

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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1st Sunday of Advent– 29th and 30th November 2025

Advent: A Season of Hope and Preparation

Dear Friends,

As we enter the season of Advent, the Church invites us to pause and reflect on the meaning of this sacred time. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year and is a season of joyful expectation, hope, and preparation. The word Advent means “coming” or “arrival,” reminding us that we await the coming of Christ—both in the celebration of His birth at Christmas and in His return at the end of time. Advent is not simply about decorating our homes or buying gifts; it is about preparing our hearts and lives to welcome Jesus. This preparation calls us to prayer, repentance, and acts of love. It is a time to create space for Christ in our homes and families, to renew our commitment to live as His disciples. One of the most beautiful symbols of Advent is the Advent wreath, with its four candles representing the themes of each week:

Hope – We begin by placing our trust in God’s promises.

Peace – We prepare for the Prince of Peace who calms our hearts.

Joy – We rejoice as the coming of the Lord draws near.

Love – We celebrate the gift of God’s love made flesh in Jesus.

As we light these candles each week, let them remind us that Christ is the true light who dispels darkness. Let us make this Advent a time of prayerful waiting, of reaching out to those in need, and of creating homes filled with faith, hope, and love. May this season lead us closer to the heart of Christ, so that when Christmas comes, we are ready to welcome Him with joy.

-With every blessing: Fr Jerald

MASS TIMES:

Week Days: Wed, Thu, Fri
9.15am –Mass

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30 & 10.30am

OFFICE HOURS:

St Jude the Apostle

49 George Street, Scoresby
Tue—Fri 9am to 3.30pm

Our Priests

Parish Priest:

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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

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Holy Trinity Primary

Steve Evans 9801 8296

St Mary's College for the

Deaf —Ms Amanda Purcell
98002733

ST JUDE'S AND ST SIMON'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

We invite you to come and join us for our Christmas Celebrations

ST JUDE'S MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December 2025

6:00pm Children's Mass (5:30pm Carols)

9:00pm Vigil Mass (8:30pm Carols)

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 2025

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass (10:00am Carols)

New Year's day

Thursday 1st January 2026

10:00am Mass

ST SIMON'S MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December 2025

6:00pm Children's Mass (5:30pm Carols)

9:00pm Vigil Mass (8:30pm Carols)

12:00am Midnight Mass (11:30pm Carols)

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 2025

10:00am Mass (9:30am Carols)

New Year's Eve

Wednesday 31st December 2025

Midnight Mass (11:30pm Adoration)

New Year's day

Thursday 1st January 2026

10:00am Mass



CCPR RAFFLE UPDATE

The sale of CCPR raffle tickets has now concluded, and the draw will take place on 6 December. Thanks to the fantastic support of our parishioners, we sold an amazing 479 books and made a **profit of \$6,530**. After consulting with Fr Jerald, it has been decided that these funds will go towards the refurbishment of the **kitchen area in the church foyer**, which urgently needs upgrading to provide a safer environment for our Hospitality Team. Fr Jerald has also agreed that **next year's raffle profits** will be directed to the same project, which is estimated to cost \$25,000-30,000. To bridge the expected shortfall of \$10,000-15,000, we will be making an appeal next year, inviting parishioners to contribute to this important improvement.

Thank you sincerely for your generous support of our Parish. As I mentioned at Mass last week—all we need is for one of you parishioners to win the car!

Peter Madden-Finance Committee

**VENERABLE MARY OF THE
SACRED HEART GLOWREY**



It is with profound joy that we share with you the news that Pope Leo XIV has formally recognised the *heroic virtues* of the Servant of God Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ. As of 21 November 2025, she now bears the title: **Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey.**

Born in Birregurra, Victoria, in 1887, she became an accomplished doctor at the Melbourne hospital before discerning a call to missionary service. In 1920, at the age of 32, she travelled to India to join the Society of Jesus Mary Joseph, dedicating 37 years to caring for the most disadvantaged in Society. In 1943, she founded the Catholic Health Association of India (CHIA), which continues to serve millions today. We give thanks for her extraordinary life of faith healing and service.

Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey pray for us.



