



St. Simon the Apostle Parish

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sundays: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

OTHER MASS TIMES:

Mondays to Saturdays: 9.15am

Tuesdays: 7.00pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 9.45am

BAPTISMS:

First Sat 11.30am, Third Sun 12.30pm

(Please check website for available dates)

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION:

Tues (school term): 4:15pm - 5:15pm

WEDDINGS & MARRIAGE PREP:

Contact Parish Office.

ANointing OF THE SICK:

When required or at 9.15am Mass

on the First Friday of the Month

PARISH COUNCIL:

parishcouncil@stsimonsparish.com.au

MASS ON RADIO:

Mass from St. Simon's is broadcast on 89.9 FM The Light - at 7am Sundays

PARISH HALL HIRE:

St. Simon's Parish Hall is available for hire After School Hours and Weekends. For enquiries, contact the Parish Office during Office Hours. Phone: 9764 4058.

PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE:

Contact the Parish Office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE:

1800 305 330

June 21, 2020 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friends of slain teen Solomone Taufeulungaki paid tribute to their "gentle giant" as his devastated family stood where he was fatally stabbed, vowing to forgive his attackers less than 24 hours after his death.

The 15-year-old's father 'Atunaisa was overcome with grief and collapsed to the ground as he approached the scene with Solomone's mother, Salome and aunt on Wednesday morning.

Solomone, known as Solo, was fatally stabbed after he was attacked by up to 10 people outside Brimbank Shopping Centre in Deer Park in Melbourne's west on Tuesday afternoon.

Friends said Solomone was an "innocent boy" who may not have been the target of the fatal attack, which unfolded opposite his family's church - the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Solomone's mother described her son as humble, active and funny. "We don't want any justice," she said. "We want our son back home. We did not have a chance to see him last night so we wanted to come here." Both parents said the family had prayed and vowed to forgive their son's attackers. "Everyone dies in a different situation," 'Atunaisa said.

"Heavenly father needed my son to come back. We don't know who is their [the attackers'] family but we love them ... the parents don't teach bad things to the children. It's their children's choice."

"The Age", Thurs. June 18



It was 1976 when Elton John first sang the challenging yet insightful lyric: *"Sorry seems to be the hardest word"*.

Yes, recognising we have done wrong, then framing and expressing an apology is never easy. And for the person who has been hurt, damaged or offended, accepting that apology can be even more difficult.

But offering genuine forgiveness, especially if an expression of sorrow or contrition is yet, if ever, to come, that's something which can be very "hard" indeed.

Following the horrific stabbing of 15 year-old Solomone Taufeulungaki at a Deer Park shopping centre on Tuesday, the words of forgiveness uttered by the teen's grief-stricken parents had to be heard to be believed.

It's likely that many who heard their heartfelt words of forgiveness may have recalled the words of Jesus dying on the Cross: *"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do"*. (Luke 23: 34).

Christian faith, tradition and teaching puts enormous emphasis both on seeking forgiveness when we have done wrong, and on offering it when we ourselves have been wronged. But it is in the "Lord's Prayer" itself that we find the most powerful and specific

requirement for those who follow Jesus to be people of forgiveness. You know it already, of course, but it should still be printed here: *"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"* (Matt: 6:12).

Atunaisa and Salome Taufeulungaki are ordinary people who somehow have given an extraordinary witness to the capacity of their noble human spirits to find forgiveness in the most extreme of circumstances and of personal grief. We can honour them best - as we should - by trying to imitate their grace-filled example in our own lives.



