

MASS TIMES

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am
Fri: 6-7pm Adoration
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)
Sun: 9.00 & 11.00 am
RECONCILIATION
Fri: From 6-7pm
Sat's 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 web-
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AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

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Contact St Jude's Parish office on
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St Simon's on 9764 4058

FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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5th Sunday of Easter—17th and 18th of May 2025

Gospel Reflection – John 13:31-35

"Love one another as I have loved you."

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are brought into the Upper Room on the night before Jesus suffered. Judas has just left to betray Him, and yet in this moment of sorrow and looming suffering, Jesus speaks words that resound with divine hope and love.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified..." Jesus sees His Passion not as defeat, but as glory—the glory of sacrificial love. And immediately, He turns to His disciples, and to us, with a command that is both simple and profound: "Love one another as I have loved you."

This is more than a moral instruction; it is an invitation to live in the very heart of God. Jesus does not say, "Love when it's easy," or "Love those who deserve it." He says, "Love as I have loved you." That means love that is patient, forgiving, self-giving, and faithful—even to the Cross.

In our parish and in our homes, this command challenges us daily. It calls us to humility in disagreements, to patience in frustrations, to kindness when it costs us. And yet, Jesus also tells us that this love will be the sign to the world that we are His disciples.

As we reflect on this passage, let us ask: *Where is Christ calling me to love more deeply? Who is Christ inviting me to see with His eyes?* May our parish be known, above all, as a place where His love is alive and visible.

With every blessing,
Fr Jerald
Parish Priest

Funerals

The funeral of

† **Jacqui Xavier will be held at Our Lady, Help of Christians on Tuesday the 20th of May at 11am.**

† **Anne Garvey will be held here at St Simon on Thursday the 22nd of May at 11.00am. Anne was one of the pioneers at St Simons and served in various ministries. We thank God for her.**

May they both rest in Peace

Funeral Ministry Meeting

This coming Wednesday, 21st May, after the 9:15 am Mass we will be holding a meeting for all funeral ministry members. We hope that all involved in this ministry will be available to attend.

Our funeral ministry team assist in helping funeral directors responsible for funeral services to set up, and the clean up after a service. If this is something that interests you and would like to know more about, please come along on Wednesday, or, call the parish office on 9764 4058.

Weekly Emailed Newsletter

We would love for you to stay up to date with all the exciting news and events happening at our parish. Our weekly newsletter is a wonderful way to stay connected and informed about upcoming masses, community activities, and important announcements. If you'd like to receive our newsletter weekly, sign up directly on www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj6fAAD&req=subscribe

Or call the Parish Office to express your interest.

We look forward to keeping you in the loop and sharing all the wonderful things happening in our parish!

Stroke Community Connection Group

We are pleased to share an opportunity for support and connection in our local community.

The Stroke Community Connection Group is a welcoming space for individuals who have experienced Aphasia, Dysarthria, or Cognitive Communication changes following a stroke or brain injury. This group is part of a community engagement initiative and is free of charge.

The sessions will be led by Charlotte Pinnock, a certified Speech Pathologist who is deeply passionate about stroke and brain injury recovery, and committed to supporting communication for all.

Session Dates and Locations:

Friday 14th June, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St Jude's

Friday 21st June, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St Simon's

This group is open to anyone in the parish or anyone you may know who could benefit from this kind of support.

For more information, please see the noticeboard in the foyer, where a sign-up sheet is also available.

Let us continue to be a parish that cares for one another in practical and compassionate ways.

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Recent Death: Anne Garvey and Jacqui Xavier

Anniversary of Death: Anna O'Keeffe, Chris Mastertoun, Jack Mataska, Janina Nowaczek

Prayer for the Sick Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong, Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Jenny Liston, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Adrien Cerdor, Nigel Quadros, Mario Di Fiore and Andrew Bianchin, Aneta Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Jackie Xavier, Bernadette and Murray Ukena and Trevor Gomez

Movie Morning

May 23rd at 10.30am in the Parish Cinema
Entry by donation

Risen is a 2016 biblical drama film directed by Kevin Reynolds and written by Reynolds and Paul Aiello. An American-Spanish co-production, the film stars Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton, Peter Firth, and Cliff Curtis, and details a Roman soldier's search for Jesus's body following his resurrection. Tea and Coffee will be available after.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, 21st of May from 11:30 am—2:30 pm
Mothers Day Theme

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

For more info., contact Brian Crowley on 0429 090 770. We look forward to seeing you all soon!



VOLUNTEERS in our Parish

Volunteering deepens our faith and strengthens our connection to God and our Parish Community. It's about living our faith through action and showing that love, kindness, and service are at the heart of who we are.

Join us as a Volunteer - Whether you can give a little bit of time or a lot, your contribution matters to keep our parish beautiful and safe.

We are needing help in the cleaning of the church after our 5pm Sunday Youth Mass. To be based on a roster system and the cleaning can be done on a Monday ready for our Midweek Masses.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 97644058 or email: felicia.ahumada@cam.org.au. You can enter your contact details on the sign-up sheet (Volunteer Registration Form) located at the welcome desk in our church foyer.

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Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter: 17th & 18th May 25

First reading : Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. ‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said ‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second reading: Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, ‘You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more

death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.’

Gospel Acclamation : John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:13-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another;
just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.’

THIS WEEK’S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.						
Mon 19th May	Tue 20th May	Wed 21st May	Thu 22ndMay	Fri 23rd May	Sat 24thMay	Sun 25th May
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
	2.00pm Parish Centre Craft Group	10.00am (Parish Meeting Room) Funeral Ministry Meeting	11.00am (Church) Funeral of Anne Garvey	10.30am (Parish Cinema) Risen	3.30 pm to 5.00pm Chaldean Community in the Side Chapel	9:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)
		11.00am (Parish Centre) Viv’s RE Care	1.30pm (Parish Centre) Funeral Refreshments.	6:00 pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald)
		6.00pm (Parish Centre) Rowville Lion’s Club			6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerald) (Livestream)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
		6.00pm (Church) Reconciliation Ceremony for School				3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00Pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 24th and 25th of May –6th Sunday of Easter Sunday — Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2,22-29

Mass Times	Sunday 24th May 6.00am		Sunday 25th May 9.00am		Sunday 25th 11.00am	
Commentator	Tineke Edwards		Tony Fry		Estela Banac	
Reader 1	Thabesan Family		Dorothy Stack		Loretta Hughes	
Reader 2	Thabesan Family		Neela T/Madison Feilder		Ingrid Kertesi	
Welcome Desk	Malaiska Perera		Maggie Braganza		Pia Pagotto	
Children’s Liturgy	Julie F and Gillian Ellias		Rina R and Enakshi J		No Children’s Liturgy	
Flowers	Melanie Jabos	Altar Society	Melanie Ja-cobs and Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa	5.00pm—Thabesan Family