

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

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St Simon the Apostle Parish

A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3/4 OCTOBER 2026 | Year A

Matthew 21:42 | "This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see"

Daylight saving time starts on
Sunday 4 October 2026 at 2:00am



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.

PLEASE
REGISTER
HERE



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

The vineyard we have been given

The parable of the vineyard reminds us that God has entrusted each of us with something precious. We are not simply owners of what we have; we are stewards. Our time, our gifts, our relationships, our homes and our world are all part of the vineyard placed in our care.

As Catholics, we believe that everything we have is ultimately a gift from God. Through our Baptism, we are also called to be faithful disciples, using what we have received to build God's Kingdom and bring His love into the world. It is easy to become focused on what belongs to us and forget that we are called to share what we have received.

The Gospel challenges us to ask: What fruit is my life producing? Are my choices bringing kindness, generosity, forgiveness and care to those around me? Do the people I encounter experience something of Christ through the way I live?

This Sunday we also celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, a man who understood deeply what it means to live with gratitude and simplicity. Francis recognised God's presence in creation and treated all creation as a gift to be treasured. His life reminds us that caring for others and caring for our common home are expressions of our Catholic faith.

Perhaps this week we can look at our own little corner of God's vineyard. Is there someone who needs our attention? A gift we could share? A relationship that needs healing?

God has entrusted the vineyard to us. May we not simply enjoy its fruits, but help it to flourish, so that our lives may bear fruit for God and become a blessing to others.

In Christ,
Fr Jerald

UPCOMING EVENTS

7 Oct



Viv's RE Care

NEXT EVENT

WED, 7 Oct

from 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!

SUPER SOUL SATURDAY

17 Oct

17 October 10am to 12pm

Guest Speaker: Sr Katherine Stone
Gift of Discernment
The Teachings of St Ignatius



17 Oct

Support our Youth on their World Youth Day Journey!

With our Food Stall Fundraiser
17–18 October, at all Masses

Come along, enjoy some food and support our young pilgrims!

21 Nov

SUPER SOUL SATURDAY

21 November 10am to 12pm

Guest Speaker: Fr Bernard Teo CSsR

Pope Leo XIV's encyclical
'Magnifica Humanitas'

The Church's first comprehensive magisterial document on artificial intelligence (AI), addressing human dignity, ethical governance, social doctrine, and the spiritual risks and promises of AI.

Thank You for Your Support

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent Parish Food Stall. Through the generosity of our sponsors, organisers, helpers and parishioners, we raised an amazing \$1,400.

The funds raised will go towards the Church Renovation project.

Our sincere thanks to Newton, Cynthia, Cedric, Ricardo, Romaine and Raina, and to everyone who contributed their time, energy and generosity to make the Food Stall such a wonderful success.

Your support and commitment to our parish community are greatly appreciated.

God bless you all!



10am
4pm

Saturday 14th November
at St Simon's School



Can you volunteer?

We need people to volunteer. Tell us where your experience and expertise lies sign up at church foyer or contact Jenny or Toni (see details below)



Donations and sponsorship is vital

Thinking of Sponsoring or donating... please ask us HOW ??



Stall captains meeting

Meeting no 2 to be held 15/10 at school teachers staff room enter via front door 7pm.



Books, CDs, toys, and trash and treasure

Donations of Books, CDs, any toys and trash and treasure can be dropped off to Jenny at Parrish centre on Saturday 10/10, 17/10 or 24/10 from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please pick a day and time that suits.



Conflute Signs

These are an important promotional tool to advertise. They are on church fence and we need your help. If you have a location or a place to display, please collect from Jenny, who will be available on 10/10 at Mass



Fete Raffle on Sale

Tickets \$2
13 amazing prizes
We need your support



Need information call

Toni Coates 0409 855 889
Bill Leane 0411 289 319
Jenny Maxwell 0403 832 731



TICKETS

\$2 EACH
(BOOKS OF 10)

ON SALE

TO DRAW 3PM ON
SAT 14th NOVEMBER



WRIST BANDS
ON SALE
ONLINE



BUY COMBO PACK (1 OF EACH)



\$45 \$15 \$50



ST SIMONS SOCIAL FUN BOWLS NIGHT

At Dandenong Club

1579 Heatherton Road, Dandenong North, Victoria 3175

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER
7:20pm SHARP - 9:30pm



- ✓ 4 GAMES OF BOWLS (3 ends per game)
- ✓ FINGER FOOD
- ✓ DRINKS AVAILABLE AT BAR PRICES

BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 15/10

BOOK ONLINE NOW TO SAVE A SPOT



Must buy ticket online use QR code

CREATE YOUR TEAM OF 4 - FRIENDS OR FAMILY! ENTER VIA QR CODE

\$30 per person

Meals available in restaurant or Bistro from 6pm

2026 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)

Thank you to all who took Raffle books. There are 50 books yet to returned worth \$1,000, so if you haven't yet returned your ticket butts with payment, please do so by returning them to the Parish Office or at the Help Desk.