Rosters for weekend of 27th & 28th June 2020

Mass Times	4.00 pm	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
Reader 1	Cedric Fick	Fiona Gonsalvez	Lanny Pincott	Alf Kakala
Reader 2	Cedric Fick	Fiona Gonsalvez	Lanny Pincott	Alf Kakala
Commentator	John Dorton	Kaye Williams	Tony Biviano	Jacqui Giuliano
Mass Recorder	Alden D' Couto		Homily Typist:	Michelle Goh
Church Cleaning	John & Anne Duhau, Kongolo Kalumba, Mary Billing			

PARISH DIARY

During this period of restrictions (20 parishioners per Mass), pre-registration is required to attend Mass at church as outlined



Monday June 22

10.15am: Mass (filming of Tuesday Liturgy)
11.00am: Rosary after Mass

Tuesday June 23

10.15am: Mass (filming of Wednesday Liturgy)

Wednesday June 24

10.15am: Mass (filming of Thursday Liturgy)
12.00pm: Mass (filming of Sunday Liturgy)

Thursday June 25

10.15am: Mass (filming of Friday Liturgy)

Friday June 26

10.15am: Mass

Saturday June 27 - NO morning Mass

9.45am: Reconciliation

4.00pm: Mass

6.00pm: Mass

Sunday June 28

9.00am: Mass

11.00am: Mass

PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES!!

MASS TIMES

- There will be **NO Saturday morning Mass** (until we are able to have unlimited numbers at Mass). **HOWEVER**, there will be **TWO** Masses (using the Sunday liturgy) on **Saturday afternoon at 4.00 pm** and on **Saturday evening at 6.00 pm**. (Limit of 20 parishioners per Mass.)
- There will be **TWO Sunday** Masses celebrated - at **9.00 am** and at **11.00am**. (Limit of 20 parishioners per Mass.)

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be at 9.45 am on Saturday mornings. It will be in the Chapel area adjacent to the Church. Wait on the left side of the foyer (3 red chairs). You can either kneel in front of the screen, or sit opposite Fr. Kevin (allowing the usual 1.5 metre social distancing). No sign-in is required. Please exit through the church (follow the arrows).

PRIVATE PRAYER

A chapel has been set up at the new Parish Centre. For the time being, it will be open on **Mondays and Fridays only**, from **1.00pm to 4.00pm**. Entrance is via the Parish Office, and sign-in will be required. We can only allow 2 people at a time or up to 4 within the same family.

RULES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH (Limit reinstated back to 20 parishioners)

Please PRE-register for ALL Masses:

1. the full names of all intended attendees,
2. your telephone number,
3. your email address (if any) and
4. your preferred Mass day(s),

by emailing to:

massrequest@stsimonsparish.com.au.

If you don't have access to email, you can phone: **0491 176 149** - but email is preferred if possible.

You will receive a confirmation number within a day and ***should only attend if you have received this confirmation.***

Please do **NOT** contact the Parish Office phone or email for Mass attendance registrations.

SOUP AND SOUL

NEXT GATHERING ON ZOOM
THURSDAY, JULY 2ND AT 7.30PM
TOPIC : FEAR AND FAITH

Please call the office or email Loretta for zoom details:
loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au



BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM on MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

SIX EVENING & MORNING sessions held FORTNIGHTLY:

EVENING SESSIONS – 7.30pm via ZOOM

SESSION DATES: Jun 23, Jul 14, 28, Aug 11, 25.

Email Loretta for details: loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au

MORNING SESSIONS – 11.00am

Venue: Parish Hall following COVID19 safety instructions

COMMENCES: Tuesday, June 23

SESSION DATES: Jun 23, 30, Jul 14, 28, Aug 11, 25.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE RISEN IN THE LORD

Recent Deaths: Prins Fernandes

Anniversary of Death: Rupert Lewis, Horrie Greely,
Ted Horsington, Mary Fernandes



PROJECT COMPASSION

Parishioners and school families are kindly requested to return all Project Compassion boxes either via the school tub or Parish Office by **next Wednesday, June 24.**

Thank you all for your support and generosity.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

As you may have seen, the Parish is providing pre-recorded services online through our YouTube channel and website www.stsimonsparish.com.au. This is proving an important way for parishioners to experience a form of Mass. We are hoping to be able to provide this service indefinitely. To do so, we are seeking volunteers who can help with the **video editing of the pre-recordings for the weekday Masses** to help our Business Manager, Peter Evans, who has been doing all the editing. (Peter will continue to do the Sunday Masses as this also has to be prepared for rebroadcast on The Light FM radio station.) As Peter is using a Mac running FinalCut Pro, his preference is for someone who has this platform at home and has skills with it. If you think you can help, please contact Peter on 9764 4058 or peter@stsimonsparish.com.au Thanks!

