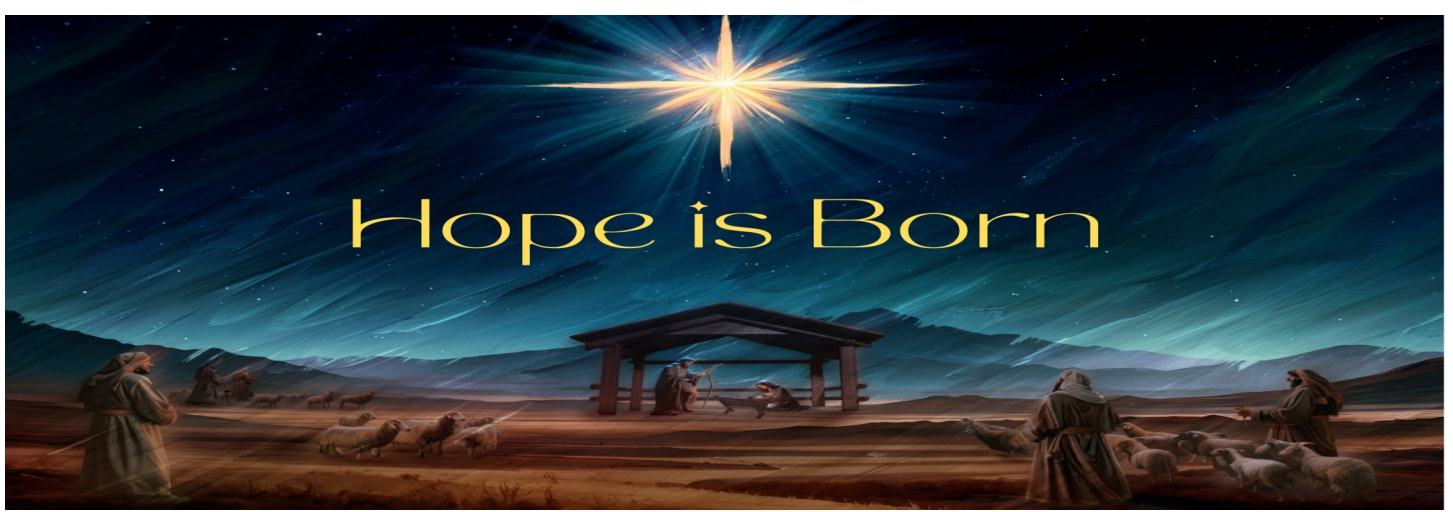




ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHRISTMAS DAY - 25TH OF DECEMBER 2024

A Christmas Message for the Year of Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas, we are reminded of the profound hope that came into the world on that holy night in Bethlehem. In the Christ Child, God gave us a promise of light in our darkest times, peace in our troubled hearts, and joy that transcends every circumstance.

This year, as we embrace the theme of hope, let us remember that hope is not simply wishful thinking but a deep trust in God's presence and faithfulness. Just as the shepherds found hope in the angel's proclamation and the wise men were guided by the light of the star, so too are we called to place our hope in the enduring love and mercy of God.

Hope is a gift that sustains us through life's challenges. It lifts our hearts when we feel burdened and strengthens our resolve when we face uncertainties. This Christmas, let us be bearers of hope, sharing its light with those who may feel lost or weary. Through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, and steadfast faith, we can reflect the hope of Christ to a world in need.

May the peace and joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes, and may the year ahead be one of renewed hope as we walk together in the love of our Savior.

Wishing you all a blessed and hope-filled Christmas!

Youth Mass

We are very happy to announce that from February 2025, on the 1st Sunday of the Month, with the help of the MGL's—we will be having a joint Youth Mass at 6.00pm at St Simons in Rowville.

This special Mass is an opportunity for our youth to come together in faith, build community, and celebrate the love of Christ in a way that speaks directly to their hearts and experiences.

We are blessed to have the MGL's supporting us in this initiative. With their dynamic energy and deep commitment to evangelizing young people, they will help make this a vibrant and meaningful celebration of our faith.

The beauty of
Christmas
is not in the
presents but in
His presence.

Matthew 1:23

MASS TIMES:

Week Days:

Wed, Thu & Fri 9.15am

Weekends: Sat 6pm, Sun
8.30 & 10.30am

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Christmas Greeting

Fr Jerald, the Parish Leadership team and all Parish Staff would like to wish all of you, our fellow Parishioners, a blessed and peaceful Christmas. We have so much to celebrate, and so much to be thankful for at St Jude the Apostle. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to all of our Parish activities so energetically and enthusiastically in 2024.

We would also like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who put so much into the running of this parish and the preparation of our liturgies every weekend. A Special Thank you to our Liturgy team, musicians, the coordinators for the children's nativity and the carols who have put so much into the preparation for Christmas Preparations. Thank You.

We would like to wish each of you a wonderful New Year.

Jesus was born poor, lived and died poor. But it is also true that he was born into a family that was rich in love, outstanding in its dedication, fidelity and willingness to make sacrifices for the sake of others. These are the values, which Christmas invites us to consider and to cherish.

Christmas is not a relic of the past, but a task for the future. As the poet Howard Thurman tells us in his Christmas Prayer:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star of the sky is gone,
when the kings and the princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among others,
to make music in the heart.

Christmas Traditions

Wreath on the Door:- Jesus is welcomed by the wreath on the door of our homes at Christmastime. The Advent wreath, which accompanied the family throughout the season of preparation, may be taken down. The violet ribbons are removed, and it is gloriously decorated with white and gold. It is then placed upon the door as a symbol of the welcome of Jesus Christ into our city, our home and our hearts.

A Candle In the Window:- According to tradition a candle is lit and placed in the front window and doors are kept unlocked, so that if Mary and Joseph are looking for a place to stay, they know that they will be made welcome in this home.

Gift Giving:- The central event of Christmas is the birth of Jesus. The joy of giving at this time reflects the act of God giving us his Son.