

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.
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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

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES 4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —30th and 31st of August 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 14:1, 7–14

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is invited to a meal at the home of a Pharisee. As He observes the guests seeking out the places of honour, He teaches us a powerful lesson about humility. "When you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place." His words are not about table etiquette, but about the way we are called to live before God and one another.

True greatness in the Kingdom of God is not measured by where we sit, what titles we carry, or the honours given to us. Instead, it is found in our willingness to serve, to put others before ourselves, and to welcome those who cannot repay us. Jesus reminds us that when we act with humility and generosity, our reward comes not from human recognition but from God Himself.

This Gospel challenges us to ask: Do we sometimes seek recognition or favour? Or are we ready to make room for others, especially those overlooked or in need? As followers of Christ, we are called to open our hearts and tables to the poor, the forgotten, and the lonely—trusting that in giving, we receive, and in lowering ourselves, we are lifted up by God.

May we walk this week with the spirit of humility and a generous heart, remembering that the truest banquet is the one where all are welcomed and loved.
With every blessing, Fr Jerald

2025 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR) –

Thank you for your support in the Car Raffle so far. We still have about 150 books to be sold. If you can help sell them to your friends and families, or buy some yourselves if you haven't already done so, please approach the Raffle Volunteer in the Foyer. For those who've already got tickets, but have not returned them, please do so soon, as the last date to return ticket butts with payment is Sunday, 14 September. You may return the tickets with payment to the Parish Office during office hours or at each of the weekend Masses to the Raffle Volunteer in the foyer or at the Welcome Desk. Thank you all for your support and cooperation.

Parish Website

We thank you all for your patience during this transition period to our new website. This is now up and running and the web address is www.melbocatholic/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.

Thank You from St Vincent de Paul

Our St Vinnies Conference would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for your generous support of the Winter Appeal. Your kindness and giving spirit mean so much to those who are struggling in our community. Because of you, many individuals and families will find comfort and hope during the cold-er months.
Your help truly makes a difference – thank you.

No Morning Mass

We regret to advise that on Wed the 3rd and Thurs the 4th of Sept, there will be no morning mass. This will be replaced with communion service instead.

We apologies for the change in the normal schedule.

2025 Archbishop's Campaign

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

Anointing Mass at St Jude's— Tuesday 2 September

You are warmly invited to an Anointing Mass this Tuesday, 2 September at 11:00 am at St. Jude's.

This special liturgy is open to everyone, with a particular welcome to those who are elderly, unwell, or seeking healing – physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

During the Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Following the liturgy, light refreshments will be served, and we hope you'll stay to share in a cuppa and conversation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?

TUE, **EVENINGS** starting 2 Sept.

Ring the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or Phillip on 0437 343 022 or just come along on the night.

"Come and see."



First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady

Let us come together to renew our devotion to Our Blessed Mother on the First Saturday of each month. Our next devotion will be held on Saturday, 6th of September at St Jude's Church.

We will pray the Rosary at 8:45 AM, followed by Mass at 9:15 AM.

All are warmly invited to participate in this beautiful act of love and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**MULTICULTURAL ROSARY ,
ADORATION and
CONFESSION
at St Simon's Church –
Friday the 12th of September
2025 AT 6.00 PM.**

ST SIMON'S PARISH RETREAT Please Register in the foyer

SAT SEPT 13TH 10.00AM – SUN SEPT 14TH 4.00PM

FACILITATOR : FR. Ray Sanchez CP

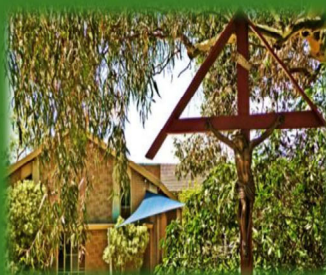
VENUE : HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE – TEMPLESTOWE

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**Enquiries : Parish Office OR
loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au**



Indian Community Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Health.

We are blessed that Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be visiting St Jude's Church on Sunday 7th September, joining the Indian community for their celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Health. from 1.00pm–3.30pm.

This beautiful celebration has been arranged privately by the Indian community, who have personally invited the Archbishop to be with them on this special day.

While this is not a parish event, we hold our brothers and sisters in prayer and give thanks for the richness and



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Booking form coming soon!
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Contact **Bill Leane** at billleane007@gmail.com or call **0411 289 319**

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 19th October 2025 to 27th 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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**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.**

Together, we can ensure that no one in our parish feels
alone.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **3rd Sept** 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.



Recent Death: Anthony Pham

Anniversary of Death: Noel and France d'Argent, Reza
Azouji, For the Gardo Family, David Fernando, Ralph
O'Keefe

Prayer for the Sick : Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong,
Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Jenny Liston, Sam
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Readings for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—30th and 31st of August 2025.

First Reading— Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67

Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading -Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 14:1. 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.

Mon 1st of Sept	Tue 2nd of Sept	Wed 3rd of Sept	Thu 4th of Sept	Fri 5th of Sept	Sat 6th of Sept	Sun 7th of Sept
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 9.15am Anointing Mass (Fr Jerald)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft Group	11.00am (Parish Centre) VIV's RE Care	5—8pm(Parish Centre) SSS Choir	10.00am (Parish Centre) Morning Cuppa after anointing mass	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald)
	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting	7.30pm, (Parish Centre) Baptism Preparation		6.00pm (Church) Adoration	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (FR Jerald)) First Communion Commitment mass
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerald) (<u>Livestream</u>) First Communion Commitment mass	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 6th and 7th of September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Wisdom 9: 13-15, Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17, Luke 14: 25-33

Mass Times	Saturday 6th Sept 6.00pm		Sunday 7th Sept 9.00am		Sunday 7th Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Seymon Martino		Pam Comerford		Pai Pagotto	
Reader 1	Junius De Silva		Neela Tatnell		Loretta Hughes	
Reader 2	Julie Faull		Janina Woronczak		Ingrid Kertesi	
Welcome Desk	Seymon Martino		Enakshi J/ Volunteer		Morris Dalton	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy		Julie A and Elsa L	
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart and Bernie Fernando	Church Cleaning	Sharon Melder, Danusha Ladd and Asela Angamma	5.00pm Volunteer