

OUR MASS TIMES

Tue - Fri: 9.15am Mass

Fri: 6 - 7pm Adoration and Reconciliation

Sat: 6.00 pm **Mass and Carols at St Jude's**

Sun: 9.00 (Livestream)

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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Or contact St Jude's Parish Office on 9763 7302

OUR SERVICES

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NOTICES Wednesday 4.00pm for the week

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2nd Sunday of Advent | 6th and 7th of December 2025 | Year A

Message from Fr Jerald

Dear Parishioners of St Simon's, As a partnered parish community with St Jude, we are truly blessed to share not only our faith but also the opportunity to grow together in fellowship. From time to time, it is important for our parishes to come together, build relationships, and strengthen the unity that Christ calls us to embrace. These shared events remind us that we are not separate communities, but one family in faith, working together to build a vibrant and welcoming parish. For this reason, the **6:00 PM Saturday Mass at St. Simon's will not be held on Saturday, December 13th**. Instead, we will celebrate a combined Mass with both St. Simon's and St. Jude's at St. Jude's, followed by Community Christmas Carols. This is a once-a-year event designed to bring our two parishes closer and to celebrate the joy of Advent and Christmas as one family in Christ.

If anyone feels disappointed by this change, I kindly ask for your understanding and support. This decision is made in a spirit of unity, goodwill, and pastoral care. Next year, the combined Mass and Carols will be hosted at St. Simon's, and St. Jude's will pause their usual Saturday evening Mass in the same way. This alternation ensures fairness, respect, and shared participation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our communities to get to know one another better, to share our faith more deeply, and to foster new friendships and stronger fellowship. I sincerely invite you to join us in this joyful celebration of the Mass and our Christmas Carols.

I look forward to seeing many of you there and making this a memorable, joy-filled event that we can all look forward to each year.

Sincere thanks and God bless us all.

Yours In Christ,

Fr Jerald Mariadas

★ **ST JUDE'S AND ST SIMON'S CHRISTMAS MASSES** ★

We invite you to come and join us for our Christmas Celebrations

<u>ST JUDE'S MASS TIMES</u>	<u>ST SIMON'S MASS TIMES</u>
<u>Christmas Eve</u> Wednesday 24th December 2025 6:00pm Children's Mass (5:30pm Carols) 9:00pm Vigil Mass (8:30pm Carols)	<u>Christmas Eve</u> Wednesday 24th December 2025 6:00pm Children's Mass (5:30pm Carols) 9:00pm Vigil Mass (8:30pm Carols) 12:00am Midnight Mass (11:30pm Carols)
<u>Christmas Day</u> Thursday 25th December 2025 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass (10:00am Carols)	<u>Christmas Day</u> Thursday 25th December 2025 10:00am Mass (9:30am Carols)
<u>New Year's day</u> Thursday 1st January 2026 10:00am Mass	<u>New Year's Eve</u> Wednesday 31st December 2025 Midnight Mass (11:30pm Adoration)
	<u>New Year's day</u> Thursday 1st January 2026 10:00am Mass





FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Mass At St Jude's Parish
On Monday, December 8, At 9.15am*

Advent Reconciliation Services

As we prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas, all parishioners are warmly invited to join us for our

Advent Reconciliation Services:

Monday, 16th December – St Simon's Church at **7:00 pm**

Tuesday, 17th December – St Jude's Church at **7:30 pm**

This is a special opportunity to experience God's mercy and peace as we reflect and prepare during this holy season. We encourage everyone to come and take part in this beautiful tradition.

A CHRISTMAS FILLED WITH HOPE

St Jude's & St Simon's Combined Christmas Carols

When: *Saturday, 13 December at 7:30pm-9:00pm (6:00pm Mass)*

Where: *St Jude's Church, 49 George street, Scoresby.*

Following Carols we will have
a shared supper.

Please bring a plate to share



FREE GLOW STICKS!

Sausage Sizzle!

Please bring a \$2 coin donation for a drink or sausage.

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

Notice: No Adoration on Friday, 12th December

Please note that there will be no Adoration on Friday, 12th December, as the school will be celebrating the Grade 6 Graduation Mass. We warmly congratulate all our Grade 6 students on reaching this special milestone and wish them every blessing for their future.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to seeing you at our next Mass.