Tickets returned after 8 November will not go in the draw. Please keep your tickets until the draw date of 5 December 2026.

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

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A place where we belong

I have been blessed to be a part of the wonderful and welcoming St Simon community since I moved to Rowville in 2010.

I had my 2 daughters soon after I joined St Simon and they attend St Simon Primary School and have received their Sacraments through St Simon Church. As a little girl, my dad would bring our family for weekly charismatic prayer

meetings back in our hometown in Malaysia and I thoroughly enjoyed it; so I was always on the lookout for a parish that had a charismatic service once I moved to Australia. I was thrilled when I discovered the charismatic 11am mass with the awesome choir! It gave me the opportunity to introduce it to my children since they were little. Now, as my children

have grown, they have had the amazing opportunity to be part of the Charismatic Youth Mass. My eldest daughter, who is now 15 years old, has volunteered to do the reading and also commentating. I have been involved as a Sacristan for the Youth mass and my youngest daughter occasionally comes in with me to help with church cleaning duties. It gives me great joy to see my children growing in their spirituality and wanting to be involved in Church as there are so many new forms of distractions affecting the youth.

I am so grateful for the connections and friendships that we have formed as we have gotten more involved in church and I encourage families, especially with young kids, tweens, teens and young adults to come and be part of this amazing and welcoming community. We have truly been blessed to find a place where we can grow in our faith, where we feel welcomed and where feel like we belong! - Diana Shanty



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.

Please bring a plate to share

Enquiries: Sr Maureen | 0410 755 972

Celebrating St Francis of Assisi

This year, we mark **800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi**, one of the most beloved saints of the Catholic Church. His life continues to speak to us today through his deep love of God, his simplicity of life and his profound respect for creation.

Francis recognised that all creation is a gift from God. He saw the beauty of creation as a reflection of the Creator and called all creatures his brothers and sisters. His joyful spirit and care for the poor remind us that faith is not simply something we believe, but something we are called to live.

In a world often shaped by busyness, consumption and distraction, St Francis invites us to slow down, live simply and recognise God's presence in the ordinary things around us.

As we celebrate his feast, may we be inspired by his example to care more deeply for one another, for those in need and for our common home. May we, like Francis, allow our lives to become a prayer of gratitude for God's wonderful creation.



WE PRAY FOR

Those who have recently died and whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Anthony Joel Selvanayagam, Jayamani Kurien, Manry Raffaut, Jaques Duhau, Roland Otto, Felix Perumal,

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

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 5 OCT	TUE 6 OCT	WED 7 OCT	THUR 8 OCT	FRI 9 OCT	SAT 10 OCT	SUN 11 OCT
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	2.00pm First Holy Communion (Fr Jerald)	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
4.30pm (PC) First Communion Parent Workshop	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.30am (PC) Viv's ReCare	10.00am (Stonez) Women's Group	10.00am (Meeting Rm) The Well	4.00pm First Holy Communion (Fr Jerald)	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
6.30pm (PC) First Communion Parent Workshop	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	7.00pm (PC) SYCAMORE	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	7.30pm (PC) RCIA	7.30pm (St Jude's) Multi-cultural Rosary		8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6.00pm Mass (Fr Dominic)	5.00pm (Church) Charismatic Youth Mass
7.00pm (Meeting Rm) SVDP Meeting		7.30pm (Church) Baptism Prep				6.00pm (PC) St Simon's Warriors

First Reading: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm 79

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a

tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see?’
‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

Blessing of Pets at St Simon’s

Sunday 4 October @St Simon’s Parish, 2 Taylors Ln, Rowville, 4.00pm

All pets and their families are welcome!

Please assemble with your pets on the School Netball Courts before 4pm.

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



NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER		28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 10/11 OCTOBER 2026 Isaiah 25:6-10, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14			
MASS TIMES	10 OCT, SATURDAY 6.00PM	11 OCT, SUNDAY 9.00AM	11 OCT, SUNDAY 11.00AM	11 OCT, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Stephen White	Phil Mawdsley	Loretta Hughes	Damon	
Reader 1	De Mel Family	Margaret Ng	Alf Kakala	Zara	
Reader 2	Marcello Martino	Dorothy Stack	Ingrid Kertesi	Claire	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando	Victoria Kong	Roseline Acker		
Children’s Liturgy			Janine F, Danika S		
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart & Bernie Fernando	Church Cleaning	Marina Ruffolo, Diana Paul-Anna, Kim Phoon
				Volunteer Needed	