**Evergreens
Christmas Lunch 65+**

We look forward to your company on Tuesday, December 2nd at the Anointing Mass (11.00am) followed by our annual Christmas Lunch with entertainment by students from St Jude's. To enjoy this lovely occasion, please add your name today to the list in the church foyer or contact:
Ann 0402 904 678 or Robyn 0407 324 117

Bookings close Sunday 30th November



A CHRISTMAS FILLED WITH HOPE

St Jude's & St Simon's Combined Christmas Carols

When: Saturday, 13 December at 7:30pm-9:00pm (6:00pm Mass)

Where: St Jude's Church, 49 George street, Scoresby.

Following Carols we will have a
shared supper.
Please bring a plate to share

Sausage Sizzle!

Please bring a \$2 coin
donation for a drink or
sausage.

FREE GLOW STICKS!



**Enjoy performance by choirs and singers
from both parishes, plus a special visit from
Santa!**

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During this holy period, our soul must be like a manger in which Jesus desires to be born. Let us purify it with repentance and adorn it with virtues.—*Epistolary, Vol III, Letters of Padre Pio*

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those who have recently died especially and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Barbara Ashe, Frederick Rowbottom Snr, Arnoldina Van Helmond, Emily Bare, Paul Blaha, Graham Cooper, Brian Eaton, Jessie Tuckett, William Mahony, Annette Matasja, Daphne Gonsalvez, Mary Nelson, Roman Syrek, Eustacchio Uberti, John Hill, Oliver Buckle, Philomena Fernandez.



Social Gathering Saturday December 6 (After 6pm Mass)

We invite you to stay for a little while after Mass to enjoy the company and friendship of fellow Parishioners and to take the opportunity to wish them the joys and blessings of this beautiful Christmas season. Please bring a small plate to share for a light supper.



Sacramental Program Enrolment for 2026 for children attending non-Catholic Schools



We are now taking enrolments for the Sacrament of **Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation** for children attending non-Catholic schools. For more information and to register your child please contact: the **Parish Office** on **9763 7302** or email **Ida.Lancuba@cam.org.au** for an enrolment form.

The knitting group

Will take place Wednesday
17th December at the
Parish reception Centre
at **9.30am-11am.**

Enquiries:
Maureen on 0417 634 600



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Hope—is a longing and expectation for brighter days.

This Christmas, you can offer someone hope.

Please take a gift tag from our **Tree of Hope** and purchase a gift card.

Alternatively, you can donate:

- **Online** via the QR code
- **By Phone 131812**
- **Or use the envelopes** provided for cash or gift card. Kindly place all donations in the marked boxes in the foyer.

We would deeply appreciate your support by **15 December**, so gifts can be distributed before Christmas. Your generosity- year after year- helps bring joy and hope to families in need.

Tree of Hope



Thank you from St VdP Scoresby .

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New year!



First Saturday Devotion of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Date : Saturday - December 6, 2025

Venue : St Jude's Parish Church

Rosary : 8:45 AM

*Priest will be available for Reconciliation
during the Rosary*

Holy Mass : 9:15 AM

Calling All Experienced Musicians – Pianists & Drummers!

Our parish is in urgent need of pianists & drummers for the **6pm Christmas Eve Mass**. If God has blessed you with musical gifts, this is a beautiful chance to share them and help lead our community in joyful celebration. Please contact Xavier or the Parish office on 9763 7302.

Your talent can make this Christmas unforgettable!



First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Second Reading—Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel—Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating,

drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & NATIVITY

We invite all children to be part of this year's Christmas Celebration through music, singing and the nativity story on the
24th December at 5.30pm!

Rehearsal's times, at St Jude's Church:

- Saturday 29th Nov at 10.30am
- Sunday 7th Dec at 4pm,
- Saturday 13th Dec at 10.30am
- Sunday 21st Dec at 4pm

All children are welcome!
Please use the QR code or sign up sheet
in the church foyer.



St Jude's Parish Community is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards and acknowledges that child safe guarding is everyone's responsibility.

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

2nd Sunday of Advent—Year A— 6th and 7th of December 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10	Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9	Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12	
	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald
Readers	Alfred Saldanha	Rosanna Kelaart	Melanie Van Esch
	Ann Doyle	Prima Pinto	Trish Welti
Communion Ministers	Adina Atmadja Filomena Uberti Jennifer Kuok	Peter Madden Steve Rule Yvonne Rule	Jeanette Vijendra Lillian Nguyen Norma Geronimo
Mass Projectors	Stephanie Smyth	Catherine Money	Tino Vijendra
Children's Liturgy			Jacklin & Nicole
Altar Society	Rosanna Kelaart		
Church Cleaners	Jude Philip		