St Simon the Apostle Primary School

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14th July 2016. No. 1412

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday’s Mass Reading was the story of the “Good Samaritan”. It is one of the stories in the Bible that teachers enjoy teaching. It is a practical example of who our neighbour is and how we should treat our neighbour. It is also the story of how we can alienate people because of rules. The Levite and priest did not care for the injured man as their religion and culture instructed them that the injured man was “unclean”. It was the Samaritan who saw the injured man and decided that he needed help.


29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’
36 ‘Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?’
37 ‘The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Stewardship Program – In this week’s Contact parents will find information relating to the parish Stewardship Program. I would ask parents to read this information as it relates to the school’s active involvement in the parish. We are very fortunate to have a parish that supports the school in so many areas.

Sacrament of Confirmation - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 13th August and Sunday 14th August at 2.00pm & 4pm on both days.

Grandparent’s Day Liturgy – To celebrate Grandparent’s Day, Grade One Red will be presenting a liturgy at 11.30am on Friday 22nd July. All grandparents are invited. Following the One Red Liturgy there will be morning tea for the grandparents followed by a visit to their grandchildren’s classrooms.

Year 6 Parents Graduation Meeting – Will be on Wednesday 17th August at 2.30pm. This will be a short meeting to form a committee and plan the meetings leading into the year 6 graduation.

Term Letters – Parents will receive their child’s classroom term letter this week. If you have any questions or queries regarding the information in the letter please contact your child’s class teacher.

Year 1 Prayer Night – Will be on Wednesday 7th September at 6.30pm.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - For parents of children in Years 2 Red or 3 Yellow will take place in the Meeting Rooms in the administration area. This is for parents who have interviews on Monday 18th July or Thursday 21st July. If parents in Years 2 Red or 3 Yellow have not made an appointment and would like an interview please go to the school website and register online before 1.30pm on Thursday 21st July.

2017 Prep Enrolment – If there are any current families who still have not submitted an application form for Prep 2017, please do so as soon as possible as we need to finalize our enrolment list. Late enrolments after this week may not be accepted.

School Closure Day – The school closure day for Term 3 is Monday 22nd August. Please note the change. This is due to the District Athletics on Friday 19th August.

Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Weeks 2 & 3

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Love In Action Is Service
School Start: Parents are reminded that any child who arrives at school before 8.20am must attend the Out of School Hours Program. Teacher supervision does not commence until 8.20am and children are legally required to be supervised.

Ambulance: All families are encouraged to be members of the Ambulance Service. If a child requires to be transported by an ambulance to hospital the cost is the responsibility of the parents.

Congratulations: To the Pulitano family on the birth of a baby girl, Mia. Sister to Sienna (2B), Daniela (Prep B) & Valentina (Prep B).

The Good Manners Award goes to Blake Norman (1G) and Uniform Award goes to Irene Jacob (3R). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

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**CANTEEN WILL RE-OPEN NEXT MONDAY 18TH JULY**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**OFFICE NEWS**

SCHOOL FEES: Accounts will be sent home this week. Unless you have an arrangement in place, parents are reminded that all fees except Years 3 & 4 camps and swimming are now due and payable by Friday 29th July. Prompt payment is appreciated.

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

Note to the Taxman

A dying man, who had no surviving family members, summoned his accountant to his deathbed. He said, "When I die, I want you to have my remains cremated."

"And what would you like me to do with your ashes?" asked the accountant.

The old man replied, "Put them in an envelope and mail them to the Inland Revenue with a note saying, "Now you have everything."

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**ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS**

After an abundance of entries for the Nude food and keeping our school clean competition, the environmental leaders were able to successfully choose a winner from each year level.

Congratulations to the following children for their creative posters and for all the children in all year levels for contributing to such a fantastic competition.

We know everyone is trying really hard in continuing to keep our school clean and tidy, free from wrappers and rubbish.

