

## 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)  
Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

## WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP.

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

## ANointing of the Sick

By private arrangement  
Contact St Jude's Parish office on 9763 7302, or  
St Simon's on 9764 4058

## FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

## SERVICES

**PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE**  
Please Contact Parish Office

## ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

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## DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

**NOTICES** 4.00 pm on WED of this week.

# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

"A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ."

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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time —11th and 12th of October 2025**



## Gospel Reflection – Luke 17:11–19

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of the ten lepers who cry out to Jesus for mercy. Jesus responds with compassion, instructing them to show themselves to the priests, and as they go, all ten are healed. Yet, only one man—a Samaritan—returns to give thanks and praise to God.

This passage is more than just a story of healing; it is a powerful reminder about the importance of gratitude and faith. All ten received the gift of healing, but only one recognised the deeper grace behind the miracle and came back to thank the Giver. His faith, expressed through his thanksgiving, opened the way to a deeper relationship with Christ: "Your faith has saved you."

As disciples, it's easy to bring our needs to God in prayer—but how often do we return with hearts full of gratitude? In a world that moves quickly, taking time to pause, recognise God's goodness, and give thanks transforms our faith. Gratitude draws us closer to the Lord and opens our eyes to the everyday blessings we might otherwise overlook.

May this Gospel invite us to be like the Samaritan—people who not only receive God's gifts but return to praise, thank, and live in the joy of faith.

**With every blessing, Fr Jerald**

## Congratulations to Our First Communion Children

This Saturday, 11th October, at 2.00pm and 4.00pm, a group of our School and parish children will be receiving their First Holy Communion.

We congratulate these young members of our parish as they take this important step in their faith journey.

May this special day be filled with joy, reverence, and a deep sense of God's presence in their lives.

We keep the children, their families, and their teachers in our prayers as they celebrate this beautiful sacrament.

May they continue to grow in love for Jesus, who comes to them in the Eucharist.

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## Novena to St Jude Thaddeus Apostle of Hope



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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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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

**Place : St Jude The Apostle Parish**

**49 George Street, Scoresby VIC 3179**

Phone : (03) 9763 7302 Email: [scoresby@cam.org.au](mailto:scoresby@cam.org.au)

### HE'S ALMOST THERE!! MELBOURNE TO NOOSA

Trent Robertson has almost completed his epic run & cycle from Melbourne to Noosa to raise \$100,000 to fight Neuroblastoma (a childhood cancer affecting 0 to 5 year-olds).

He has run the equivalent of 10 marathons (a 42 – 50 km run every 3 days) and cycled over 1,200 km and so far has raised \$81,690.

Please remember Trent in your prayers as he struggles towards his goal to reach Noosa. To learn Trent's story and if you'd like to donate, go to NOOSA for NEURO:

<https://noosa-for-neuro.raiselysite.com>

THANKYOU

For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of unwanted cars e.g. from deceased states, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds.

You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might donate an unwanted motor vehicle, and (b) identifying someone to assist in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time.

If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon – [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or 0421 777 360.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

### Parish Pot Luck Dinner – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of October

All are warmly invited to join us for a Parish Pot Luck Dinner on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of October following our Adoration Mass.

This is a lovely opportunity to come together in fellowship, share a meal, and enjoy one another's company.

Please bring a plate of food to share—sweet or savoury—all contributions are most welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **5<sup>th</sup> November** 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!



### Movie's at St Simons

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

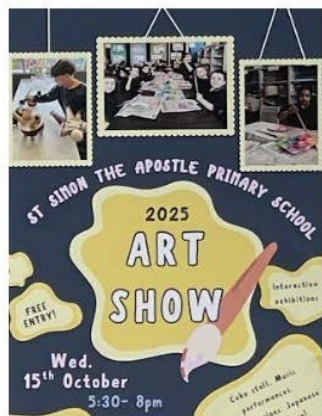
The following movies have been scheduled for the month of August.

**17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** St Carlo Acutis—A Millennial Saint

**31<sup>st</sup> Oct :** Maximillian Saint of Auschwitz

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

Bring your own popcorn!



You are cordially invited to attend our  
2025 Art Show.  
Official opening Wednesday 15th  
October 5.30pm - 8.00pm  
Come and see our creative talents!!

