

MASS TIMES

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am
Fri: 6-7pm Adoration
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)
Sun: 9.00 & 11.00 am
Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass**
RECONCILIATION
Fri: From 6-7pm
Sat: From 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Tue to Fri 9am-4pm
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—3rd SUN of the month
For application form refer to our website or call parish office on 9764 4058.
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AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

Theresa Abraham (Tue)
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WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP.

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

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By private arrangement
Contact St Jude's Parish office on 9763 7302, or
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FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES 4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —6th and 7th of September 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 14:25–33

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the crowds about the cost of discipleship. His words are strong and challenging: to follow Him means placing God above everything else in our lives. He is not asking us to abandon our families or responsibilities, but to recognise that our love for Him must be the foundation from which all other loves flow.

Jesus reminds us that discipleship is not something casual or half-hearted. Just as someone building a tower or a king preparing for battle must carefully consider what is required, so too must we honestly reflect on what it means to be His follower. It calls for trust, sacrifice, and sometimes letting go of what holds us back.

This Gospel is an invitation to examine our hearts. What are the "possessions" – whether material, emotional, or spiritual – that weigh us down and keep us from freely following Christ? Jesus asks us to walk the path of discipleship with courage, knowing that true freedom and lasting joy are found only in Him.

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

Happy Fathers Day

This weekend we give thanks for all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our lives. We celebrate their love, guidance, and the many quiet sacrifices they make each day for their families.

May God bless all fathers with strength, patience, and joy in their vocation. Let us also remember in prayer those fathers who are no longer with us, that they may rest in the peace of Christ.

Wishing all fathers in our parish community a very happy and blessed Father's Day!

2025 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)

Thank you for your support in the Car Raffle so far. We have about 90 books left to be sold. If you can help sell them to your friends and families, or buy some yourselves if you haven't already done so, please approach the Raffle Volunteer in the Foyer. For those who've already got tickets, but have not returned them, please do so soon, as the last date to return ticket butts with payment is Sunday, 14 September. You may return the tickets with payment to the Parish Office during office hours or at each of the weekend Masses to the Raffle Volunteer in the foyer or at the Welcome Desk. Thank you all for your support and cooperation.

Welcome to our First Communicants

This weekend at our 6.00pm and 11.00am Masses, we warmly welcome our First Communicants and their families as they gather for their Commitment Mass.

Let us keep these children in our prayers as they continue their journey of preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. May they grow ever closer to Jesus, who nourishes us with His love in the Eucharist.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held from 30th November – 2nd December 2025. To help support our parish youth attending this special event, we will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on 28th Sep 2025 after the 9.00 and 11am Masses. We invite you to support this fundraiser if you can. Your generosity will help our young people take part in this wonderful celebration of faith.

Parish Website

We thank you all for your patience during this transition period to our new website. This is now up and running and the web address is www.melbcatholic/s/rowville. **We now have the ability to send weekly emails out to parishioners with our newsletters and any updates. If you would like to receive our weekly emails, please subscribe via the website. The link is on the bottom of the home page/ mass times and services/ parish bulletins(click on the blue box).**

Thank you to all those who have already subscribed. If you need assistance with this, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Pilgrimage: Saints of Italy - Prayer Requests

Message from -Tom Wursthorn, Principal, St Simon's Primary School

Later this term, I will be undertaking a special pilgrimage to sacred sites in Italy as part of a two-week pilgrimage with my principal colleagues from the Outer East Region. This trip provides a profound opportunity for spiritual reflection, renewal of faith and personal growth. As part of the pilgrimage, I would like to extend an invitation to you:

If you or someone you love is in need of prayer—whether for healing, strength, guidance, or peace— I would be honoured to carry your intentions and bring your prayers to these sacred places on your behalf.

To participate, simply write your prayer or intention on a piece of paper, place it in a sealed envelope, and drop it off at either the school office or the parish office.

All collected prayers will be respectfully taken with us to holy sites in Italy where they will be left in churches and sacred spaces for prayer and intercession. Prayer boxes will be available from Monday, 18th August, through to the end of Friday 5th September. One prayer box will be kept in the church for our Parishioners, whilst another will be in our front office at school. They will be labelled so that you may leave your confidential prayer in the box.

Monday Morning Mass for the Nativity of Mary—Monday the 8th of September at 9.15am at St Simons

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?

TUE, **EVENINGS** on 16 Sept.

Ring the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or Phillip on 0437 343 022 or just come along on the night.

"Come and see."

Multicultural Rosary, Adoration & Confession

You are warmly invited to join us at St Simon's Church on Friday, 12th September 2025 at 6.00 pm The evening will begin with the Multicultural Rosary, celebrating the richness of our diverse parish family, followed by a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for Confession. Come and spend this sacred time with the Lord and our parish community as we pray together in faith and unity.

Movie's at St Simons

Will now be held every 3rd and 4th Friday's of every month after morning mass.