Children's Christmas Pageant



Calling All Little Shepherds, Angels, and Kings!

Our Christmas Nativity is a cherished tradition, and we warmly invite all children and parents to help bring the story of Christ's birth to life.

Whether your child would like to be a shepherd, angel, or king, their participation will make our celebration truly special.

The second practice will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, 20th December at the church. We encourage everyone to come along and join in the fun, laughter, and joy of preparing for this wonderful celebration.

Let's make this Christmas memorable for our children and our parish family!

Parking Restrictions on Taylors Lane

Please be advised that parking restrictions on Taylors Lane between 8:30 – 9:30 am (5-minute drop-off zone) are being strictly enforced. A number of fines have already been issued.

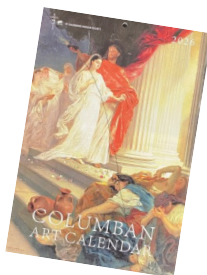
If you have received a fine, you are kindly asked to contact the council directly regarding the matter.

Available for purchase at the Welcome Desk

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

Columban Art Calendar 2026
@ \$10 each

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Viv's RE Care — NEXT EVENT

WED, 17th December from 11:30 am—2:30 pm Theme: Christmas

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.

A proud daughter of Melbourne



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

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has taken a label from our Christmas Giving Tree.

We kindly ask that all gifts for the children be returned to the parish by 12 December, so they can be prepared and delivered in time for Christmas.

If you would like to support our Christmas hampers, donations of confectionery items would be gratefully received.

Your generosity brings joy and comfort to families in need at this special time of year.

Parish Pot Luck Dinner – Friday 19 December

All are warmly invited to join us for a Parish Pot Luck Dinner on Friday 19th December, following our Adoration Mass.

This is a lovely opportunity to come together in fellowship, share a meal, and enjoy one another's company. Please bring a plate of food to share—sweet or savoury—all contributions are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Need to dispose of a Vehicle?

Disposal of a car when a family member has had to relinquish their licence, or has passed away can be very challenging.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact **Fr. Kevin Dillon** (frkdillon@outlook.com.au — 0421 777 360) or **Adam Kaali** (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com)

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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.

Anniversary of Death: Daphne Gonzales, Christopher Maxwell, Yvonne Dragwidge, Antonia Cordell, Maurice Kelaart, Warren Ithier

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 Visenjoux, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus, Benedict Lim, Noelle Parsons, Mary Luscombe, Jonathan Salerno and Barbara Kirsch.

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2nd Sunday of Advent — 6 and 7 December 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10—A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm 71— Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9—Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the

servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel—Matthew 3:1-12—In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS						
Mon 8th Dec	Tue 9th Dec	Wed 10th Dec	Thu 11th Dec	Fri 12th Dec	Sat 13th Dec	Sun 14th Dec
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am End of Year School Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting		5-9.00pm (Church) SSS Choir	10.00am (Parish Centre) Seniors Morning Tea	12.30pm (Church) Chaldeans Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)
			6 –7pm Social Committee Meeting	6.00pm (Parish Centre) Warriors	2pm (Church) Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	11:00 am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
				6.00pm (Church) School Graduation Mass NO Adoration	6:00 pm Combined Mass and Christmas Carols at St Jude's Church	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00pm Youth Mass
						6.30pm (Parish Centre) Youth Group

NEXT WEEKEND — Duty Rosters: 3rd Sunday of Advent — 13 and 14 December 2025 — Isaiah 35:1-6, 10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11						
Mass Times	13 Dec No 6pm Mass		Sunday 14 Dec 9.00am		Sunday 14 Dec 11.00am	Sunday 14 Dec 5.00pm
Commentator	-		Tony Fry		Abbie Ferdinands	TBC
Reader 1	-		Bernard Mulholland		Junius De Silva	TBC
Reader 2	-		Enakshi Jayamanne		Terry Redden	TBC
Welcome Desk	-		Maggie Braganza		Morris Dalton	-
Children's Liturgy	-		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