St. Jude the Apostle Parish- 49 George St, Scoresby

"In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, we, the people of the Parish, are called to serve with joy. "

2nd Sunday of Easter—27th of April 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

An Easter Hope: In Loving Memory of Pope Francis

On that first Easter evening the disciples were behind locked doors. Fear, grief and uncertainty had enclosed them. Their beloved Teacher had died, and with Him, it seemed, their hope. Into that still, aching silence, Jesus came– not with rebuke or judgment but with the tender greeting: "*Peace be with you".*

Pope Francis, like the Risen Christ, often entered places of fear and division with a message of peace. He reminded us, time and time again, that the heart of the Gospel is mercy-that no one is too far gone, no wound too deep, no door so tightly shut that Christ cannot pass through.

He challenged the Church not to remain locked in tradition alone, but to open its arms wide to the world-to welcome the refugee, to listen to the cries of the earth, to kneel before the marginalised and wash their feet. His leadership was not one of distant power, but of tender nearness-a reflection of Christ who showed His wounds, and in doing so, healed the hearts of the doubting.

In the story of Thomas, we hear of a disciple who could not believe without touching the wounds. And yet Jesus did not scold him. He invited him closer. Pope Francis lived this Gospel with great authenticity. He often told us that real faith is not about having all the answers, but about staying close to those who suffer; about touching the wounds of our world with love.

He was a Pope of people—not by performance, but by presence. He walked among crowds, blessed children, wept with mothers, held prisoners' hands, and whispered hope into forgotten corners of the earth. He taught us that being Christian is not simply a set of beliefs-it is a way of being, a way of loving.

Now, as we commend his soul to God, we return to Jesus' words: "*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe".* Pope Francis believed, with every fibre of his being, in the transformative, boundless love of God.

Let us not allow fear, grief and uncertainty to close the doors of our hearts. Let us open them-wide-with the same courage Pope Francis showed. Let us be witnesses of the Resurrection, people of mercy, and bearers of peace in our own time. And like Thomas, may we too fall to our knees, not in doubt, but in awe-and say from the depths of our hearts: "*My Lord and my God"*

Risen Lord Jesus,
In our sorrow we remember your words: "Peace be with you". We thank you for the life of Pope Francis. Help us to carry his legacy to believe, to serve, and to love as he did.

St Jude's Parish Sausage Sizzle, Saturday 3rd May 2025

Help make a difference—one sausage at a time!

St Jude's church is hosting a sausage sizzle on Election Day to raise vital funds for our Parish- and **we need your help**! This is a wonderful chance to support our church and connect with the community. Whether you can spare an hour or stay all day, every helping hand counts!

We need volunteers for:

- Morning set up
- Cooking & serving
- Handling sales
- End-of-day pack down

The more helpers we have, the smoother (and more fun) the day will be! **Sign-Up Sheet** at the back of the church after Mass or contact the **Parish Office** on **9763 7302.**

Thank you for being part of something meaningful for St Jude's!

MASS TIMES:
Week Days:
Wed, Thu & Fri 9.15am
Weekends:
Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30 &10.30am

OFFICE HOURS:

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SACRAMENTS:
RECONCILIATION
Contact Fr Jerald at the Parish office
Baptisms—1st SUN of the month– for application form contact the parish office

SERVICES
Community Centre
Parish Office: 9763 7302

St. Vincent De Paul
Helpline 1800 305 330

St Simon's & St Jude's Youth Group youthteam@ stsimonsparish.com.au

Parish School Principals

St Jude's Primary
Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600

Holy Trinity Primary
Natalie Ballinger 9801 8296

St Mary's College for the Deaf
Ms Amanda Purcell 98002733

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Second Reading: Revelation1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. ''As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

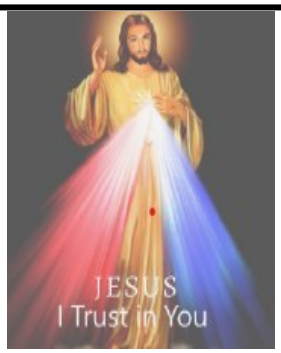
Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us for the Divine Mercy on
Sunday, 27th April.
At St Simon's Parish,
2 Taylors Lane Rowville

2:00pm - Confession Commence & Rosary
2:30pm - Benediction
3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:15pm - Holy Mass



There will be:

A number of Priests for confessions.

Divine Mercy items & icons for sale.

Space in the church for you to place appropriate items & icons for blessings.

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, we are celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. The Lord is sending us out to bring to everyone His peace, which is founded on pardon and forgiveness of sins." ***- Pope John Paul II***

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those who have recently died and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially: Jean O'Brien, Marilyn Ongkingco, Pauline Nyuk Sim Un, Roger Leoncio, Brian Brown, Cath Thorpe, Iraida Joaquina Gomes, Cliff Emerson, Mollie Whitehead, Noel E Schmidt, Rita Samson, Mary Matchado, Paul Di Bianco, Leonard Gunawardena, Trevor James , Yopie Zandt, Noel Gleeson, Angela Ariyaratnam, Ayadurai Araiyarathnam.

