

MASS TIMES

Tue : 9.15am Mass,
Wed & Thu 9.15am Communion Service
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 web-site or call parish office on 9764 4058.
Email: Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

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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.

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time —1st and 2nd of October 2025

All Soul's Day

Gospel Reflection – John 6:37–40

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away."

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words of deep comfort and eternal assurance. He reminds us that all who come to Him, He will never reject. These words touch the very heart of our faith — the promise that God's mercy and love are greater than anything we might fear or face in this life.

Jesus reveals the will of the Father: that none should be lost, and that all who believe will share in everlasting life. This is not merely a hope for the future but a truth that gives meaning to our lives today. In moments of loss or sorrow, especially as we remember our loved ones who have gone before us, we find peace in knowing that they are held securely in the embrace of Christ — the one who came not to condemn, but to save.

Let us take courage in this promise. Each act of faith, every quiet prayer, and all our small efforts to love one another are signs that we belong to the One who gives life that never ends. May we continue to walk in hope, trusting that in Christ, no one is ever truly lost — for all are gathered into the heart of God.

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

Special Memorial Mass for Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones in the Past Year Monday, 11th November at 7:00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for a Special Memorial Mass as we come together to honour and remember those who have passed away over the past twelve months (November 2024 – October 2025).

This Mass offers a gentle and prayerful opportunity for our parish community to gather in faith, to share in one another's grief, and to give thanks for the lives of those who have touched our hearts and our community.

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to stay for light refreshments in the foyer.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered during this Mass, please add their name to the sign-up sheet available at the Welcome Desk

Missing Pyxes

We kindly ask all parishioners who may have borrowed a pyx to please return it to the Sacristy as soon as possible.

At present, all the pyxes from the Sacristy are missing, and we need them to ensure Holy Communion can be taken to the sick and housebound. If you have a pyx at home, even if you are unsure whether it belongs to the parish, please return it or speak with the Mass Captain or Parish Office.

Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your care and respect for these sacred vessels.

Children's Daily Gospel 2026 – Now Available

The Children's Daily Gospel 2026 is now available for purchase at the Welcome Desk. This beautiful little book offers short daily reflections to help children grow in faith and love for God's Word throughout the year. It makes a wonderful gift for families, students, or grandchildren. Please visit the Welcome Desk to get your copy.

Fr Libeesh Away

Fr Libeesh will be away on holiday for the month of Nov. During this time Weekday masses will be as below

Tue: 9.15am Mass

Wed and Thurs: 9.15am Communion Service

Fri: 9.15am Mass

**SPECIAL BLESSING FOR CHILDREN BAPTISED IN 2025
SATURDAY THE 29TH OF NOVEMBER AT 2.00PM**

At the Community Centre followed by Afternoon Tea

**Let's keep
in touch**

Welcome

Please leave your name at the help desk

**Sacramental Registrations Now Open
for 2026**

Registrations are now open for all Sacraments for the year 2026. While specific commencement dates are yet to be confirmed, we encourage families to submit their registrations early to ensure a place. To register your child or to obtain further information, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9764 4058. We look forward to accompanying our young parishioners and their families as they prepare to celebrate and receive these beautiful Sacraments.

Funerals

Cornelia Calimlim: We regret to advise that Cornelia Calimlim went home to God on the 28th of October. Her funeral will be held here at St Simons on Friday the 7th of November at 11.00am. Cornelia was a much valued member of our community and the 11am choir. We offer our condolences to her family.

Michael Kovacs: We regret to advise that the funeral of Michael Kovacs, a long standing member of our community went home to God on the 23rd of October 2025. His funeral will be held here at St Simons on Tuesday the 11th of November at 11.00am. We offer our condolences to his family. May our loving God grant eternal rest to the soul of the departed. May they find peace and joy in the presence of the Risen Christ.