2020 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)

Parishioners & school families of St Simon's are requested to **return their Raffle Tickets** (sold or unsold) to the **Parish Office /School Tub** latest by **Friday, 7 August 2020** please.

Drawing of tickets has been postponed and tickets will be **drawn on 26 September 2020.**

Thank you all for your support and co-operation.

CINEMA OR MOVIE CLUBS

Any parishioner who would like to be involved with a Movie or Cinema Club (this is possible, even within our "Lockdown" situation) is invited to contact Fr. Kevin on 0421 777 360 or frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au. We will need six or more people to form a "club" where a book can be read or a movie viewed, with "members" coming together online for a discussion and social catch-up.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

(for month of June)

Eliza Catanzariti, Adam Stagg, Brian Harriss, Ebony Sawyer, Vannessa Williams, Sarah Cristanelli, Gian Carlo Padua, Michelle D'Rozario, Christian Lar, Caitlin Ferdinands, Ewa Toomey, Faye Zaher, Anna Sloan, Dillon rajendran, Maddie Cole, Amy Chew, Lachlan Young, Risa Watson, John Ottewill, Miranda King, Andrew Samuel, Andrew Ottewill, Nirmala Andrew, Andre Ferdinands, Nick Brennan, Margie Barcial, Trudy Viney, Peter-Julian Tanti, Cory Santos, Nancy Collins, Nicholas Watson, Paul Debono, Kimberley Gomez, Michael Ng, Gabriel Danlag, Miguel Danlag, Julie Giulieri, Carolyn Ciampoli, David Koroknai, Wayne Gillman, Olivia Rodrigues, James Rushton, Jack Balakas, Reg Emons, Jazz Deol, Olivia Giuliano, Ashley Marasco, Liam McAleese, Lyn Emons, Callum Nathaniel Sheehan, Nicholas Wong, Natalie Borovic, Yvonne Footman, Ella-Rose Cook, Anielle Jasmin, Margaret Ng, Michael Umipig, Suzette Diaz, Chris Mann, Jacinta Maxwell, Karen Wesley, Justin Failla, Samuel Rupasinghe, Stephanie Olivetti, Hannah Petrie.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

If you volunteer for any of our Parish Ministries and Groups, you may have attended a presentation back in February this year, where you were handed a statement of *Commitment, Policy, Procedures and Code of Conduct for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People*. If you still have it and have not reviewed or returned the documents, please do so soon.

If you did not attend the presentation back in February and have not got the statement of *Commitment, Policy, Procedures and Code of Conduct for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People*, please pick up a copy from the Parish Office.

If you do not have a "Working With Children Check" Card, please apply for one online by visiting:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

If you already have a Card, click "**Update my Details**".

If you **don't** have a WWCC Card, click: "**Apply for a Check**".

In both cases, follow the prompts and make sure that "**St. Simon the Apostle Parish – 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville, 3178 – 03 9764 4058**" is added to "**Organisation Details**". Under the field "**Child-related work**", choose category "**64-Religious Organisation**" or click the link "**MyCheck Account.**"

Please note that **ALL** volunteers need to have reviewed and signed the statement of *Commitment, Policy, Procedures and Code of Conduct for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People*, **as well as** the "WWCC" card.

Please provide the Parish Office with your "WWCC" details so we can complete and update our records.

If you don't have access to the Internet or need help to do the above, please call the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy 30th

Wedding Anniversary to:

IMELDA & PETER EVANS.

**May the Risen Lord who has blessed you,
continue to shine His light on you for
many more Happy years ahead.**

June 21, 2020 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm: 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a

law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

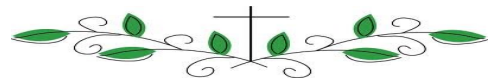
Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



*Next Week's Readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16; Romans 6:3-4,8-11;
Matthew 10:37-42*

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