

OUR MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs: Mass
Fri: 9.15am: Communion Service
Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.30am and 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Sat: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri: 9am - 3.30pm

OUR PRIESTS

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OUR SERVICES

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

Wednesday 4.00pm



Mass Times



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St Jude the Apostle Parish

In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, we, the people of the Parish, are called to serve with joy
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | 21/22 FEBRUARY 2026 | YEAR A

Matthew 4:1-11 | ... Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness ...



Today's Gospel takes us with Jesus into the wilderness, a place that is quiet, empty, and challenging. After forty days of fasting, when he is tired and hungry, the devil tempts him. Each temptation tries to pull Jesus away from trusting God — to rely on himself, to seek power, or to take an easier path. Yet Jesus refuses every time. He answers with the words of Scripture, holding firmly to what he knows is true: that life comes from God, that God is not to be tested, and that only God is worthy of worship.

This story speaks to our own lives. We all have "wilderness" moments — times when we feel worn down, uncertain, or discouraged. These are often the moments when temptation is strongest: the temptation to give up, to choose what is easy instead of what is right, or to put ourselves before God. Jesus understands these struggles because he faced them too.

What stands out most is not just that Jesus was tempted, but how he responded. He did not argue, panic, or lose hope. He stayed grounded in God's word and trusted the Father completely. In doing so, he shows us that temptation itself is not a failure; giving in is. With God's help, we can stand firm.

Lent invites us into our own quiet desert — a time to pray more deeply, listen more carefully, and trust God more fully. Like Jesus, we are reminded that we are never alone in our struggles, and that faithfulness leads us toward new life.

**With Blessings,
Fr Jerald Mariadas**



Every Friday in Lent

Combined **Stations of the Cross** at
St Simon's at 7pm after 6pm Adoration

Lenten Taizé' Prayer 2026

Join the Salesian Sisters' Community for a prayer experience



*Silence – Contemplation –
Candlelight – Music – Chants
and Reflective reading
of Scripture*

Taizé is a gentle, meditative form of Christian prayer that began in the ecumenical community of **Taizé in France. It weaves together simple repeated chants, Scripture, brief readings, silence**, and intercessory prayer in a candle-lit setting. **On Wednesdays during Lent**
25 February, 4, 11, 18, 25 March

7.00pm – 8.00pm

@ 43 George St. Scoresby



Sacraments for children

(at least one parent to attend)

Reconciliation Classes:

Sundays: 9.30am at St Jude's
8, 15, 22 February and 1 March

Parent Workshops

26 Feb & 5 March 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses

28 February at 6pm **or** 1 March at 10.30am

Reconciliation Sacrament/Ceremony:

18 March 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Confirmation Classes:

Sundays at 9.30am at St Jude's—19, 26 July 2, 9 August

Parent Workshops—23 July and 6 August at 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses—1 August at 6pm or 2 August at 10.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation—St Jude's Church, 21 August 6pm to 7.30pm

First Eucharist Classes:

Sundays at 9.30am at St Jude's
15, 22, 29 March 26 April

Parent Workshops

30 April & 7 May 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses

2 May at 6pm **or** Sunday 3rd May at 10.30am

Sacrament of First Eucharist

St. Jude's Church 16 May 4pm to 5pm

To register your child, please contact Ida at the parish office on 9763 7302 or email: Ida.Lancuba@cam.org.au or SCAN the QR code

PARISH EMAIL UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to stricter controls by email providers such as Microsoft, bulk emails are increasingly being blocked. In some cases, sender IP addresses are blacklisted, affecting all outgoing emails.

As a temporary measure, PACEM—our parish management provider, will pause sending bulk newsletter emails to @hotmail, @outlook and @live accounts, as these are currently being blocked. This step will help restore normal delivery.

PACEM will keep the parish informed of outcomes and any rectifications, and we thank parishioners for their patience and understanding during this time.

Experienced Musicians Needed

We are looking for volunteers to play the piano or the drums.

If you would like to share your gift of

Music: please contact:

Xavier on 0448 766 705 or the Parish Office on 9763 7302

ST JUDE'S ANNUAL BUS TRIP

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

Parishioners, join us for an enjoyable day out as we explore the Royal Botanic Gardens in Cranbourne.

This beautiful destination offers a natural bushland experience and features a contemporary botanic garden that celebrates the unique beauty and diversity of Australian landscapes. On arrival there will be the opportunity to enjoy a coffee at the café, and lunch will be available before we head home. Please note that drinks and food are at your own expense.



- Wheelchairs and motorised scooters are available for hire at no cost. If you would like to avail of a wheelchair or scooter, please let us know when booking.
- We have made a provisional booking for The Explorer - a bus that takes visitors on a 30-minute tour of the gardens. The cost for the Explorer is \$12pp (optional) If you wish to take advantage of this tour, please advise us when booking, Payment is by cash in a named envelope to Ann or Robyn or the office by **Saturday 28 February**.

