

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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Wednesday 4.00pm

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19/20 SEPTEMBER 2026 | Year A

Matthew 20:15 | "Why be envious because I am generous?"

The Generosity of God

The parable of the workers in the vineyard can challenge us because we naturally understand fairness in terms of what we have earned. If we have worked longer, sacrificed more or carried a greater burden, we expect to receive more. So when those who worked for only one hour receive the same as those who worked all day, it is easy to understand the frustration of the first workers.

Yet Jesus is inviting us to see the Kingdom of God differently. God's generosity cannot be measured by our calculations of who deserves what. His love is not a reward for being first, working hardest or getting everything right. It is a gift freely given. Perhaps the deeper challenge of this Gospel is the temptation to compare ourselves with others. We can look at another person's life, their opportunities, their faith or their blessings and wonder why they seem to receive so much when we have worked so hard. Comparison can



quietly turn gratitude into resentment.

The landowner asks, **"Why be envious because I am generous?"** These

words invite us to examine our own hearts. Can we rejoice when another person receives God's love, mercy or blessing, even when we feel we have done more or waited longer?

God does not love us according to a scale of merit. Whether we have journeyed with Him for many years or have only recently turned towards Him, His invitation remains the same: come into the vineyard.

There is always room for another person in God's Kingdom. No one is too late, too far away or unworthy of His invitation.

Perhaps today we are being invited not to ask, **"What do I deserve?"** but, **"How can I receive God's generosity with gratitude, and share that generosity with others?"**

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

Thank you to everyone who took Raffle Tickets. If you have not yet returned your **ticket butts and payment**, please do so within the next two weeks by returning them to the **Parish Office** or to the **Raffle Collector** at each Mass.



Our Parish Food Stall



Take home delicious homemade food and support our Parish!

Our talented parish cooks have prepared a wonderful selection of homemade meals and treats for you to enjoy. **AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES**

26 & 27 September | \$10 a box

Every purchase helps raise funds for our Parish

Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our parish community.

Thank you for your generosity!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

23
Sep

Viv's RE Care

NEXT EVENT

WED, 23 September,
11.30am—2.00pm



Donations and sponsorship is Vital

Do you have vouchers or items that we can use
to raise funds?



Does your business have the ability to
support an activity?

Please talk to Bill about your interest

Books, CD's, DVD's, Toys, Trash and Treasure



No magazines or encyclopedia
please.

We will have a drop off day
Mid October (date to be confirmed)



Fete Raffle on sale soon

Tickets \$2 • 13 amazing prizes

Stall Captains meeting
Thursday, 1 October 7pm

For more information call
Toni Coates 0409 855 889
Bill Leane 0411 289 319
Jenny Maxwell 0403 832 731

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

23
Oct

"IGNATIAN DISCERNMENT"

SPECIAL GUESTS: MGL SISTERS

SISTERS KATERINE & JULIE

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER - 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

INVITE A FRIEND!



30
Sep

Men's Group

Wednesday, 30 September, 7.00pm
In the Parish Centre

*Join us for friendship and
encouraging conversations.*



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



WE PRAY FOR

Those who have recently died Paddy Doyle and whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Istvan Forray, Dawn Fernando, Paul E Lewis, Rogelio Noveloso,
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, Ropeti Talia, Paul Dugdale, Teresa & Paul Guiliano, Alex Zunica, Flora Palleschi, Vlad, Delene Jones, Joe Vail, Tania Stewart & Jacqueline White



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

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

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Gratitude for our parish community

We have been parishioners at St. Simon's for over 20 years. My two girls were baptised and completed their primary school education here. I was indeed fortunate to have worked in the Parish for four years serving in this wonderful community living and celebrating Christ! When tragedy struck my little family in 2021,



with the unexpected loss of my husband John, the outpouring of love and overwhelming support which we received from the parish helped us navigate life through this storm. My faith

journey has deepened, and I am blessed to be part of this family serving in various ministries such as Pastoral care to the sick, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Commentating, Sacristan for the Youth Mass and the Adoration Ministry which has given me immense joy. I would encourage anyone who hasn't been part of our parish ministries and would like to enrich their faith to come and join and experience the fellowship of this vibrant parish celebrating Christ! – Abbie

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.

