

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

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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Wednesday 4.00pm

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12/13 SEPTEMBER 2026 | Year A

Am I allowing the mercy of God to transform my heart, so that His love can flow through me even into the places of my life that remain broken?

We all experience moments of hurt, disappointment, misunderstanding and brokenness in our relationships. There are times when the wounds we carry can make forgiveness seem beyond our reach. We may hold onto hurt because letting go feels too difficult, or because we are still seeking healing ourselves.

Yet the Gospel invites us to look more deeply at forgiveness through the eyes of God's mercy. Before we are called to offer forgiveness, we are first people who have received it.

God's mercy meets us where we are. He does not turn away from our brokenness or wait until our lives are put in order. He comes into the reality of our struggles with a love that is patient, abundant and healing. When we allow ourselves to receive that mercy, something within us can begin to change.

Forgiveness flows from this encounter with mercy. It is not something we achieve by our own strength, nor does it mean that our pain does not matter. Rather, forgiveness is the gradual work of allowing God's mercy



to enter the places where we have been hurt and to soften what has become hardened within us.

When we experience ourselves as forgiven and loved by God, we are invited to look upon others with something of that same mercy. The person who has hurt us is also a person loved by God. This does not

excuse wrongdoing or deny the need for justice, boundaries or healing. But it can free our hearts from the desire to hold onto resentment.

Mercy received becomes mercy given.

Perhaps forgiveness begins when we stop trying to carry our hurt alone and bring it into God's loving presence. There, even in our brokenness, His grace can begin to transform our hearts.

May we seek His mercy, receive His love, and allow that love to flow through us — bringing healing, forgiveness and the courage to begin again.

*In Christ,
Fr Jerald*



A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude to the St. Simon's Social Committee and to everyone who worked so generously to organise our Annual Parish Dinner Dance. Your commitment, dedication, and countless hours of planning made the evening a tremendous success.

The delicious food, wonderful entertainment, and vibrant atmosphere were enjoyed by all. Most importantly, the event brought our parish community together in a spirit of friendship, joy, and celebration.

Your generosity, hard work, and attention to detail created a memorable occasion that will be cherished by many. We are truly grateful for all that you did to make this special event possible.

We would also like to thank all who joined us on the evening. Your presence, enthusiasm, and community spirit helped make the celebration so special and contributed greatly to its success.

Thank you for making it happen and for helping to strengthen our parish family. Your support and fellowship are deeply appreciated. May God bless you all abundantly.

Fr Jerald

UPCOMING EVENTS



15
Sep

Craft Group & Prayer Shawl Ministry

We meet at the Parish Centre, sharing a bit of creativity, joy and laughter, in the service of those in need.

15 September — 1.30pm & 2.00pm

See you there!

PRAYER SERVICE of LAMENT

15 September | 4.00pm

In the grounds of
St Patrick's Cathedral

15
Sep



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

Parish Potluck Dinner

18
Sep

Friday 18 September, 7pm
In the Parish Centre

Come. Share. Connect.



19
Sep

Movie Afternoon *Soul on Fire*

Saturday 19 September, 2pm

In the Parish Cinema

Relax. Watch. Be Inspired.



**On 15 September
our children will take an
important step in their faith
journey as they receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Please continue to keep them
in your prayers**

22
Sep

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

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

Our Deepest Sympathy

June Herst



The St Simon's Parish community
extends our heartfelt condolences and
prayers to **June Herst's** family and
loved ones following her passing. We
remember June and her loved ones in
our prayers at this time.

Funeral Mass @St Simon's Church

Tuesday, 15 September | 11.00am

Viewing at 10.30am

May June rest in eternal peace

WE PRAY FOR

Those who have recently died June Herst and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Paul E Lewis, Harriet Palihena, Nestar Taylor
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, Joe Vail & Jacqueline White

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
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Saturday 14th November
at St Simon's School

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Books, CDs and DVDs
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2026 Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

Thank you for your support so far!
We still have **53 raffle books** available.
If you can help by selling a book to family or friends, or would like to purchase one yourself, please see the Raffle Volunteer in the Foyer.

If you have already taken tickets to sell, but have not yet returned them, please do so as soon as possible.

Tickets and payment can be returned:

- To the Parish Office during office hours
- At weekend Masses to the Raffle Volunteer in the Foyer
- At the Welcome Desk

Every ticket helps!

Thank you for your generous support.



CARE TO CONNECT

are calling for expressions of interest in forming a **Mother's Group**. At this stage it will be held on a Monday morning in the Parish Centre. If you are interested please leave your details at the Help Desk by 30 September or phone the Parish Office on 9764 4058



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



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Thursday, 8 October 7pm
in St Simon's Parish Centre,
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IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 14 SEPT	TUE 15 SEPT	WED 16 SEPT	THUR 17 SEPT	FRI 18 SEPT	SAT 19 SEPT	SUN 20 SEPT
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	2.00pm (Cinema) Movie—Soul on Fire	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	11.00am Funeral of June Herst	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	2.00pm (School Hall) First Holy Communion	3.00pm (PC) Warriors Outreach	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (Meeting Rm) SVDP Meeting	1.30pm (PC) Craft & Shawl Group	7.00pm (Cinema) Movie—Rabbit Proof Fence	6.00pm (PC) Warriors Outreach	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
7.30pm (ZOOM) Gospel Reflection	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program		7.00pm (School Hall) First Holy Communion Workshop	7.00pm (PC) Potluck Dinner		12.30pm (Church) Baptisms
	6.00pm (Church) Sacrament of Confirmation		7.15pm (PC) Fete Committee Meeting	8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm (Church) Charismatic Youth Mass
	7.30pm (PC) RCIA					

First Reading: *Sirach 27:30 – 28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm 94

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: *Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet

the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me”, he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said. “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

13 Sep

ST SIMON'S CINEMA

Evan ALMIGHTY

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

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER - 6.30PM

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NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER		25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 19/20 SEPTEMBER 2026 Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20-24. 27, Matthew 20:1-16			
MASS TIMES	19 SEPT, SATURDAY 6.00PM	20 SEPT, SUNDAY 9.00AM	20 SEPT, SUNDAY 11.00AM	20 SEPT, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Seymon Martino	Pam Comerford	Estela Banac	Paige	
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				Thabesan Family	