The winners are:

Preps- Mia Clarensaw (PB)
Year 1- Melia Costonzo-Vidot (1G)
Year 2- Daniel Morgan (2B)
Year 3- Sienna Orlando (3G)
Year 4- Ben Mudie (4B)
Year 5- Tahlia and Krishana (5Y)
Year 6- Brianna Stanbury (6Y)

Don’t forget next Term will be NUDE Food day every THURSDAY in Term 3. The environmental leaders will come around at the beginning of the term to give each class a container for the wrappers only bought to school on Thursdays.

The wrappers will then be collected and tallied throughout the term and a winner will be announced at the end of the term.

Good luck!

The Environmental Team

Mrs Wharton and Rubey Philp, Emma Camilleri, Michael Porcino and Zachary Pascu.
WUSHKA Holiday Reading Challenge

WOW! What a fantastic response and huge number of enthusiastic readers we have here. Well done to everyone who participated in the Holiday Reading Challenge.

Special congratulations to the following classes for their outstanding participation: 3 Green, 5 Red, 1 Blue, 4 Blue, 2 Red, Prep Green, 4 Green, 5 Green, Prep Yellow, 6 Blue, 1 Yellow, 3 Yellow, 5 Yellow, 2 Yellow, 2 Green, 1 Green, 3 Red, 1 Red, 5 Blue, 4 Red, 6 Yellow, 6 Green, Prep Red, 2 Blue, 6 Red, Prep Blue and 3 Blue!

Keep up the great reading!
John Downie, Literacy Co-ordinator

**WUSHKA TRIAL FEEDBACK**

Dear Parent/caregivers,

We have reached the end of our WUSHKA eBook resource trial.

In order to make a decision about whether or not we should subscribe to the program, we would like some feedback from you, which will only take you a couple of minutes.

Please follow the link below and complete the feedback form by Monday, July 18.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5Bd0RRGkhsiv4JMd3HCCXYZiV7b9kgsVsG93YpMfOD-bGHWg/viewform

Thank you in anticipation,
John Downie, Literacy Co-ordinator

**QUOTES FROM NEERAJA 5 BLUE**

"We were born to be real not perfect"
"If you judge people you have no time to love them."
"If you can’t help 100 people, help one."
"You have to dream before your dream comes true."

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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**MARATHON CLUB**

**EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING ON THE ST. SIMON’S OVAL BETWEEN 8.20AM AND 8.40AM. Everybody welcome, open to all year levels and parents.**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

The following students have been selected from each class for their outstanding achievements within the school. We congratulate the following:

Prep B – Daniela Pulitano
1 Blue – Sebastian Hart
2 Blue – Tara Fonseka
3 Blue – Amelia Azar
4 Blue – Eloisa Foti
5 Green –
6 Green –

Prep G – Keira Aponso
1 Green – Alex Diamantopoulos
2 Green – Nikolas Grech
3 Green – Bailey Sanders
4 Green –
5 Red – Isaac Haining
6 Red – Nicholas Muratore

Prep R – Whole Class
1 Red – Whole Class
2 Red – Cian Swanson
3 Red – Brady Reid
4 Red – Joshua Laciarde
5 Yellow – Ethan Valenzuela
6 Yellow – Emily Wilson

Prep Y – Georgia Perkins
1 Yellow – Michael Zhang
2Y – Abbigail Jayasuriya
3 Yellow – Kevin Martin
5 Blue – Zoe Hinkle
6B – Tanya Stibil
Michael Lanzone

**MUSIC NEWS:** Well done to the following students – Trent Ciampoli (4B) on receiving his Yellow Belt. Samuel Salanitri (4G), Nathanael Kuek (4G) and Nicholas Kok (4G) who have now achieved their Orange Belts.

Congratulations to Jemmah Bryant (4B) who is now on her Green Belt and has moved onto her Blue Book. Well done, everyone.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY:** This week’s award goes to Sebastian Ordonez (5G) & Cassidy Germano (6G)

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Happy to announce that Canteen will reopen next Monday 18th July. Price list attached to Contact and can be viewed on the school website.

