

OUR MASS TIMES

Tue & Fri: 9.15am Mass
Wed & Thurs: 9.15am Communion Service
Sat: 6.00pm (Livestream)
Sun: 9.00am and 11.00am
Sun: 5.00pm **Charismatic Youth Mass**

RECONCILIATION

Fri: 6 - 7pm Adoration and Reconciliation
Sat: 5.30pm - 5.50pm Reconciliation

OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri 9am - 4pm



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Wednesday 4.00pm

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17/18 OCTOBER 2026 | Year A

Matthew 22:17 | Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?

Give to God what belongs to God

In today's Gospel, Jesus is confronted with a question designed to trap him:

"Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" His response is both wise and profound: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus reminds us that while we have responsibilities in the world, our deepest responsibility is to God.

We live busy lives, juggling work, family, finances and countless demands. It is easy to give our time and energy to everything that needs attention, leaving little room for God. We may attend Mass and say our prayers, yet struggle to let our faith shape our everyday decisions.

Perhaps this Gospel invites us to ask:

What truly belongs to God in my life?

The coin carried Caesar's image, but we are made in the image and likeness of God. Our lives, gifts and relationships are blessings entrusted to us by Him. Giving to God means more than fulfilling religious

obligations; it means allowing our faith to influence how we live.

It is reflected in the patience we show when someone tests us, the honesty we practise when no one is watching, the compassion we offer to someone who feels forgotten, and the forgiveness we extend when we have been hurt. Through these everyday choices, we make God's love visible.

As Christians, we are called to live fully in the world while remaining faithful to the Gospel. Our faith should not be something we leave at the church door; it should guide how we work, treat others and use our gifts.

Perhaps the challenge this week is to ask ourselves: Are we giving God only what is left over, or allowing Him to be at the centre of our lives?

To give God what belongs to God is to offer Him our whole selves – our hearts, our choices and the way we love others.

In Christ,

Fr Jerald



**WYD
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**\$10.50 a
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Support our Youth on their World Youth Day Journey!

With our Food Stall Fundraiser

17-18 October, at all Masses

Come along, enjoy some food and support our young pilgrims!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Craft Group & Prayer Shawl Ministry

We meet at the Parish Centre, sharing a bit of creativity, joy and laughter, in the service of those in need. Presently we are actively involved in creating items for sale at St Simon's Fete.

Come join in the fun!

20 Oct —1.30pm

See you there!

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21 Oct

Soul on Fire

Parish Movie in our Cinema

21 Oct @ 7pm

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Men's Group next meet up

28 October @ 7pm

At the Parish Centre

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Women's Group meet next at Stonez Restaurant

29 October @ 10am

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All Souls Day Mass—2 Nov

9.15am @ St Jude's

7.30pm @ St Simon's

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SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Tuesday, 10 November | 7.00pm

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21 Nov

SUPER SOUL SATURDAY

21 November, 10am to 12pm

Guest Speaker: Fr Bernard Teo CSsR

Pope Leo XIV's encyclical 'Magnifica Humanitas'

Exploring Pope Leo XIV's teaching on AI and its implications for our lives and society.

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COMBINED PARISHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Saturday, 12 December at 7:00pm

Join us at St Simon's for a joyful evening of Christmas carols, celebration and fellowship as our combined parish communities come together to share the spirit of Christmas. **Carols will follow the 6.00pm Combined Parishes Vigil Mass.** All are warmly invited!

12 Dec



9-Day Novena and Mass on the Feast of St Simon & St Jude

Let us come together in prayer, seeking their powerful intercession for our families, our parish, and our personal intentions.

@ ST JUDE'S CHURCH

19–23, 26, 27 October

6.30pm Holy Mass

7.00pm Novena prayer, Confessions and Adoration

24 Oct 6pm Vigil Mass

7pm Novena prayer, Confessions and Adoration

25 Oct 7pm Novena prayer, Confessions and Adoration

FEAST DAY MASS

28 October

6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Feast Mass

Followed by refreshments

This nine-day journey is an opportunity to pause, bring our intentions before God and seek the intercession of Sts Simon and Jude, our patrons of hope and difficult causes.

WE PRAY FOR

Those who have recently died Josephine Battaglia and whose memories are sacred to us at this time: Dora Milana, Esmeralda Vaz.

For the Sick: Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Aneta Crowley, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette Ukena, Brooke Hiho, Mark Bramich, Denzil Britto, Rvevin Serrano, Paul McCole, Silivelia Talia, Ropeti Talia, Paul Dugdale, Teresa & Paul Guiliano, Alex Zunica, Flora Palleschi, Vlad, Delene Jones, Joe Vail, Tania Stewart, Jacqueline White, Kevin Liston



Volunteers needed:

Friday set-up from 1pm

Saturday pack up from 4pm

Parking attendants (Sat morning)

Food Stalls

Trash & Treasure

Books, CD's toys and trash 'n' treasure:

Donations can be dropped off Saturday mornings 10am-12pm @ the school hall.

