

## 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.  
Email: Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

## AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

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## WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP.

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

## ANointing of the Sick

By private arrangement  
Contact St Jude's Parish office on  
9763 7302, or  
St Simon's on 9764 4058

## FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

## SERVICES

**PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE**  
Please Contact Parish Office

## ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE

1800 305 330

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Andrea O'Loughlin  
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Mobile: 0404 051 401

## LIVESTREAMING IN RESIDENCE

Corey Payton  
Available for Funerals & Weddings  
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## DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

**NOTICES** 4.00 pm on WED of this  
week.

# St. Simon the Apostle Parish

"A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ."

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time —18th and 19th of October 2025**



## Gospel Reflection – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 18:1–8)

"Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart."

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us the story of the persistent widow who never gave up seeking justice from a judge who "neither feared God nor respected man." Her perseverance finally moved the judge to act—not out of compassion, but because she refused to give up. Through this parable, Jesus teaches us about the power of steadfast prayer. He invites us to keep praying, even when our prayers seem unanswered, and to trust that God always listens with love. Persistence in prayer is not about wearing God down, but about deepening our faith and dependence on Him. Like the widow, we are called to hold firm, to "pray always and not lose heart." In a world that often demands instant results, Jesus reminds us that faith is a journey of patience, trust, and hope. God's timing may not be our own, but His faithfulness never fails. May this Gospel renew our confidence in prayer, and may we never tire of bringing our needs—and the needs of others—before our loving Father.

"When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8)  
Let us be the ones who answer that question with a faithful and persevering "yes."  
**With every blessing, Fr Jerald**

# ACYF LAST CALL!!

So far we have 13 members of our St Simon  
and St Jude's youths attending ACYF.

This is your chance to gather with thousands  
of youths across Australia for a 3 day event in  
Melbourne to grow your faith through music,  
friendship and workshops!

If you are in Year 9 to 25 years & are interested  
in joining us; please contact:

Denise - 0435742 838

Kim - 0403 323 353

Dinelle - 0416 810 541

or email us on ssjyouthteam@gmail.com

## Parish Website

Confirming that our new  
web address is <https://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.

## 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Ed and Ming Nicdao on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May the blessing of our Lord be with you always.



## Novena to St Jude Thaddeus Apostle of Hope

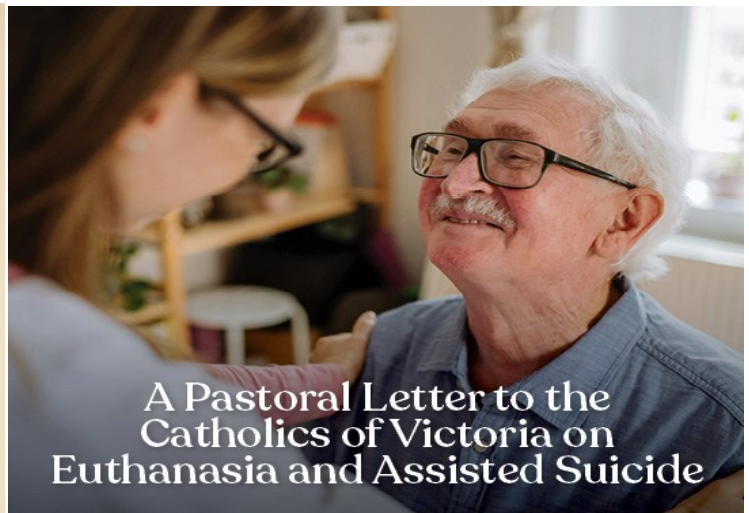


Join us for a Powerful 9-Day Novena  
to St Jude Thaddeus -  
Patron of Desperate and Hopeless Cases

*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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
**Time :** 6:30 pm Mass and 7:00 pm Adoration & Novena  
**Place :** St Jude The Apostle Parish  
49 George Street, Scoresby VIC 3179

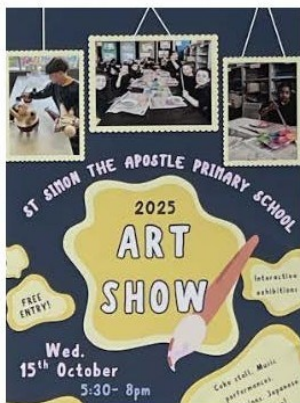
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## A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

**You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: [www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill](http://www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill).**



You are cordially invited to attend our  
2025 Art Show.

Official opening Wednesday 15th  
October 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Come and see our creative talents!!

### Parish Wheelchair

A lightweight wheelchair that was kept in the church is currently missing. If you have borrowed it, we kindly ask that you return it to the Parish Centre as soon as possible, as it is needed for parish use. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Parish Centre Use

This is a gentle reminder to kindly take care of a few housekeeping tasks before leaving the Centre:

- Ensure that all bins are emptied.
- Check that the toilets are cleaned.
- Leave the Centre in a neat and tidy condition.

Thank you for your

### Women's Group

The next Women's Group will be held on Thursday the 23rd of October.