Tamara Dell’Aquila Canteen Co-ordinator
CANTENE ROSTER:  
Monday  18/07  Tash L, Rebecca C, Lisa H, Clare S  
Friday  22/07  Linda H, Sarah S, Anne-Marie M, Antoinette G, Marisa B


UNIFORM SHOP:  
Tuesday  19/07  Kathy W, Sylvia, Angela  2.30pm – 3pm

SECOND HAND UNIFORM NEWS

The uniform shop will be holding a second hand uniform shop sale day in Term 3 where you can come and browse the second hand uniforms available for sale. Date will be WEDNESDAY 20th JULY from 9am to 11am and 1pm to 3pm. This is for second hand uniforms ONLY!!

For parents who leave items for sale please note that worn or excessively faded uniform with holes, stains, faulty zippers or missing buttons cannot be accepted for sale. Also items must be clean. Items deemed unsatisfactory for resale will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul or discarded.

The uniform shop will only sell second hand St. Simon’s approved school uniform items that meet with current uniform standards – not items from other retail outlets. Thank you for your co-operation. Any queries phone Teresa Dalle-Nogare, Second hand Uniform Co-ordinator 0419 359 697.

NAZARETH COLLEGE OPEN MORNINGS: Nazareth College has a number of Open Mornings scheduled this term –
- Friday 22nd July,
- Tuesday 9th August,
- Thursday 18th August,
- Wednesday 31st August,
- Tuesday 13th September.

All Open Mornings commence at 9.00am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

LIBERTY AVE 3 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN: OPEN DAY Sunday 24th July from 10am to 12 noon. Free show bag for each family. Come along to see our quality program in action, meet our wonderful Early Childhood Educators and join in the fun. www.libertyavenuekindergarten.com.au 9764 4746. Enrolment will be possible during the open day for 2016 (subject to vacancy) and 2017. Enrolment fee of $15 per application applies.

SUPER SPEAK: Is Melbourne’s award winning public speaking & drama programme for 6 – 15 year olds, runs fun weekly classes for students to help them to develop confidence and skill in presentations, performance and everyday communication. Rowville classes are held on Monday afternoons. For more information, timetable and enrolments visit www.superspeak.com.au or call 9572 5249 for more information.

MAZENOD UNITED FC: Term 3 – don’t miss out & sign up now! Kick off Saturday 16th July at 10.30am. St Eugene’s Park, Mazenod College Kerner Ave Mulgrave. FFA accredited coaching and skills program for boys and girls ages 3- 8 on Saturday mornings 10.30am to 11.30am. Term 3 duration 11 weeks. Contact Phil Sakellaridis to register asap mazenod.grassroots@gmail.com

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

AVILA COLLEGE 'OPEN SCHOOL' MORNING – Avila College would like to invite prospective students and their parents to our next Open School Morning on Wednesday, August 10th. The morning commences at 9am with a College tour followed by a presentation by the Principal, Ms Louise Gunther and the College Leadership Team. Our final Open Morning for 2016 will be in Term 4 – on Thursday 20th October. Online registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au clicking on Enrolment and then Open Mornings. Phone 9831 9600. Parking is limited, so please allow time for parking in nearby streets.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Members of the St. Simon’s community are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Mater Christi School Tour on Sunday 7th August 10.00am to 11.00am. For more details contact 9754 6611.

MAZENOD COLLEGE: Tuesday 11th October from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Tours commence 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.30am.

NAZARETH COLLEGE: School Tour Friday 22nd July &Tuesday 9th August from 9.00am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Tuesday 19th July 9.30am & Wednesday 24th August at 9.30am.

KNOX REGIONAL NETBALL CENTRE – Wednesday & Friday Ladies Competitions: The Centre is seeking ladies to participate in its Wednesday & Friday Ladies Competitions. Games are played indoors on sprung wooden floors with qualified umpires. There is a free créche which is staffed by qualified childcare workers. Uniform requirements are relaxed with teams able to wear leggings, skirts, shorts etc. We would love to welcome new teams. For more information please contact the Centre on 9758 7191 or email KnoxNetball.Centre@knox.vic.gov.au.