17/10, 24/10, 31/10

Corflute Signs:

These are an important promotion for our fete. If you can display one please collect from the foyer after mass.

Fete Raffle:

We need your support

Tickets \$2 - 13 prizes

On sale after mass, pick up a book to be in it to win it.

Wristbands:

Pre-purchase your ride & activity wristband to get a discount.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLHEX>



Stall Captains Meeting:

Next meeting 29/10, 7pm @ the school

	Need information call	
	Toni Coates	0409 855 889
	Bill Leane	0411 289 319
	Jenny Maxwell	0403 832 731

	TICKETS	ON SALE
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TO DRAW 3PM ON SAT 14 TH NOVEMBER		
	Wristbands ON SALE	
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Saturday 14th November
at St Simon's School



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DEADLINE FOR PARISH BULLETIN NOTICES
Wednesday 4.00pm



St Francis of Assisi **SHOWCASE** *Calling all performers!*

To celebrate the Franciscan Jubilee Year, COG Theatre is hosting a musical showcase highlighting the life of St Francis of Assisi

Expressions of interest welcome!

Performers, technicians, adminstrant or just eager, contact
cogtheatregroup@gmail.com
or 0413 398 528

Meetings are held on Saturdays
 @1pm

St Roch's Primary School,
 School Hall, 5 Glenvale Rd,
 Glen Iris VIC 3146

Please RSVP to attend

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Congratulations to Nimmi



We give thanks to God for our parishioner, Nimmi Candappa, chosen as one of 50 lay representatives from across the Archdiocese to participate in the Melbourne Synod.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Nimmi to bring the voice and lived experience of the laity into a process of listening, discernment and renewal within our Church. Her participation reminds us that each of us has a part to play in shaping a vibrant, faith-filled Church that listens, walks together and responds to the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit grant Nimmi and all Synod participants wisdom, courage, humility and open hearts as they discern the way forward, helping to heal divisions, strengthen communion and build a Church where all can grow as missionary disciples.

We congratulate Nimmi and assure her of our prayerful support on this journey.

In Loving Memory of Josephine Battaglia

We offer our heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones. May they find comfort in the love of Christ and the support of our parish community.

Josie's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on

Wednesday, 21 October at 10.30am
 @ St Simon's

May she rest in eternal peace.

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 19 OCT	TUE 20 OCT	WED 21 OCT	THUR 22 OCT	FRI 23 OCT	SAT 24 OCT	SUN 25 OCT
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
6.30pm (at St Jude's) St Jude Novena	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	10.30am (Church) Funeral Mass for Josephine Battaglia	6.30pm (at St Jude's) St Jude Novena	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	6.00pm Mass (Fr Brian Ahern)	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
	2.00pm (PC) Shawl Group	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	7.00pm (PC) Sycamore	6.30pm (at St Jude's) St Jude Novena	7.00pm (at St Jude's) St Jude Novena	12.30pm Baptisms
	6.30pm (Church) Retreat Follow-up	6.30pm (at St Jude's) St Jude Novena		8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
	6.30pm (at St Jude's) St Jude Novena	7.00pm (Cinema) Movie—Soul on Fire				5.00pm (Church) Charismatic Youth Mass
	7.30pm (PC) RCIA		PLEASE NOTE: BOWLS NIGHT CANCELLED St Simon's Bowls Night has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.			6.00pm(PC) St Simon's Warriors
						7.00pm (at St Jude's) St Jude Novena

First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1,4-6*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm 95

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 22:15-21*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS
Remembering Our Loved Ones
Tuesday, 10 November | 7.00pm

Join us for a special Memorial Mass to honour and remember loved ones who have passed away between November 2025 and October 2026.

Together, we gather in prayer, support one another in grief and give thanks for the lives of those who remain forever in our hearts.

Light refreshments will be served in the foyer after Mass.

Please bring a plate to share.

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE To have your loved one remembered during the Mass, please *write their name on the slip provided and place it in the collection box in the foyer.*

2026 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)
Thank you to all who took Raffle books.

Please return your ticket butts with payment, to the Parish Office or at the Help Desk.

Ticket butts returned after 8 November will NOT go in to the draw. Please keep your tickets until the draw date of 5 December 2026.

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER		30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 24/25 OCTOBER 2026 Exodus 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40			
MASS TIMES	24 OCT, SATURDAY 6.00PM	25 OCT, SUNDAY 9.00AM	25 OCT, SUNDAY 11.00AM	25 OCT, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Seymon Martino	Tony Fry	Loretta Hughes	Damon	
Reader 1	Julie Faull	Pam Comerford	Junius De Silva	Gloria	
Reader 2	Stephen White	Bernard Mulholland	Jan Richards	Chantel	
Welcome Desk	Malaika de Mel	Maggie Braganza	Pia Pagotto		
Children's Liturgy			Paige L & Deanne S		
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley
			Volunteer Needed		