

OUR MASS TIMES

Tue -Fri: 9.15am Mass— Please see parish Calendar for up to date mass and calendar details.

Fri: 6 - 7pm Adoration and Reconciliation

Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)

Sun: 9.00 and 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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ANOIDING OF THE SICK

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OUR SERVICES

PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES Wednesday 4.00pm

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A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ

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Feast of the Holy Family - 27th and 28th of December 2025 - Year A

Gospel Reflection – Feast of the Holy Family

Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

Today's Gospel tells of the Holy Family—Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus—facing the challenges of life with courage and faith. Soon after Jesus' birth, they are forced to flee to Egypt to protect Him from King Herod. Yet, through it all, they trust in God's guidance and remain faithful to His plan.

The Holy Family reminds us that family life is not always easy. There are challenges, uncertainties, and even fears that test us. Yet, like Mary and Joseph, we are called to respond with love, patience, and trust in God. By supporting one another, we witness God's presence in our homes, schools, and workplaces.

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on our own relationships. How do we nurture love and understanding in our families? How do we follow God's guidance in daily life, even when it is difficult? Through prayer, forgiveness, and selfless care, we can make our homes a place where God's love is alive, just as the Holy Family did.

May we honour the Holy Family by bringing joy, compassion, and faithfulness to our own families, trusting that God is always with us on our journey.

With Blessings, Fr Jerald Mariadas

New Years Day Masses

Please note, there will be a New Years eve adoration at 11.30pm and Midnight Mass held here at St Simon's. There will also be a Morning Mass at 10.00am. Both Masses will be Celebrated by Fr Jerald.

Please note the Parish office will be closed on the 1st of January 2026

2026 Sacramental Program for primary and secondary school students

We are now taking enrolments for the 2026 sacramental program for families with children in primary and secondary schools who wish to have their child Baptised, receive Holy Communion, & Confirmation.

If you would like to know more or to register your interest, please contact:

St Jude's parish office on 9763 7302 or
St Simon's parish office on 9764 4058



Thank You.

Fr Jerald, Fr Libeesh and the Parish Community would like to thank all those who gave so much to the preparation for our Christmas Celebrations.

To all those who helped in any way to make this happen—THANK YOU.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year .

Prayers of the Community : Our Prayers

are asked for those who died recently especially Brian Dalton and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Trevor Gomez

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 Visenjou, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus, Benedict Lim, Noelle Parsons, Jonathan Salerno, Barbara Kirsch and Daniel.

Funeral Notice – Brian Dalton

The Funeral of Brian Dalton, a much-loved and long-standing member of our parish community, will be held on **Tuesday, 30th December.**

A viewing will take place at 10:15am, followed by the Funeral Mass at 11:00am.

Following the Mass, parishioners are warmly invited to join Brian's family and loved ones for refreshments in the Parish Centre. Those attending are kindly asked to bring a plate to share in memory of Brian.

We commend Brian to God's loving mercy and continue to keep his family and loved ones in our prayers.

Feast of the Holy Family — 27th and 28st December 2025

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm 23— Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel—Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.’ So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt. After Herod’s death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.’ So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.





An Evening with Our Lady: A Rosary Prayer Meeting

Join us for a peaceful night of prayer and community as we honor the Blessed Mother and dedicate our intentions to her. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK’S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS						
Mon 29th Dec	Tue 30th Dec	Wed 31st Dec	Thu 1st Jan 2026 Happy New Year 2026	Fri 2nd Jan	Sat 3rd Jan	Sun 4th Jan
<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh) <u>NEW YEARS EVE</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>NEW YEARS DAY</u>	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald) Anointing Mass	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
		(Church) 11.30pm Adoration 12.00am Midnight Mass	(Church) 10.00am Mass	6.00pm (Church) Adoration	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation before Mass	9:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)
			(Church) 2.00pm Chaldeans New Years Day mass		6:00 pm (Church) Fr Libeesh Mass (livestream)	11:00 am Mass (Fr Brian)
						2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND — Duty Rosters: Epiphany of the Lord — 3rd and 4th of January 2026—Isaiah 60: 1-6, Ephesians 3: 2-3,5-6 and Matthew 2: 1-12

Mass Times	Saturday 3rd Jan 6.00pm Mass		Sunday 4th Jan 9.00am Mass	Sunday 4th of Jan 11.00am Mass	Sunday 4th of Jan 5.00pm Mass
Commentator	Jodie Marziano		Pam Comerford	Loretta Hughes	TBC
Reader 1	Thabesan Family		Dorothy Stack	Morris Dalton	TBC
Reader 2	Junius De Silva		Phil Mawdsley	Pia Pagotto	TBC
Welcome Desk	Malaika de Mel		Enakshi Jayamanne	Morris Dalton	-
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy	-
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart and	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis and Judy Schmidt
			Bernie Fernando		5.00pm Mass— Thabesan Family