ROWVILLE LIBRARY – is launching a new program called “Coffee and Cake with an Author” which will be held every second month. Young local Skye Melki-Wegner is the author of the popular “Chasing the Valley” series which is aimed at readers aged 10 plus. Grade 5 and 6 students and their parents may enjoy attending this event. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear this dynamic young author speak while you enjoy coffee (or tea) and cake! FREE EVENT. Rowville library, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Thursday 21st July at 6.30pm. Bookings essential phone 9800 6443.
The Parent’s Association would like to welcome all teachers, students and parents back to term 3 and hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating break.

**Entertainment Books:** This is the final two weeks to place an order for an Entertainment Book. This year customers have a choice and can chose the Book Membership or the Digital Membership, both packed with amazing businesses. They only cost $65 each and $13 from each sale goes directly to the school. Payment can be made by cash or cheque to St. Simon’s Parents’ Association. Payment can also be made by Credit Card directly to Entertainment Books by completing the attached from or via the secure online payments at the following URL [https://www.entbook.com.au/187n821](https://www.entbook.com.au/187n821). If you are using the online payment method and choose to order a Book Membership we will receive notification of your payments and books can be sent to you through the tub system unless you opt to pay an additional delivery charge.

On Friday 22nd July after The Grandparent’s Day Liturgy, The Parents’ Association will be holding a morning tea for all Grandparents. If you are able to assist from 11am onwards, please feel out the Helpers Slip at the end of Contact.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2016**

*For the social event of the year!*

*More details to follow next term.*

Remember: All PA flyers are available at the School office

**Special Note:** All PA return slips (this includes Pizza day orders, chocolate payments and any future events) will no longer be accepted at the Office. All PA ran events return slips will be required to go through the classroom tub system.
2016 Olympics Walkathon
Thursday 18 August 2016

The Parents’ Association is endeavouring to raise funds to support the school. Our objective for this year is to raise money to improve the playground and facilities.

Students are encouraged to wear Olympics themed clothing on the day of the Walkathon. All students should be wearing comfortable sports shoes.

Key Walkathon dates
Sponsorship forms distributed on Monday 1 August
Requests for Parent and grandparent helpers Monday 1 August
Walkathon to occur on Thursday 18 August
Forms and money due back Thursday 1 September

Further details will be provided via Contact in the coming weeks.

ATTN: St. Simon's Parent's Association

GRANDPARENTS DAY MORNING TEA - HELPER SLIP

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

Eldest child’s grade ___________________ Child's name: ___________________________

☐ I am able to help at the Grandparents Morning Tea on Friday 22nd July at 11am.
# St. Simon’s Canteen
## Menu & Price List 2016
### RE-OPENING MONDAY 18TH JULY, 2016
#### “UPDATED MENU”

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**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR BAG IS CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME AND CLASS. MONEY SHOULD BE WRAPPED IN CLING WRAP OR FOIL TO PREVENT LOSS. WHEN ORDERING HOT FOOD A LUNCH BAG IS REQUIRED whether it be a brown paper bag or the coloured ones which can be purchased through the Uniform Shop.**
TERM 3 CALENDAR

JULY
Wednesday 13th  Girls Footy All day
Wednesday 15th  Parent Confirmation Program (1) 2pm or 7.30pm
Thursday 14th  Year 5 Excursion to Maroondah Dam
Monday 18th  Division Footy Finals
Tuesday 19th  Mixed Netball Finals 11.30am
Wednesday 20th  Parent Confirmation Program (2) 2pm or 7.30pm
Friday 22nd  Classroom Helpers Program 9am in School Library
Friday 22nd  Feast of Anne & Joachim, Grandparents Day 11.30am (1R)
Monday 25th  National Literacy & Numeracy Week
Tuesday 26th  Rotary Speech Contest
Tuesday 26th  Feast of Anne & Joachim
Wednesday 27th  Kidsview Social Justice Conference
Wednesday 27th  Parent Confirmation Program (3) 2pm or 7.30pm
Wednesday 27th  School Advisory Board Meeting 7pm
Friday 29th  Australian Maths Competition for Years 3 – 6, 9am in school library
Friday 29th  Prep 100 days of school Celebration (Prep R)

