

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 **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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ANointing OF THE SICK

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OUR SERVICES

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Contact the Parish Office

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2/3 MAY 2026 | YEAR A

John 14:6 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

"Do not let your hearts be troubled" is a line that immediately brings a sense of comfort. There are many moments in life when things feel uncertain or overwhelming, and it is easy to relate to the disciples in their confusion. Like Thomas, there are times when not knowing the way forward can be frustrating or even frightening. Yet Jesus doesn't respond with detailed explanations—he simply asks for trust.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life" is a powerful reminder that faith is not about having all the answers. Instead, it is about staying close to Jesus and trusting that he will guide us, even when the path is unclear. There is something reassuring in knowing that we are not expected to figure everything out on our own.

Philip's request to see the Father reflects a very human desire for certainty. We often want clear signs of God's presence. But Jesus gently reminds him that God is already visible through him—through his words, his actions, and his love. This invites a shift in perspective, to notice God in everyday life rather than only in big or obvious moments.



The promise that those who believe will go on to do even greater works is both encouraging and challenging. It suggests that faith is something to be lived out. In small, ordinary acts of kindness and care, we can carry on that work and make a difference in the lives of others.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**

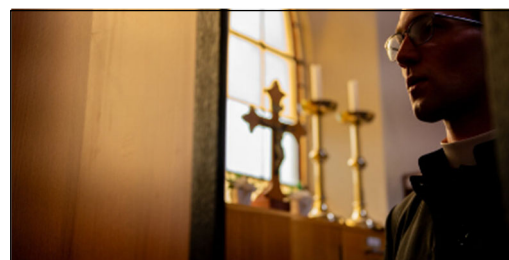
Ann-Marie's Journey to Home



**MISSION
IN ACTION**

**Sunday Appeal
2/3 May 2026**

Ann-Marie's story is part of **CatholicCare Victoria's Sunday Appeal** whose journey is a powerful reminder of how quickly life can change, and how hope can be restored through the care of others.



Seminary Enquiry Day Invitation

Young men (18+) who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood are warmly invited to attend a **Seminary Enquiry Day on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at Corpus Christi College.**

Please read the full letter from Archbishop Peter for more information.

RSVP by Tuesday 19 May to Vocations Office: vocations@cam.org.au.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Come Celebrate Mother's Day, 6 May!

Have a wonderful afternoon filled with music, memories, and great company.

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

With FREE morning tea



Delicious lunch, Live entertainment, Dancing and good vibes!

Bring your friends and your dancing shoes for a fun afternoon.

For more information, contact:

Brian Crowley – 0429 090 770

Our Next Event 20 May is

A Beatles Afternoon

Enjoy a special live performance by "Players", belting out all your favourite Beatles hits you know and love!

We look forward to seeing you there!



Multicultural Prayer with Jesus and Mary

Wednesday 13 May 2026

7.30 – 8.30 pm

ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH,
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Sacraments for children attending Non-Catholic Schools

FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Please reach out to the Parish office via the QR code or to enroll for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation



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FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
FRIENDS, FUN, FOOD, JESUS

**FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026
6.30PM – 9.30PM**

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HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME:
PARENTS' AND CAREGIVERS SESSION
PRAYER, TALKS AND CONVERSATION ON PARENTING



WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died especially Lenora Hardman and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time Kathleen Raux, Gertrude Adams, Myra De Silva, Arnold De Silva, Joseph & Muriel Rebeiro

For the Sick: Bill Leane, Perry Law, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Aneta Crowley, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette Ukena, Brooke Hiho, Noelle Parsons, Jonathan Salerno, Barbara Kirsch, Mark Bramich, Charles, Daniel, Denzil Britto, Sonani Cramer, Revin Serrano, Paul McCole, Silivelia Talia, Ropeti Talia, Paul Dugdale

PARISH RETREAT

All registered participants

Please remember to complete your details at the Help Desk.

Payment is requested by the end of May where possible.

We will hold a fundraiser on 25/26 July to assist with costs.

For enquiries, please contact Loretta at the Parish Office on Tues/Wed.

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We specialize in the repair of:

- Washing Machines ● Dishwashers ● Dryers ● Electric Ovens ● Microwaves ● Cooktops ● Range hoods ● Fridges ● Freezers Test ● Tag Services
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EXPERIENCE A NEW PENTECOST

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT SAT 23RD MAY

This is not just a retreat.
This is an **ENCOUNTER**.

*"He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
(Matthew 3:11)*

What if the fire of God...
is meant for **YOU?**

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Real encounters with the Holy Spirit
- Feel the personal embrace of God's love
- Testimonies of Faith
- Silence and reflection
- Prayer Ministry

SCAN ME

BOOK NOW!

Led by Fr Tony Alex MGL

— A day that's real, raw & Spirit-led —

Organised by Mission Warriors YAG Rowville

Ages: 16–35yrs | Saturday 23rd May (Pentecost Eve)
10am – 4pm | St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna VIC 3152
\$50pp | Lunch Provided

Contact: Kim 0403 323 353 | Dinelle 0416 810 541

DON'T JUST BELIEVE IN GOD **ENCOUNTER HIM.**

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Why does the Gospel passage work as both a Last Supper speech and a pre-Ascension discourse?

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Join us at the Parish Centre 15 May 7pm
for a Pot Luck Dinner!

Meet the community and make new connections!
It promises to be an evening of fun and laughter with delicious food.

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 4 MAY	TUE 5 MAY	WED 6 MAY	THUR 7 MAY	FRI 8 MAY	SAT 9 MAY	SUN 10 MAY
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)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.00am (PC) Viv's ReCare	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	10.00am (PC) The Well	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
	2.00pm (School) Reconciliation Parent Workshops	7.30pm (Church) Baptism Prep	7.00pm (Chapel) Baptism Prep	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration		12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program			8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm Youth Mass
	7.00pm (School) Reconciliation Parent Workshops					6.00pm (PC) StSJ Youth

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm 32

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Eucharistic Minister Training
will be held at St Simon's
on 23 May @11am
Please register at the
Welcome Desk on the
Volunteer Registration Forms

**PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH
CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

**What does Jesus say are the most
important things in life?
How does all that relate to service?**

NEXT WEEKEND		Sixth Sunday of Easter — 9/10 MAY 2026 — Acts 8:5-8. 14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21			
MASS TIMES	9 MAY, SATURDAY 6.00PM	10 MAY, SUNDAY 9.00AM	10 MAY, SUNDAY 11.00AM	10 MAY, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Tineke Edwards	Tony Fry	Pia Pagotto	Paige	
Reader 1	Thabesan Family	Phil Mawdsley	Christina Liew	Claire	
Reader 2	Stephen White	Dorothy Stack	Ingrid Kertesi	Nerise	
Welcome Desk	Malaika de Mel	Maggie Braganza	Roseline Acker	—	
Children's Liturgy	Michelle & Ben M	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	—	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs	Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Phil Mawdsley Volunteer Needed