Come and join us at the Stonez Restaurant 1/109 Stud Road Rowville from 10.00am Onwards. We look forward to catching up with you.

### Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **5th November** 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!



### 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.

### Movie's at St Simons

Will now be held between the 3rd and the 5th Friday of every month after morning mass.

The following movies have been scheduled for the month of October/November

**31st Oct :** Maximillian Saint of Auschwitz

**21st Nov:** The Cross

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

Bring your own popcorn!



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\* perk is base on person spend value  
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### 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!

**Melbourne Cup Function** – Tuesday, 4th November 2025

**Dinner Dance** – Saturday, 22nd November 2025

**Parish Fete** – 18th April 2026

**Business Directory**—if you own a business and would like to advertise in our Business Directory, please do pick a leaflet up from the Foyer.

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.

### Recent Death: Jaime Um Fat Ku

**Anniversary of Death: Espedito Pettinato, Robert Dennis , Pedro Galang, Vittorio Catena,**

**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, Anita Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou , Bernadette and Murray Ukena , Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjou, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus.

ST SIMONS

## Melbourne Cup Lunch



SCAN ME



Tuesday 04 November  
12:45 PM – 3:45 PM  
ST SIMONS PARISH CENTRE

#### HOSTED BY

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Trivia & Games • Sweeps & Mystery Bet for All • Raffle Prizes

#### TICKET

**\$39**

PER HEAD

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4 Fresh Salads + Jacket Potatoes  
Vegetarian Option Available

Delicious Desserts  
Champagne on Arrival  
BYO Drinks

Watch the Races LIVE!

### 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.**

### Appliance Repairs & Installation Service

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29th Sunday —18th and 19th of October 2025

First Reading—Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.’ Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial PS 120 Rv2

Response: Our help is from the lord who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading—2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. ‘There was a judge in a certain town’ he said ‘who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, “I want justice from you against my enemy!” For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, “Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.”’

And the Lord said, ‘You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?’

| THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS. |                                                |                             |                                                          |                                      |                                                                       |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Mon<br>20th Oct                                                                   | Tue<br>21st Oct                                | Wed<br>22nd Oct             | Thu<br>23rd Oct                                          | Fri<br>24th Oct                      | Sat<br>25th Oct                                                       | Sun<br>26th Oct                                |
| Office Closed                                                                     | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Libeesh)                    | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Libeesh) | 9.15am Mass<br>(Fr Libeesh)                              | 9.15am Mass—<br>(Fr Jerald)          | <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>                                                  | <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>                           |
| 7.00pm<br>( Parish Chapel)<br>Chaldean Community                                  | 2.00pm ( Parish Centre )<br>Craft /Shawl Group |                             | 10.00am to 12.00pm<br>Women’s Group at Stonez Restaurant | 6.00pm ( Parish Church)<br>Adoration | 12.30—3.30 ( Side Chapel)<br>Chaldean Community<br>Children’s Liturgy | 9:00 am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)                    |
|                                                                                   | 7.30pm ( Parish Centre)<br>RCIA Meeting        |                             | 5-9.00pm ( Parish Church)<br>SSS Choir                   | 8pm ( Church)<br>11am Choir Practice | Reconciliation<br>5:30 pm                                             | 11:00 am Mass<br>(Fr Jerald)                   |
|                                                                                   |                                                |                             |                                                          |                                      | 6:00 pm Vigil Mass<br>(Fr Jerald) ( <u>Livestream</u> )               | 2.00pm ( Church)<br>Chaldean Community         |
|                                                                                   |                                                |                             |                                                          |                                      |                                                                       | 3.30-5pm (Parish Centre)<br>Chaldean Community |
|                                                                                   |                                                |                             |                                                          |                                      |                                                                       | 5.00pm Youth Mass                              |

**NEXT WEEKEND**— Duty Rosters: 25th and 26th of October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Sirach 35: 12-14,16-18, 2 Timothy 4: 4-6.16-18, Luke 18: 9-14

| Mass Times         | Saturday 25th Oct<br>6.00pm |                      | Sunday 26th Oct 9.00am             |                        | Sunday 26th Oct<br>11.00am                  | Sunday 26th Oct<br>5.00pm |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Commentator        | Jodie Marziano              |                      | Phil Mawdsley                      |                        | Loretta Hughes                              | Paige                     |
| Reader 1           | De Mel Family               |                      | Margaret Ng                        |                        | Ingrid Kertesi                              | Aarya                     |
| Reader 2           | De Mel Family               |                      | Paige Law                          |                        | Colin Maslen                                | Shanice                   |
| Welcome Desk       | Romaine Ephraums            |                      | Victoria King                      |                        | Val D’Souza                                 |                           |
| Children’s Liturgy | Alicia C and Julie F        |                      | Julie A and Tony F                 |                        | No Children’s Liturgy                       |                           |
| Flowers            | Beatrice Polydor            | <b>Altar Society</b> | Sheila Kelaart and Bernie Fernando | <b>Church Cleaning</b> | Marina Ruffolo , Diana Paul Anna, Kim Phoon | Thabesan Family           |