### Parish Wheelchair

A lightweight wheelchair that was kept in the church is currently missing. If you have borrowed it, we kindly ask that you return it to the Parish Centre as soon as possible, as it is needed for parish use. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 18 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew.  
This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales for their boys' home in the Diocese of Doba, Chad, Africa. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

### 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!

**Free Travel Expo:** Monday 13th October 2025  
**Melbourne Cup Function** – Tuesday, 4th November 2025  
**Dinner Dance** – Saturday, 22nd November 2025  
**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. More details will be shared closer to each date.

**Anniversary of Death:** *Irene Rego, Maria Tuyet Nhu, Lawrence Lobo, Dora Mulana, Lena Bertone, Esterina Lopez, Jayamani Kurine*

**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, Anita Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou , Bernadette and Murray Ukena , Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjoux, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus.

ST SIMONS

## Melbourne Cup Lunch



Tuesday 04 November  
12:45 PM – 3:45 PM  
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**We are currently seeking volunteers to help with making calls and doing visits. If you would like to chat to someone about this, please call the Parish Office.**

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28th Sunday —11th and 12th of October 2025

First Reading : 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I know’ he said, ‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.’ But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’

Responsorial Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading : 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is

in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, ‘Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.’ When he saw them he said, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, ‘Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.’ And he said to the man, ‘Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.’

| THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS. |                                           |                                 |                                    |                                                    |                                                                |                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Mon<br>13th Oct                                                                   | Tue<br>14th Oct                           | Wed<br>15th Oct                 | Thu<br>16th Oct                    | Fri<br>17th Oct                                    | Sat<br>18th Oct                                                | Sun<br>19th Oct                             |
| Office Closed                                                                     | 9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)                  | 9.15am Mass (Communion Service) | 9.15am Mass (Communion Service)    | 9.15am Mass– (Fr Libeesh)                          | OFFICE CLOSED                                                  | OFFICE CLOSED                               |
| 7.00pm (Parish Centre) Travel Fest                                                | 2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group |                                 | 5-9pm(Parish Centre) Warriors      | Movie Morning                                      | 12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy | 9:00 am Mass (MGL Priest)                   |
| 7.pm (Meeting Room) SVDP                                                          | 7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting       |                                 | 5-9.00pm (Parish Church) SSS Choir | 3-4.30pm (Parish Centre) Warriors Monthly Outreach | Reconciliation 5:30 pm                                         | 11:00 am Mass (MGL Priest)                  |
|                                                                                   |                                           |                                 |                                    | 6.00pm (Parish Church) Adoration                   | 6:00 pm Vigil Mass (MGL Priest) (Livestream )                  | 2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community          |
|                                                                                   |                                           |                                 |                                    | 7pm (Parish Centre) Potluck Dinner                 |                                                                | 3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community |
|                                                                                   |                                           |                                 |                                    | 8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice                   |                                                                | 5.00pm Youth Mass                           |
|                                                                                   |                                           |                                 |                                    |                                                    |                                                                |                                             |

**NEXT WEEKEND**— Duty Rosters: 18th and 19th of October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Exodus 17: 8-13, 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2 and Luke 18: 1-8

| Mass Times         | Saturday 18th Oct 6.00pm |               | Sunday 19th Oct 9.00am             |                 | Sunday 19th Oct 11.00am                         | Sunday 19th Oct 5.00pm |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Commentator        | Tineke Edwards           |               | Margaret Ng                        |                 | Abbie Ferdinands                                | Anabel                 |
| Reader 1           | Terry O'Donnel           |               | Phil Mawdsley                      |                 | Jan Richards                                    | Chrystom               |
| Reader 2           | Stephen White            |               | Dorothy Stack                      |                 | Pia Pagotto                                     | Jeslyn                 |
| Welcome Desk       | Malaika de Mel           |               | Julie Ashman                       |                 | Josie Fanti                                     |                        |
| Children's Liturgy | No Children's Liturgy    |               | No Children's Liturgy              |                 | Els0 L and Julie A                              |                        |
| Flowers            | Nilmini Fernando         | Altar Society | Melanie Jacobs and Yvonne Muspratt | Church Cleaning | Sharon Melder, Danusha Ladd and Asela Angammana | Volunteer please       |