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.

A FAITH FORMATION initiative by St Jude's and St Simon's



IS THERE MORE??

Do you have questions about life and faith?

Would you like to understand more deeply?

Would you like to feel more confident talking about faith with others?

SYCAMORE

Sycamore creates a relaxed space to explore through connection, content and conversation.

8 Oct

Come curious. Come as you are.

Thursday, 8 October 7pm
in St Simon's Parish Centre,
2 Taylors Ln, Rowville

Everyone is welcome.

REGISTER HERE



IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 21 SEPT	TUE 22 SEPT	WED 23 SEPT	THUR 24 SEPT	FRI 25 SEPT	SAT 26 SEPT	SUN 27 SEPT
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	10.00am (PC) Prayer Ministry	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	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	6.30pm (Meeting Rm) Social Committee	8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	12.30pm Baptisms
	7.30pm (PC) RCIA					12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
						5.00pm (Church) Charismatic Youth Mass
						6.30pm (PC) St Simon's Warriors

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:6-9*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the
evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him, to our God who is rich in
forgiving; for my thoughts are not your
thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is
the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways, my
thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm 144

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading:
Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body,
whether by my life or by my death. Life to
me, of course, is Christ, but then death
would bring me something more; but then
again, if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results – I do
not know what I should choose. I am
caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone

and be with Christ, which would be very
much the better, but for me to stay alive
in this body is a more urgent need for
your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives
that would be unworthy of the gospel of
Christ.
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts,
O Lord, to listen to the words of your
Son. Alleluia!
Gospel: *Matthew 20:1-16*
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom
of heaven is like a landowner going out
at daybreak to hire workers for his
vineyard. He made an agreement with
the workers for one denarius a day, and
sent them to his vineyard. Going out at
about the third hour he saw others
standing idle in the market place and
said to them, “You go to my vineyard too
and I will give you a fair wage.” So they
went. At about the sixth hour and again
at about the ninth hour, he went out and
did the same. Then at about the eleventh
hour he went out and found more men

standing round, and he said to them,
“Why have you been standing here idle
all day?” “Because no one has hired us”
they answered. He said to them, “You go
into my vineyard too.” In the evening,
the owner of the vineyard said to his
bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them
their wages, starting with the last arrivals
and ending with the first.” So those who
were hired at about the eleventh hour
came forward and received one
denarius each. When the first came,
they expected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They took
it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The
men who came last” they said “have
done only one hour, and you have
treated them the same as us, though we
have done a heavy day’s work in all the
heat.” He answered one of them and
said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to
you; did we not agree on one denarius?
Take your earnings and go. I choose to
pay the last-comer as much as I pay
you. Have I no right to do what I like with
my own? Why be envious because I am
generous?” Thus the last will be first,
and the first, last.’

Blessing of Pets at St Simon’s

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals
and creation, with a special Blessing of Pets.

Sunday 4 October @St Simon’s, Rowville, 4.00pm

All pets and their families are welcome!

Please assemble with your pets on the School Netball Courts before Mass.

**Please ensure your pets are safely supervised and
cared for throughout the outing.**

Come and give thanks for the gift of creation and the joy
and companionship our pets bring into our lives.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.



NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER		26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 26/27 SEPTEMBER 2026 Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32			
MASS TIMES	26 SEPT, SATURDAY 6.00PM	27 SEPT, SUNDAY 9.00AM	27 SEPT, SUNDAY 11.00AM	27 SEPT, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Marcello Martino	Tony Fry	Ildi Cilter	Paige	
Reader 1	De Mel Family	Phil Mawdsley	Pia Pagotto	Gloria	
Reader 2	De Mel Family	Enakshi Jayamanne	Buena Di Nuzzo	Chantel	
Welcome Desk	Malaika De Mel	Enakshi Jayamanne	Pia Pagotto		
Children’s Liturgy			No Children’s Liturgy		
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Lidwin & Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley Volunteer Needed