

OUR MASS TIMES

Tue - Fri: 9.15am Mass

Fri: 6 - 7pm Adoration and Reconciliation

Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)

Sun: 9.00 & 11.00am

Sun: 5.00pm Youth Mass

RECONCILIATION

Fri: From 6 - 7pm

Sat: From 5.30pm - 5.50pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tue to Fri 9am - 4pm



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To register scan the QR code or call the Parish Office



WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP, FUNERALS

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OUR SERVICES

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NOTICES Wednesday 4.00pm for the week

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First Sunday of Advent | 29th and 30th November 2025 | Year C

Welcome to 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.

Blessings,

Fr Jerald Mariadas

There will be
**NO 6pm Mass at
St Simon's on
13 December**
Please join us at
**St Jude's, 6pm
onwards,
for a combined Mass
and Christmas Carols**

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 of December 2025

6.00pm Children's Mass (5.30pm Carols)

9.00pm Vigil Mass (8.30pm Carols)

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 2025

8.30 and 10.30am Mass

New Year's Day

Thursday 1st January 2026

10.00am Mass



ST SIMON'S MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th of December 2025

6.00pm Children's Mass (5.30pm Carols)

9.00pm Vigil Mass (8.30pm Carols)

12.00pm Midnight Mass (11.30pm Carols)

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 2025

10.00am Mass (9.30am Carols)

New Year's Eve

Wednesday 31st of December 2025

11.30pm Adoration followed by Midnight Mass

New Year's Day

Thursday 1st January 2026

10.00am Mass



Dear Friends,

What a fantastic social night we had last Saturday at our Dinner Dance, "Dancing Hearts and Giving Hands."

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of you who joined us and brought your friends, making the evening such a great success.

A special word of thanks to our Social Committee members for their incredible hard work, dedication, and teamwork in organizing this event. Your efforts made the night truly memorable, and I am deeply grateful for everything you did to make it happen.

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$10,598.75 to support our parish initiatives.

Once again, thank you for your presence, support, and spirit of community.

**Blessings,
Fr Jerald**



12 December, 6pm

We have St Simon's School Graduation Mass
there will be NO Adoration



Christmas Pageant

We are calling for children to be angels, shepherds or kings. **Practices will take place at St Simon's Church at 2pm on Saturdays 6 and 20 December 2025.**



Make Spirits Bright this Christmas!

Share Space a local organisation are looking to donate hampers for locals in need.

70 Christmas Chocolate stockings, 50 boxes of Shortbread. Please **visit the welcome desk** for more info.

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.



Sacramental Registrations Now Open for 2026

Registrations are now open for all Sacraments for the year 2026.

While specific commencement dates are yet to be confirmed, we encourage families to submit their registrations early to ensure a place.

To register your child or to obtain further information, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9764 4058.

We look forward to accompanying our young parishioners and their families as they prepare to celebrate and receive these beautiful Sacraments.

ACYF—Rite of Sending

On 30 November 2025 the youth will receive a blessing at the 11am Mass before they journey to the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** from 30 Nov to 2 December. The Festival brings together thousands of young people (Year 9 – 25 years of age) from across Australia and provides opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, Bishops, musicians and speakers.



We sincerely thank all our supporters and sponsors who encouraged 15 Youth +2 Youth Leaders to participate. You may follow their journey on Instagram with the QR code.

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady

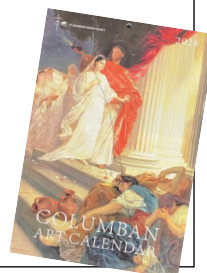
Let us come together to renew our devotion to Our Blessed Mother on the First Saturday of each month. Our next devotion will be held on **Saturday, 6 December at St Jude's Church.** We will pray the Rosary at 8:45 AM, followed by Mass at 9:15 AM. All are warmly invited to participate in this beautiful act of love and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

FOR PURCHASE AT THE WELCOME DESK

The Promise Advent Book and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025 for **\$5 each.**

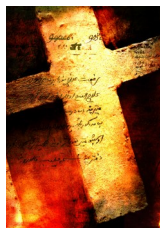


Columban Art Calendar 2026
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To support the RCIA ministry we have two books **on sale for \$10 each.**

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION

16 December | St Simon's 7:00pm

17 December | St Jude's 7:30pm

PLEASE BE AWARE Parking fines are in place *on the street* outside the church on weekdays between 8:30—9:30am. This is a **5 minute parking** spot. If you receive a ticket you will need to write to the Council individually.