AUGUST
Monday 1st  Assembly / Liturgy 2.30pm (Prep B)
Monday 1st  Division Soccer Finals
Tuesday 2nd  Advisory Board Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 2nd  Confirmation Reflection Day 1- Salesian Retreat
Wednesday 3rd  Parent Confirmation Program (4) 2pm or 7.30pm
Wednesday 3rd  Parents’ Association Meeting 7pm - Salesian Retreat
Thursday 4th  Confirmation Reflection Day 2
Friday 5th  Parish Anointing Mass 9.15am
Friday 5th  School Athletics
Friday 5th  Olympic Games start
Saturday 6th  Feast of the Transfiguration
Monday 8th  Feast of Mary McKillop
Monday 8th  Division Netball Finals
Wednesday 10th  Family Penitential Liturgy 7.30pm
Wednesday 10th  Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 7.30pm
Sat 13th / Sun 14th  Confirmation Masses 2 & 4pm on both days
Monday 15th  National Science Week
Monday 15th  Assumption Mass 11.30am (4B)
Wednesday 17th  Grade 6 Graduation Meeting 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th  Parents Association Meeting 7pm
Friday 19th  District Athletics Day
Monday 22nd  Professional Development Day – No school
Sunday 21st  Olympic Games end
Tuesday 23rd  School Nurse begins visit
Wednesday 24th  Advisory Board Meeting 7pm

SEPTEMBER
Thursday 1st  Father’s Day Stall
Friday 2nd  Parish Anointing Mass 9.15am
Sunday 4th  Father’s Day
Monday 5th  School Assembly Father’s Day 2.30pm (3B)
Wednesday 7th  Para Olympics Start
Wednesday 7th  Year 1 Prayer Night 6.30pm
Wednesday 7th  Advisory Board Meeting 7pm
Thursday 8th  International Literacy Day
Friday 9th  District Summer Sports
Friday 9th  Junior Hoop time
Tuesday 13th  Curriculum Night 6.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 14th  Parish Team Meeting
Friday 16th  End of Term 3 Liturgy 11.30am (5R)
Friday 16th  Term 3 ends early dismissal 1.15pm
Sunday 18th  Para Olympics end

OCTOBER
Saturday 1st  AFL Grand Final
Sunday 2nd  Daylight Savings begins
Monday 3rd  Term 4 begins
Monday 3rd  Assembly 2.30pm
Dear friends,

This weekend we commence a special program – a Parish Stewardship Program which recognises that “Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church.”

Our Parish School
Our wonderful school is an integral part of our parish community and the mission of the parish. We have a strong commitment to Catholic education – providing our children with a strong faith as well as academic education.

As a school family why should I be involved?
By choosing to send your children to our school you have made the decision to be a part of our parish community. We welcome that commitment. This Program will reaffirm the core values of what it means to be a member of our parish community and has the potential to enhance our faith.

What is the Program about?
Over the course of the next few weeks we will ask ourselves what it means to be a part of our parish community here at St Simon the Apostle, Rowville. With the assistance of a range of events and materials – speakers at Mass, banners, bulletins, brochures and the main event of the Program, the Parish Information Meeting - we will reflect on and discuss the three key areas that identify our parish as a special community of faith:

We are a parish that celebrates faith. We know the importance of coming together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist at Mass – it is the foundation of who we are as a Catholic community. But importantly, we don’t merely attend Mass, we celebrate our faith. As Pope Francis says, “..........it is a beautiful thing to do.”

We are a parish that values engagement. We recognise the importance of living our faith through involvement in parish groups and ministries. You are encouraged to be involved either through our parish school or in the other opportunities listed in the Program Time & Talent sheet.

We are a parish that supports generously. We firmly believe in the need to plan and budget for our personal financial commitment to our parish – giving us the resources to sustain our parish today and to grow and respond to Pope Francis’ call to Mission.