**2026 BAPTISM PROGRAM
FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

We are now taking enrolments for the
2026 Baptism Program
for families with children in
primary and secondary school
who wish to have their child baptised.
If you would like to know more or
to register your interest, please contact:
St. Jude's parish office on 9763 7302 or
St. Simon's parish office 9764 4058

**Movie's at
St Simons**

Will now be held
between the 3rd and
the 5th Friday of every
month after morning
mass.

The following movies
have been scheduled
for the month of
October/November

21st Nov: The Cross

28th Nov: Ben Hur

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

Bring your own
popcorn!

SAVE THE DATE

COMBINED PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SATURDAY 13TH OF DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM

AT ST JUDE'S CHURCH, SCORESBY



Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **5th November** from **11:30 am—2:30 pm** Theme: **Normal—Have your Racing Hats On!**

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

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

Parish Website

Confirming that our new web address is

[https: **www.melbcatholic/s/rowville**](https://www.melbcatholic/s/rowville).

We now have the ability to send weekly emails out to parishioners with our newsletters and any updates. If you would like to receive our weekly emails, please subscribe via the website. The link is on the bottom of the home page/ mass times and services/ parish bulletins(click on the blue box).

Thank you to all those who have already subscribed. If you need assistance with this, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Our next children's liturgy will be held on Sat the 8th of Nov at 6.00pm Mass

We ask parents and guardians to please sign in the children at the Welcome Desk before Mass begins when possible. Please note, any child not of school age should be accompanied. The children will return from their session by the end of collection for the offertory procession.

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!

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.

Volunteer Access Codes – Parish Centre

We have recently been experiencing some technical issues with the access codes to the Parish Centre.

All groups and volunteers who regularly use the Parish Centre are kindly asked to contact the Parish Office to confirm or obtain their updated access code.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to resolve the issue.

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Recent Death: Cornelias Calimlim, Michael Kovacs, Anne Franettovich, Elaine and Terry Thomas and Ben Austin

Anniversary of Death: Duncan Rozario, Anna Nguyen, Mario De Fiore, Bernadette Chakour, Claude O'Keefe, Vittorio Catena. Helen Welsford.

Prayer for the Sick : Bill Leane, 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 Visenjou, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus.

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All Souls Day — 1st and 2nd of November 2025

First Reading Wisdom 3: 1-9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation, they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

Responsorial Psalm 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading—Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised

from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me; and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel—John 6: 37-40

Jesus said to the crowd:
'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away; because I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. 'Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.						
Mon 3rd Nov	Tue 4th Nov	Wed 5th Nov	Thu 6th Nov	Fri 7th Nov	Sat 8th Nov	Sun 9th Nov
Office Closed	OFFICE CLOSED 9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass— (Fr Jerald) Anointing Mass	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group	11am (Parish Centre) Viv's RE Care Cup Day Theme	5-9.00pm (Parish Church) SSS Choir	10.00am (Parish Centre) Seniors Morning Cuppa after Anointing Mass	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (MGL Priest)
	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting	7.30pm (Church) Baptism Prep		11am Funeral of Cornelia Calimlim— Refreshments in the Parish Centre.	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (MGL Priest)
				6.00pm (Parish Cinema) Warriors-	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Shane Reade) (Livestream)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
				6.00pm (Parish Church) Adoration		3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
				8pm (Church) 11am		5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 8th and 9th of November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica — Ezekiel 47: 1-2,8-9,12, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17, John 2: 13-22

Mass Times	Saturday 8th Nov 6.00pm		Sunday 9th Nov 9.00am		Sunday 9thNov 11.00am	Sunday 9th Nov 5.00pm
Commentator	Alden/Sam D'Couto		Fony Fry		Estela Banac	Anabel
Reader 1	Alden/Sam D'Couto		Dorothy Stack		Aarya/Diana Paul Anna	Chrystom
Reader 2	Terry O'Donnell		Madison Fielder		Val D'Souza	Jeslyn
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando		Maggie Braganza		Roseline Acker	
Children's Liturgy	Gillian E/ Malaika deM		No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs and Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Jeannette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley	Thabesan Family