The bus will depart from St Jude's at 9.30am and return at 3.00pm.

Please bring a \$2 gold coin donation for miscellaneous expenses and raffles.

For more information or to book, please contact **Ann 0402 904 678 or Robyn 0407 324 117**.

Book early as seats are limited and close on **Saturday 28 February**.

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**For all Bulletin Notices, please email cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au
Deadline Wednesday 4pm**

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Behold me, then, O my Lord and God, before this altar, on which Thou residest night and day for my sake.

- St Alphonsus Maria De Liguori



Fancy a Cuppa?

If you have not yet been to one of our friendly Cuppa and a Chat mornings, we warmly invite you to join us. Please put Wednesday, 25 February in your diary and come along to the Parish Centre. We are open from 9.30 – 11.00am and everyone is welcome. It's a very relaxed and casual gathering with a lovely opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners.

Cranbourne Bus Trip

Those who have booked a spot to go on the Explorer Bus, this is the perfect time to pay the \$12.

All are very welcome and we look forward to your company

Any questions, please contact

Ann 0402 904 678 or
Robyn 0407 324 117

Our Volunteers make a *REAL* difference!

Our parish invites new volunteer members — to join our ministry teams. Serving is a chance to grow in faith, build community, share your gifts, and help make our parish a welcoming home.

- Church Cleaning - Please help us keep our church clean and welcoming!
- Hospitality - Join us to serve up a 'Cuppa' on Sunday Morning after 10.30am Mass

Contact Ida at the parish office on 9763 7302

You don't need experience — just an open heart and a willingness to serve.

Serve | Belong | Grow in faith

WE PRAY FOR

Our Prayers are asked for those who have died recently and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Arthur Ortega, George Harrop, Linda Macmillan, Maria Eslinda Gonsalves, Marie Lavoipierre, Christina Clarkson, Rozario Savariraj, Tonino Di Nicolantonio, Harry Tooth, Rita Ephrauns, David Scott

A special Farewell Gathering for Fr Libeesh

On Saturday 28 February we will have a very special gathering to *thank* and *farewell* Fr Libeesh. This will be a lovely opportunity to offer your personal thanks to Fr Libeesh for his service and commitment to our Parish and to wish him well as he moves to Greensborough.

Also, a reminder to write a message to Fr Libeesh in the booklet provided in the Church Foyer.

Please bring a plate to share after the 6.00pm Mass.
Tea, coffee, wine and soft drink provided.

P.S Just a hint, Fr has a savoury tooth!!!

Please Note – there won't be a Social Gathering on Saturday 7 March



STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES
Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our parish community!

Please find a new set of envelopes available for collection in the Church Foyer.

If you are unable to find your new set of envelopes please contact the parish office on 9763 7302



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, it is ST SIMON'S turn to host the World Day of Prayer service for the Christian churches of Rowville and Lysterfield.

The service will be held at
ST SIMON'S on

Thursday, 5 March at 7.00pm,
and will be followed by supper
in the Parish Centre.

If you are able to help with supper, or can lend pictures or artefacts from the focus country, Nigeria, please leave your name at the Parish Office or contact Jeanette on 0466 261 632.

“In what way can the temptations Jesus faced be seen as testing his trust in God?”

First Sunday of Lent, 21/22 February 2026

First Reading: *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and

ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm 50 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12, 17-19*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth

of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Parish Notice

As Fr Libeesh concludes his ministry with us **this week 23 February** and prepares to begin his new appointment. Fr Jerald will be overseeing weekday Masses at both parishes for the time being.

During this transition, the weekday schedule at **St Jude's** will be:

**Wednesday & Thursday — Holy Mass
Friday — Communion Service only**

We thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support during this time.

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER

Second Sunday of Lent — 28 FEB/1 MAR 2026 — Genesis 12:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

MASS TIMES	28 FEB, SATURDAY 6.00PM	1 MAR, SUNDAY 8.30AM	1 MAR, SUNDAY 10.30AM
Celebrant	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh
Reader	Jerome Hew	Rosanna Kelaart	Mary King
	Susan Lim	Peter McCumstie	Robin Edwards
Communion Ministers	Barbara Wong Dinelle Hettiarachchi Rosary Pereira	Robert Lai Steve Rule Yvonne Rule	Connie Pannuzzo Judy Gan Leon Raj
Projectionist	Stephanie Smyth	Sharlynn	Tino Vijendra
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Jacklin & Nicole
Altar Society	Eve Buckeridge	Church Cleaners	Rosanna Jumonong & Juliet

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