The following movies have been scheduled for the month of August.

19th September : Fatima

26th September : Bernadette of Lourdes

Come and join us for coffee, tea and biscuits and enjoy the movie.

Bring your own popcorn!

2025 Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 archbishops' campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archishopcampaign.

BARRYPLANT

FAMOUS BINGO

St Simons

Nights

MEALS AVAILABLE

CASH PRIZES

15 GAMES

STARTS 7:15 PM

EYES DOWN 7:30PM

Friday, 12th September

Friday, 11th October

Friday, 14th February

Friday, 14th March

Friday, 8th May

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Saturday 22nd November 2025 7:00pm - 12:00 Midnight

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SCAN ME

SUPPORT NOOSA FOR NEURO

Trent Robertson is a 38 year-old father of 2, who is running and cycling 2,000km from Melbourne to Noosa to raise \$100,000 to fight Neuroblastoma – a childhood cancer affecting 0 – 5 year-olds. He began on the 1st of September and finishes on the 30th. Please support Trent's courageous endeavour with your prayers and if you'd like to donate, go to noosa-for-neuro.raiselysite.com Thank you very much.

Care to Connect Ministry – Renewed and Ready to Serve

Our dedicated volunteers are here to offer support and companionship to those who are sick, lonely, bereaved, or housebound.

If you know someone who would benefit from a friendly call or visit, please leave their details in the Care to Connect book at the Help Desk.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help with making calls and doing visits. If you would like to chat to someone about this, please call the Parish Office.

Together, we can ensure that no one in our parish feels alone.

Save the Dates – Upcoming Parish Events

Our Social and Fundraising Committee has been busy planning a wonderful calendar of events for our parish community. Please mark these dates in your diary – we would love your support and participation!

Bingo Night – Thursday, 12th Sept, 11th Oct, 14th Feb, 14th March, 8th May.

Food Stall & BBQ (Youth Group Fundraiser) – Sunday, 28th September 2025.

Melbourne Cup Function – Tuesday, 4th November 2025

Dinner Dance – Saturday, 22nd November 2025

Melbourne Cup Luncheon – Saturday, 18th April 2026

Parish Fete – 18th April 2026

These events are a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, friendship, and fun while supporting our parish. More details will be shared closer to each date.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **17th Sept** from **11:30 am—2:30 pm**
Theme: Normal

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

For more info. contact Brian Crowley on 0429 090 770. We look forward to seeing you all soon!



Recent Death: Christine Fernando

Anniversary of Death: Fe Del Rosario, March Riviere, Madie Frederick, Paul E Lewish, Lenka Agapito, Animae Mariae, Therese Clark

Prayer for the Sick: Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong, Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Jenny Liston, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Adrien Cerdor, Nigel Quadros, Andrew Bianchin, Aneta Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette and Murray Ukena and Christine Fernando, Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjou, Ruevin Serrand.

Novena to St Jude Thaddeus Apostle of Hope



Join us for a Powerful 9-Day Novena
to St Jude Thaddeus -
Patron of Desperate and Hopeless Cases

*Come and experience the strength of prayer
and the hope that St Jude offers to those in need.
All are welcome to take part in this spiritual journey
of faith, healing and trust in God's mercy.*

Date : from 19th October 2025 to 27th October 2025

Time : 6:30 pm Mass and 7:00 pm Adoration & Novena

Place : St Jude The Apostle Parish

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Readings for 23rnd Sunday in Ordinary Time—6th and 7th of September 2025

First Reading—Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of

Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel— Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.

Mon 8th of Sept	Tue 9th of Sept	Wed 10th of Sept	Thu 11th of Sept	Fri 12th of Sept	Sat 13th of Sept	Sun 14th of Sept
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass Fr Libeesh	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald) Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group		10.00 am (Parish Centre) Women's Group, Card Making	6.00pm (Parish Church) Multicultural Rosary, Adoration & Confession	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.30pm Gospel Reflection via Zoom	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting		5—8pm(Parish Centre) SSS Choir	7.15pm—9pm (Parish Centre) Parish Bingo Night	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald)) First Communion Commitment mass
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerald) (<u>Livestream</u>) First Communion Commitment mass	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 13th and 14th of September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross — Numbers 21: 4-9, Phillipians 2: 6-11, John 3: 13-17

Mass Times	Saturday 13th Sept 6.00pm		Sunday 14th Sept 9.00am		Sunday 14th Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Alden/Sam D'Couto		Tony Fry		Estela Banac	
Reader 1	Stephen White		Dorothy Stack		Val D'Souza	
Reader 2	Sanuri Perera		Neela T/Madison Feilder		Therese West	
Welcome Desk	Malaika Perera		Maggin Braganza		Christina Liew	
Children's Liturgy	Malaika P and Gillian E		No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Elaine Gannon	Church Cleaning	Marian Ruffolo, Diana Paul-Anna, Kim Phoon	5.00pm Thabesan Family