation Parent Child Workshop	6.30pm (School Hall) Confirmation Parent Child Workshop	3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Class	8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm (Church) Charismatic Youth Mass
	7.00pm Rosary, 7.30pm Mass, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		7.00pm (School Hall) First Holy Communion Workshop			6.30pm (Theatre) WYD Fundraiser Movie-Evan Almighty
	7.30pm (PC) RCIA					

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

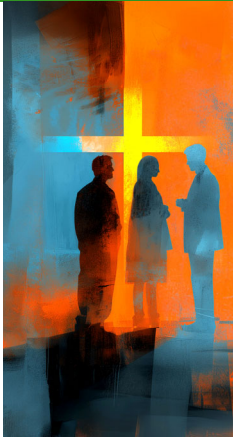
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm 94

O that today you would listen to his voice
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are



summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted

to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

13
Sep

ST SIMON'S CINEMA

Evan ALMIGHTY
Wholesome Family Comedy
(Rated G & G-)
Evan Baxter (Steve Carell) prays to change the world and God tasks him to build a giant ark.

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER - 6.30PM

FREE ENTRY

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR SEATS

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER - FOOD & DRINKS FOR SALE

BULLETIN NOTICES

Please submit all bulletin notices by
Wednesday 4pm.

Thank you for helping us create our
weekly bulletin smoothly and
efficiently.

iSTAND
generation

JOIN THE MELBOURNE
YOUTH MISSION TEAM

STEADFAST

iSTAND Camp: An opportunity for
Year 8-12 students (Ages 14-18)

You are invited to Youth Mission Team's **iSTAND Camp, STEADFAST**; a two-day retreat for high school students. This is a great opportunity for young people to dive deeper into their faith, meet new friends and take some time out during the school holidays.

You can expect:

- Games, team-building and fun, inspiring talks and testimonies, particularly reflecting on the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians,
- Time for prayer and reflection,
- Live music and great food.

Contact us with the information below, or take a flyer from the church foyer or **Scan QR Code**.

DATE: 23—24 September
10.30am-8.30pm both days

LOCATION: St Timothy's Parish Hall, 17 Stevens Rd, Forest Hill

CONTACT: Anthony Bolling,
YMT Manager – 0419 103 511 or
melbourne@ymt.com.au



NEXT WEEKEND
ROSTER

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 12/13 SEPTEMBER 2026 | Sirach 27:30 – 28:7, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

MASS TIMES	12 SEPT, SATURDAY 6.00PM	13 SEPT, SUNDAY 9.00AM	13 SEPT, SUNDAY 11.00AM	13 SEPT, SUNDAY 5.00PM
Commentator	Jodie Marziano	Phil Mawdsley	Pia Pagotto	Paige
Reader 1	Saniru Perera	Janina Woronczak	Terry Redden	Claire
Reader 2	Julie Faull	Phil Mawdsley	Jacqui Giuliano	Nerise
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando	Maggie Braganza	Christina Liew	
Children's Liturgy			Janine F, Danika S	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning
			Marina Ruffolo, Diana Paul-Anna, Kim Phoon	Volunteer Needed