COMBINED YOUTH MASS WILL RECOMMENCE ON SUNDAY 4TH OF MAY AT ST SIMON'S PARISH ROWVILLE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The combined Youth Masses are specially celebrated for the youth, offering a space to come together in prayer, music and fellowship.
We warmly invite all young people and their families to join us each Sunday at 5:00pm, as we celebrate faith and community in a vibrant and welcoming environment!

COME, BE INSPIRED! BE PART OF SOMETHING MEANINGFUL!

Saturday Social Gathering

We would like you to join us in the church foyer, after the 6.00pm Mass, to enjoy some conversation and friendship and the opportunity to meet new parishioners on **Saturday, May 3rd.**
Please bring a small plate to share for a light supper.
Tea, coffee, soft drink and wine provided.

As always, we look forward to your company

The knitting group

will take place Wednesday **7th May** at the **Parish reception Centre 9.30—11:00am**.

Join, knit and laugh with us!

Enquiries:
Maureen 0417 634 600

EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS & CHOIR SINGERS NEEDED

We warmly invite volunteers to join our Church Choir to sing for the 8.30am Mass. We are also seeking musicians who play the piano or the drums to be part of our music ministry. We are aiming to set up a monthly roster for weekend Masses.

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts with our Parish Community **Please contact:** Xavier on 0448 766 705 or the Parish Office on 9763 7302

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

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First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32.40-41 **Second Reading** Revelations 5:11-14 **Gospel** John 21:1-19

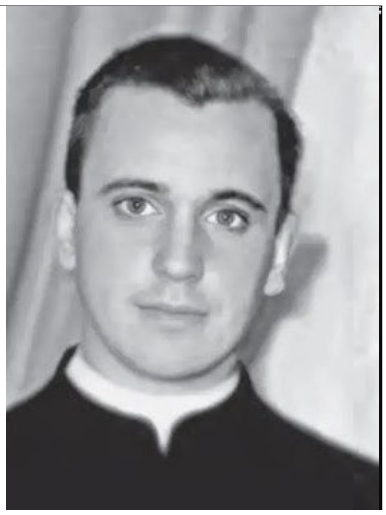
Weekend 3/4 May	**Saturday 6pm**	**Sunday 8.30am**	**Sunday 10.30am**
Celebrant	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh	Fr Jerald
Readers:	Susan Lim	Peter McCumstie	Linda Lampa
	Alfred Saldanha	Prema Pinto	Irene Wallis
Communion Ministers	Christine Hettiarachchi	Allen Na	Rebecca Dellisola
	Don Uberti	Vivian Yeo	Lynette Grace
	Jennifer Kuok	Nicole Moirt	Maureen Buick
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachi	Aidan	Isabelle Raj
Children's Liturgy	Leeana & Molly		
Altar Society	Nicole Moirt		
Church Cleaners	Rosanna Kelaart		

Month of May Multicultural Rosary is Cancelled

I am sorry that I am not able to coordinate the Multicultural Rosary and Benediction evening in May this year. Our Salesian Sisters community is hosting a gathering of our South Pacific Region province. Our Mother General and three General Councillors are coming from our mother house in Rome for this congregation meeting. In addition, all our Sisters from Samoa and the Solomon Islands will gather here for the meeting. God willing we will have it on 7th October this year, feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. I am sure you will find other ways to honour Our Lady this May.

Sr Maureen Irvine

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first person from the Americas and the first Jesuit to be elected Pope. Before his papacy, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires and was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and deep concern for the poor and marginalised. As Pope, he chose the name Francis in honour of St Francis of Assisi, reflecting his commitment to peace, care for creation, and solidarity with the poor. Pope Francis called the church to become a "field hospital', a place of healing and mercy. He emphasised themes of compassion, dialogue and social justice. ***R.I.P Pope Francis***



FR CHRIS ALAR IN MELBOURNE
TOUR 28TH TO THE 31ST OF MAY

Fr Chris Alar will be launching his new book:
Understanding the sacraments
God's grace guaranteed
Fr Chris is a dynamic and widely viewed Catholic speaker. He is known for his powerful teachings on Divine Mercy, the Eucharist and the Catholic faith, bringing clarity, healing and hope to audiences everywhere.
Come, hear him speak at:
St Patrick's Cathedral on the 31st May from 9:30am to 12:00pm Or
Divine Mercy Shrine—Keysborough 31st May
1:00pm Rosary
3:00pm Hour of Mercy
4:00pm Mass
Concludes at 5:00pm

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24 Hour Service—All Areas

We are looking for Volunteers!

"We serve God by serving others"

We need projectionists for **Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am mass**. It is a very simple task and we provide training and supervision until you are comfortable to do the task on your own.

If you would like to help, please contact:
Abigail on **0405725047**