We encourage your active involvement in the Program – read the materials, listen to our speakers at Mass each week and discuss the issues with your family and friends. We also invite you to attend the key meeting of the Program – the Parish Information Meeting – see details below.

Let us all use this Program as a wonderful opportunity to grow our special community of faith.

Yours in Christ,

James Clarke
Parish Priest

Phil Hesse
School Principal
Everything we have and all we are is a gift from God. Life itself is God’s gift to us. Our family, our friends, the time we have and our talents have been given to us. Our ability to use these gifts to earn an income is also God’s gift.

Our Stewardship challenge is to develop and then share our gifts with others - no strings attached. We share these gifts out of our love for God and in gratitude to him.

**PARISH INFORMATION MEETING**

**When:** Thursday, 4 August 2016 at 7:30 PM  
**Where:** Info Venue  
**Why:** - Discuss our achievement  
- Hear about our plans  
- Learn more about Stewardship  
**Who:** ALL SCHOOL PARENTS ARE INVITED!

"The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach."

*Pope Francis  
Evangelii Gaudium 28*
**Parish Contribution Reminder**
Thankyou to those families who have completed or are completing their parish contribution. A gentle reminder for those who have not yet, to please do so asap. Any assistance needed please contact the parish office on 9764 4058.

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**Monday Night Prayer Group**
All Welcome to come along.
Monday 25th July at 7.30pm in the Meeting Place. A chance to gather, pray, reflect and share on the Sunday Gospel.
Enquiries: Please phone Margaret on 0418 533 168.

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**“Simon’s Seniors” Morning Tea**
We meet on a monthly basis on the 1st Friday of each month at 10.00am after Anointing Mass in the Side Chapel. We next meet on Friday 5th August. Please bring a plate to share.

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**St Simon’s Youth Group Next Activity**
Where: St Simon’s Church
Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Date: 26th June 2016
Cost: $5.00
Theme: “Movies in Pajamas”
Who: Year 7 -10 students
Reminder: Parents are required to sign your child in and out.

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**Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?**
Adults entering the Catholic Church or just thinking about it, follow a process called RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
RCIA IS FOR: Adults who are not baptised. Adults baptised in another Christian church. Non-practising Catholics wishing to renew faith.
Ring the Parish office on 9764 4058 or Reg on 9790 5616 or just come along to the next session on Tuesday 19 July at 8pm in the parish house (next to the church) “Come and see.”

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**MEDITATION**
“Come aside and rest awhile”
You are invited to join us for gentle, guided meditation and reflection as we take time out to experience God’s presence. Wonderful health benefits for those who practice mediation regularly.
Day/Time: Wednesdays 10am – 11am
Place: Meeting Place (behind Parish Office)
HELP US SUPPORT MEL'S ON A MISSION

We're collecting gently used or new iProducts and iTunes cards

Unlocking memories with music

Have you got an Apple device (iPad, iPod, iPhone etc) at home that you aren’t using anymore and have been meaning to do something with it?

Mel’s mission can help you out by putting your device to good use.

St Simon’s is helping Mel by running a device drive until July 22, 2016. Send your old devices in to school and we will pass them on to Mel who will find new homes for them.

Who is this Mel and what is her mission?
I am Melanie Karajas and my mission is to raise awareness, iProducts and iTunes cards for Music & Memory in Australia. Using personalised playlists on digital devices, the M&M program connects people with Alzheimer’s and other cognitive challenges to their individual histories, giving them back their own music and awakening even long lost memories, identity and personhood.

Visit Mel’s website for more information.

How you can help
❤️ Visit melsonamission.org, watch the ‘Henry’ video and find out more.
❤️ Collect iProducts and/or iTunes cards from your home or office and bring to school.
❤️ Speak with nursing homes and carers in your area about this program.
❤️ Give facebook.com/melsonamission your thumbs up and share this message.

An iProduct is any device that connects to iTunes and plays music. Cracked screens, bumps and bruises are fine, as long as they still play.