

MASS TIMES

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am
Fri: 6-7pm Adoration
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)
Sun: 9.00 & 11.00 am
Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass**
RECONCILIATION
Fri: From 6-7pm
Sat: From 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Tue to Fri 9am-4pm
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—3rd SUN of the month

For application form refer to our website or call parish office on 9764 4058.
Email: Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

Theresa Abraham (Tue)
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WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP.

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

ANointing of the Sick

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St Simon's on 9764 4058

FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES 4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross —13th and 14th of September 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

Gospel Reflection – John 3:13–17

In this passage, Jesus reminds us of the mystery of God's love. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert to bring healing, so too the Son of Man must be lifted up—on the Cross—for our salvation. This lifting up is not simply about suffering, but about exaltation, for in the Cross we see both the depth of God's love and the triumph of His mercy.

The words, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son," are at the very heart of our faith. God's love is not distant or conditional—it is personal, sacrificial, and life-giving. He did not send His Son to condemn, but to save. In a world that can often feel heavy with judgement, these words shine as a beacon of hope.

This Gospel invites us to look at the Cross not with sorrow alone, but with gratitude and faith. It is the sign of God's unfailing love for each one of us. As we carry our own daily crosses, we are reminded that through Christ, every burden can become a doorway to new life.

Let us ask for the grace to live in the light of this truth—trusting God's love, embracing the gift of salvation, and sharing that hope with others.

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

2025 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)

Thank you for all your support in the Raffle in support of St Simon's Parish. Please note that tickets, sold or unsold, need to be returned by Sunday, 14th Sep. You may return the tickets with payment to the Parish Office during office hours or at each of the weekend Masses to the Raffle Volunteer in the foyer or at the Welcome Desk. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Fundraiser

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held from 30th November – 2nd December 2025. To support our parish youth who will be attending this special event, we are holding a Sausage Sizzle on Sunday, 28th September after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.

We are blessed to have seven participants from our parish preparing to attend. So far, one generous sponsorship of \$300 has already been received – thank you! We warmly invite you to support this fundraiser if you are able. Your generosity will help our young people take part in this wonderful celebration of faith.

Support Our Youth, Celebrate Our Faith

Safeguarding Sunday, 14 September

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

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Funeral of Christine Fernando

The Funeral of Christine Fernando will be held at St Simon's on Tuesday, 16th September.

Viewing: 10.30am

Funeral Mass: 11.00am

As a parish community, we extend our heartfelt condolences to her family during this time of loss.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

New Saints to Guide Our Parish: St Pier Giorgio Frassati & St Carlo Acutis

On September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV canonized two inspiring young laymen—**St Pier Giorgio Frassati**, a magnanimous soul from early-20th-century Turin known for his ardent charity and living the Beatitudes; and **St Carlo Acutis**, a Millennial teenager who lovingly shared his faith through technology and a profound devotion to the Eucharist.

Their lives remind us that holiness flows through ordinary moments: caring for others, joyful prayer, and creative use of one's talents for the glory of God. As Pope Leo shared in his homily, these young saints call us "not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces."

Let us entrust them to intercede for our youth and parish community—that we too may walk in holiness, using our gifts for the Gospel, as they did.

Pot Luck Dinner

Our next parish pot luck dinner will be held on Friday the 19th of Sept after our 6.00pm adoration. Come and join us for a lovely evening shared. Please bring a plate to share.

Movie's at St Simons

Will now be held every 3rd and 4th Friday's of every month after morning mass.

The following movies have been scheduled for the month of August.

19th September : Fatima

26th September : Bernadette of Lourdes

Come and join us for coffee, tea and biscuits and enjoy the movie.

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The Well

Will be held on Friday the 19th of September in the parish Meeting room from 10.00am onwards.
For more information please contact
Loretta.hughes@cam.org.au

SSJ YOUTH GROUP

Year 5 to Year 10 students

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Dinner will be provided. A \$5 - \$10 donation is most welcome.

SUNDAY 21ST SEPT
6:30 - 8:00PM

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For more information, please contact
Denise & Dinelle:
0435 742 838 / ssjyouthteam@gmail.com

Save the Dates – Upcoming Parish Events

Our Social and Fundraising Committee has been busy planning a wonderful calendar of events for our parish community. Please mark these dates in your diary – we would love your support and participation!

Food Stall & BBQ (Youth Group Fundraiser) – Sunday, 28th September 2025.

Melbourne Cup Function – Tuesday, 4th November 2025

Dinner Dance – Saturday, 22nd November 2025

Melbourne Cup Luncheon – Saturday, 18th April 2026

Parish Fete – 18th April 2026

Business Directory—if you own a business and would like to advertise in our Business Directory, please do pick a leaflet up from the Foyer.

These events are a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, friendship, and fun while supporting our parish.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, 17th Sept from 11:30 am—2:30 pm
Theme: Normal

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

For more info. contact Brian Crowley on 0429 090 770.
We look forward to seeing you all soon!



Recent Death: Christine Fernando, Nicola Lyke, Joshua Lee and Jose Y Dela Cruz.

Anniversary of Death: Zayne Cramer, Godwin Fernando, Therese Clarke, R G Pereira, Therese Fernando

Prayer for the Sick: Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong, Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Jenny Liston, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Adrien Cerdor, Nigel Quadros, Andrew Bianchin, Aneta Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette and Murray Ukena, Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjou, Ruevin Serrand.

Novena to St Jude Thaddeus Apostle of Hope



Join us for a Powerful 9-Day Novena
to St Jude Thaddeus -
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*Come and experience the strength of prayer
and the hope that St Jude offers to those in need.
All are welcome to take part in this spiritual journey
of faith, healing and trust in God's mercy.*

Date : from 19th October 2025 to 27th October 2025

Time : 6:30 pm Mass and 7:00 pm Adoration & Novena

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Readings for Exaltation of the Cross—13th and 14th of September 2025

First Reading—Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77

Response: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Second Reading—Philippians 2:6-11

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the

knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

**We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.**

Alleluia!

Gospel—John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.

Mon 15th of Sept	Tue 16th of Sept	Wed 17th of Sept	Thu 18th of Sept	Fri 19th of Sept	Sat 20th of Sept	Sun 21st of Sept
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
	10.30am (Church) Funeral of Christine Fernando	11.00am (Parish Centre) Vivi's RE Care	5-9.00pm (Parish Church) SSS Choir	10.00am—(Parish Cinema) Movie Morning	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (MGL)
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group			10.00am (Parish Meeting Room) The Well	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (MGL))
	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting			3pm (Parish Centre) Warriors Monthly Outreach	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Dominic) (<u>Livestream</u>)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
				6.00pm (Parish Church) Adoration		3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 20th and 21st of September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Amos 8: 4-7, 1 Timothy 2: 1-8, Luke 16: 1-13

Mass Times	Saturday 20th Sept 6.00pm		Sunday 21st Sept 9.00am		Sunday 22nd Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Tineke Edwards		Margaret Ng		Christina Liew	
Reader 1	Graham Edwards		Paige Law		Pia Pagotta	
Reader 2	Terry O'Donnell		Bernard Mulholland		Aarya/Diana Paul Anna	
Welcome Desk	Yvonne Muspratt		Victoria King		Val D'Souza	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy		Teresa V and Ildi C	
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Lidwin and Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Tony Costanzo and Volunteer	5.00pm Volunteer