Viv's RE Care — NEXT EVENT

WED, 3rd December 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!



Please join us in the church at 8:45am, Tuesday to Friday, to recite the Rosary.



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Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey was a trailblazer...

Born in the Victorian town of Birregurra in 1887, Glowrey was an experienced doctor in Melbourne hospitals and private practice when she travelled to India, aged 32, and entered religious life in Guntur, located in present day Andhra Pradesh. She spent 37 years in service to marginalized women and children.

The cause for sainthood for Australian-born doctor and missionary in India Mary Glowrey has advanced after Pope Leo XIV recognised her 'heroic virtues' on 21 November 2025

'It is up to Him to point the way and for me to follow' -Sr Mary of the Sacred Heart

Women's Group Christmas Party

Thursday
11 December, 11am - 3pm
Parish Centre
Bring your own lunch and drinks

Lyn Emons would like to give away her
Lisner Upright Piano.
Mahogany finish.
Please call Lyn on
0401 498 806

Parish Website

Confirming that our new web address is
<https://www.melbocatholic/s/rowville>.

We now have the ability to send out weekly emails 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.



Recent Death: Helen Mullins, Adrian Gomez

Anniversary of Death: Craig McLeod, Elliot Rees, Natasha Dickson, Daniel Namasivayam, Annette Madaska Jackson, Jacques Duhau, Crisanto John Rodrigues, Belmira Rodrigues

Prayer for the Sick : Bill Leane, Yana Jong, Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Jenny Liston, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Adrien Cerdor, Nigel Quadros, Anita Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette and Murray Ukena, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Vissenjou, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus, Benedict Lim, Noelle Parsons and Mary Luscombe.



A Christmas filled with Hope

ST. JUDE'S & ST. SIMON'S COMBINED CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Presented by our Partnered parishes of ST. Jude's and ST. Simon's

Please
bring a
plate



Saturday, 13th December | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Venue: St Jude's Church

49 George Street, Scoresby

Carols 7:30pm following a combined parish mass at 6pm

Following carols: Shared Supper - please bring a plate to share

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

Sausage Sizzle

\$2 Gold coin donation
for a drink or sausage.

Free Glow Sticks



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree & Christmas Drive

Parishioners are invited to take a tag from the tree and donate a toy or gift voucher for a child aged 12 and under. Your kindness and generosity will help bring joy and hope to families in need this Christmas.

Thank You,
St Vincent de Paul team

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1st Sunday of Advent — 29 / 30 November 2025

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.

Responsorial Psalm 121

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house 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 Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

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.’

THIS WEEK’S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS						
Mon 1st Dec	Tue 2nd Dec	Wed 3rd Dec	Thu 4th Dec	Fri 5th Dec	Sat 6th Dec	Sun 7th Dec
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass— (Fr Jerald) Anointing Mass	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group	11.00am (Parish Centre) Viv’s RE Care	5-9.00pm (Church) SSS Choir	10.00am (Parish Centre) Seniors Morning Tea after Anointing Mass	12.30pm (Church) Chaldeans Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)
	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting	7.30pm (Church) Baptism Preparation	6 –7pm Social Committee Meeting	6.00pm (Parish Centre) Warriors	2pm (Church) Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	11:00 am Mass (Fr MGL)
				6.00pm (Parish Church) Adoration	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Libeesh)	3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00pm Youth Mass
						6.30pm (Parish Centre) Youth Group

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 2nd Sunday of Advent - 6th and 7th of December 2025 — Isaiah 11: 1-10, Romans 15: 4-9, Matthew 3: 1-12

Mass Times	Saturday 6th Dec 6.00pm		Sunday 7th Dec 9.00am		Sunday 7th Dec 11.00am	Sunday 7th Dec 5.00pm
Commentator	Alden/Sam D’Couto		Tony Fry		Abbie Ferdinands	TBC
Reader 1	Maria Soriano		Bernard Mulholland		Junius De Silva	TBC
Reader 2	Saniru Perera		Enakshi Jayamanne		Terry Redden	TBC
Welcome Desk	Yvonne Muspratt		Maggie Braganza		Morris Dalton	
Children’s Liturgy	Julie F/Alicia C		No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy	
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart and Bernie Fernando	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa	Thabesan Family