

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 12 APRIL 2026 | YEAR A

Dear Parishioners,

After the great joy of Easter, we now return to something quieter—back to our ordinary routines, our daily lives. Yet the question gently remains: what do we carry with us from Easter, from our encounter with the risen Lord?

The Gospel today meets us in that very place. The disciples too had experienced the first Easter, yet we find them gathered behind closed doors, afraid and uncertain about what comes next. It's a scene many of us can recognise—after the celebrations, we return home, sometimes carrying worries, doubts, or unanswered questions.

And into that space, Jesus comes. No grand entrance, no reproach—just a simple, powerful greeting: "Peace be with you." He comes bearing the gift of His peace, the same peace He offers us in every Mass. He does not wait for the disciples to have everything resolved. He meets them where they are. This is the heart of our faith: the risen Christ comes to us, especially in our need.

Then there is Thomas. Often remembered for his doubt, but in truth, he is honest. He longs to believe, yet struggles. And Jesus does not turn him away. Instead, He invites him closer: "Do not doubt but believe." In that encounter, Thomas makes his great profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

Many of us may see ourselves in Thomas. We have not seen, and yet we are called to believe—through the witness of the Church, through the Scriptures, and through the Sacraments.

As we move forward from Easter, we are reminded that faith is not about having all the answers, but about trusting in the living presence of Christ, who continues to stand among us, offering His peace and calling us to deeper belief.

May we carry this peace into our homes and daily lives, returning often to the Eucharist where He strengthens us. And like the disciples, may we become witnesses of His mercy, bringing hope and reassurance to those around us.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**



John 20:29

*"You believe because you
can see me."*

*Happy are those who have not
seen and yet believe"*

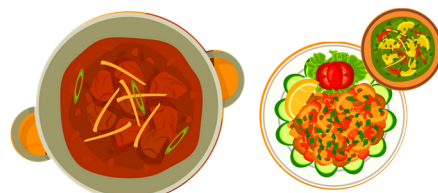
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

2pm—4pm

Beginning with Rosary, Divine
Mercy Chaplet, Adoration,
Reconciliation, Mass
and Afternoon Tea

A Parish Fundraiser



Please support our Parish at our
CURRY STALL outside the Parish
Centre after ALL weekend Masses on
18/19 April

UPCOMING EVENTS

NO YOUTH MASS ON
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (12 APRIL)
YOUTH MASSES
WILL RESUME
FROM SUNDAY 19 APRIL

**Lenten Groups Get Together on
Wednesday 15 April @ 7pm
in the Parish Centre.
All welcome. Bring a plate.**

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

24-week Series: Mondays 6pm-8pm
Starting 20 April 2026
At St Jude's Conference Room
Limited availability

To register please contact
Dinelle 0416 810 541
Kim 0403 323 353

APRIL ReCare in Parish Centre
22 April 2026

DATE TO MARRY

A dating and relationship workshop for
Catholic high schoolers to young adults
Sat 25 April, 11am-3pm, St Simon's
Please see the poster for more information

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – IMPORTANT NOTICE

All parish volunteers are invited to attend
an Essential Safeguarding Training
Session at St Jude's Parish on **Sunday
24 May at 11.45am** (following 10.30am
Mass), presented by the Archdiocese.

This session provides important child
safety awareness and training.

Volunteers from St Jude's and St
Simon's are strongly encouraged to
attend. If unable to attend in person,
online training is required via the
Volunteer Registration Form (available in
the church foyer and online).

RSVP by 15 May

St Jude's Scoresby – 9763 7302
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*Fr Jerald and the parish
community of St Simon's
extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone
who contributed to the prayerful
celebration and success of our
Easter liturgies.*

*Whether you shared your musical gifts
as part of the choir or musicians, proclaimed the Word as a
reader, served at the altar as a special minister or altar server,
an environmental stylist for our sacred spaces, donated palm
fronds, welcomed parishioners, or helped through cleaning and
other duties—your contribution played an important role in
making these celebrations so meaningful.*

*A special thanks to leaders who coordinated the liturgies
during the Holy Week.*

*We also acknowledge the many people who worked quietly
behind the scenes—preparing the Easter fire, cleaning and
arranging the church, moving furniture, and helping to set up
and serve the Easter breakfast. Your generous support helped
create a welcoming and prayerful environment for all.*

*Thank you to the dedicated office staff for your continued
commitment to our parish community.*

*May the blessings of Easter fill your hearts
and homes, and may you continue to be richly blessed.*



**CFC YFC SOUTH EAST
ENTRY CAMP
17—19 April
Camp Belgrave,
Belgrave Heights**

*Please register with the
QR Code on the poster
in the foyer*

Do you enjoy being outdoors?

Our parish gardening group is looking for
friendly volunteers. Please contact Liza
at liza.janzs@cam.org.au

WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died and
those whose memories are sacred to us at
this time especially Carl Christoffels
Kelaart

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, Rvevin Serrano, Paul McCole,
Silivelia Talia, Ropeti Talia



Building the Synodal Way Together

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together.

The Synodal Way calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

Listening with an open heart to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.

Engaging in meaningful conversation, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.

Strengthening our sense of communion, recognising Christ at the center of our shared mission.

Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question:

How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission was held on Thursday

9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au



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Anzac Day

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

A combined Mass for our never-forgotten family and loved ones is at **ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH, SCORESBY**, on **25 April at 10:00am**

Please join us for Morning Tea after Mass

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



For more details, contact:
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Denise 0435 742 838
Kim 0403 323 353



MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

We are looking for **young people in our community** willing to serve

Serving is a chance to grow in faith, build community, share your gifts.

Even an hour a month can make a difference. Your presence matters.

Add your name to the list at the Welcome Desk, or call the Parish Office on 9764 4058. You don't need experience —just an open heart and a willingness to serve.

Serve | Belong | Grow in faith

A free copy of the MELBOURNE CATHOLIC DIGEST is available

ARE YOU NEW TO ST SIMON'S?

Welcome to our parish!

Please add your details to the **New Parishioner Book** at the **Welcome Desk** so we can stay connected.

You are very welcome here and in our prayers.



To access our livestreamed Masses please scan the QR Code

5minutes Parking restrictions outside the church now ends at 9am on school days

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 13 APRIL	TUE 14 APRIL	WED 15 APRIL	THUR 16 APRIL	FRI 17 APRIL	SAT 18 APRIL	SUN 19 APRIL
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	11.00am (Church) Chaldean Catechism	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm(PC) SVDP Meeting	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	7.00pm (PC) Lenten Group Gathering	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	10.00am (Theatre) Movie Morning - St Patrick	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (Church) Chaldean Adoration	7.00pm (PC) RCIA		6.00pm (PC) Warriors Outreach	3.00pm (PC) Warriors Outreach	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	12.30pm Baptisms
7.30pm(via Zoom) Gospel Reflection			7.00pm (Meeting Room) Fete Meeting	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration		12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
				8.00pm (PC) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm Youth Mass
						6.30pm (PC) SSJ Youth Group

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - 12 April 2026

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm 117

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation

which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; For those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Which phrase or word from this gospel passage particularly stands out to you? Why?
Why does Jesus particularly focus the mission of the disciples on the forgiveness of sins?

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

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 Deadline Wednesday 4pm**

NEXT WEEKEND		Third Sunday of Easter — 18/19 APRIL 2026 — Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35			
MASS TIMES	18 APRIL, SATURDAY 6.00PM	19 APRIL, SUNDAY 9.00AM	19 APRIL, SUNDAY 11.00AM	19 APRIL, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Tineke Edwards	Tony Fry	Theresa West	Damon	
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Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	—	
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