

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.
 Email: Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

Theresa Abraham (Tue)
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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**

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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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time —27th and 28th of September 2025

Migrants and Refugee Sunday

**Gospel Reflection – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 16:19-31)**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man lived each day in comfort and luxury, while Lazarus, poor and suffering, lay at his gate, longing for scraps of food. When they both died, their situations were reversed: Lazarus was carried into the arms of Abraham, while the rich man found himself in torment.

This parable is not simply about wealth, but about the blindness that can come when we close our hearts to the needs of others. The rich man did not harm Lazarus directly; his sin was his failure to see him, to show compassion, or to respond to his suffering.

We, too, are reminded to look around us with open eyes and generous hearts. In our families, parish, and community, there are those who long for a word of kindness, a helping hand, or a listening ear. Jesus calls us to notice them, to respond in love, and to live with a heart attentive to those in need.

May we take this Gospel as an invitation to reflect on how we share our blessings and how we care for the "Lazarus" who may be right at our door.
 With every blessing, Fr Jerald

2025 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE (CCPR)

Thank you for all your support in the Raffle in support of St Simon's Parish. We ordered 610 books (6100 tickets) and ALL the books have been taken and 90% returned sold! We only have 58 books yet to be returned worth \$1160, so if you haven't yet returned yours, please do so TODAY or as soon as possible please. Thank you one and all, this has indeed been a great effort by all of you.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Fundraiser– THIS WEEKEND

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held from 30th November – 2nd December 2025. To support our parish youth who will be attending this special event, we are holding a Sausage Sizzle on Sunday, 28th September after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.

We are blessed to have ten participants from our parish preparing to attend. So far, one generous sponsorship of \$300 has already been received – thank you! We warmly invite you to support this fundraiser if you are able. If you would like to sponsor a youth to attend, please speak to one of our organizers at the BBQ. Your generosity will help our young people take part in this wonderful celebration of faith.

Support Our Youth, Celebrate Our Faith

Parish Retreat – Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the organisers of our recent parish retreat. Their dedication and careful preparation made this a truly wonderful occasion, one that was shared and enjoyed by all who attended.

We are also most grateful to everyone who participated and contributed to the spirit of the day. Your presence, prayers, and openness helped to make the retreat a time of blessing and renewal for our parish community.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

On the 4th of October, a group of our parishioners will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. We wish them every blessing for a safe and faith-filled journey.

For those who would like to send a petition with them, a box will be placed in the church foyer. Please be assured that all petitions will be carried in the strictest confidence.

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

Phone : (03) 9763 7302 Email: scoresby@cam.org.au

HE'S ALMOST THERE!! MELBOURNE TO NOOSA

Trent Robertson has almost completed his epic run & cycle from Melbourne to Noosa to raise \$100,000 to fight Neuroblastoma (a childhood cancer affecting 0 to 5 year-olds).

He has run the equivalent of 10 marathons (a 42 – 50 km run every 3 days) and cycled over 1,200 km and so far has raised \$81,690.

Please remember Trent in your prayers as he struggles towards his goal to reach Noosa. To learn Trent's story and if you'd like to donate, go to NOOSA for NEURO:

<https://noosa-for-neuro.raiselysite.com>

THANKYOU

Feast of St Francis of Assisi – Blessing of Pets

We will be celebrating the **Feast of St Francis of Assisi** with a **Blessing of Pets** on **Saturday, 4th October at 9.45am** at **St Jude's, Scoresby**, following the First Saturday Mass and Adoration to Our Lady. Please gather in the grassed area in front of the church.

St Francis of Assisi (1181–1226) is remembered as a man of deep faith, simplicity, and joy. He had a profound love for God's creation, seeing all creatures as his brothers and sisters. His care for animals and respect for nature continue to inspire us today.

In the spirit of St Francis, we invite parishioners to bring along their pets for a special blessing. This is a wonderful way to give thanks for the gift of our animal companions and to ask God's blessing upon them. We kindly ask that all pets be appropriately supervised, and that dogs are on leads and able to get along peacefully with others.

All are most welcome to join us for this joyful

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, 4th October 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.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **1st of October** 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. We look forward to seeing you all soon!



Movie's at St Simons

Will now be held every 3rd and 4th Friday's of every month after morning mass.

The following movies have been scheduled for the month of August.

17th Oct: St Carlo Acutis—A Millennial Saint

31st Oct : Maximillian Saint of Auschwitz

Come and join us for coffee, tea and biscuits and enjoy the movie.

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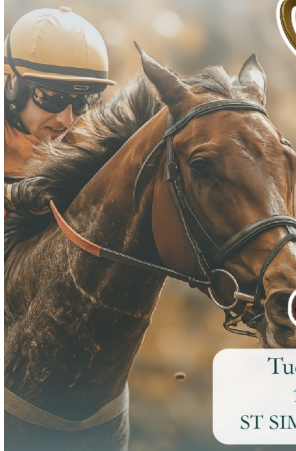





ST SIMONS



Melbourne Cup Lunch




SCAN ME



Tuesday 04 November
12:45 PM – 3:45 PM
ST SIMONS PARISH CENTRE

HOSTED BY
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TICKET	Magnificent Lunch	
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Watch the Races LIVE!

Save the Dates – Upcoming Parish Events

Our Social and Fundraising Committee has been busy planning a wonderful calendar of events for our parish community. Please mark these dates in your diary – we would love your support and participation!

Free Travel Expo: Monday 13th October
Melbourne Cup Function – Tuesday, 4th November 2025
Dinner Dance – Saturday, 22nd November 2025
Parish Fete – 18th April 2026
Business Directory—if you own a business and would like to advertise in our Business Directory, please do pick a leaflet up from the Foyer.

These events are a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, friendship, and fun while supporting our parish. More details will be shared closer to each date.

Anniversary of Death: Raymond Kueh Chun Yaw, Alfredo Torno, Margaret Dalton, Yola and Denzil Grant, Joseph and Dominica De Felice and John and Georgina Attard

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, Andrew Bianchin, Anita Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette and Murray Ukena, Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjou, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus.

**Care to Connect Ministry –
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Our dedicated volunteers are here to offer support and companionship to those who are sick, lonely, bereaved, or housebound.

If you know someone who would benefit from a friendly call or visit, please leave their details in the Care to Connect book at the Help Desk.

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26th Sunday —27th and 28th of September 2025

First Reading—Amos 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers’ revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112

Response: Praise the Lord my soul!

Second Reading—1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

THIS WEEK’S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.						
Mon 29th of Sept	Tue 30th of Sept	Wed 1st Oct	Thu 2nd Oct	Fri 3rd Oct	Sat 4th Oct	Sun 5th Oct
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 9.15am Mass– Anointing Mass (Fr Jerald)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group	11.00am Viv’s RE Care (Parish Centre)	5-9.00pm (Parish Church) SSS Choir	10.00am—(Parish Cinema) Seniors Morning Tea after Anointing Mass	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children’s Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald) BBQ for Youth—ACYF
	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting	7.30pm (Church) Baptism Preparation		6.00pm (Parish Cinema) Warriors	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald) Pilgrims Commissioning
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Jerald) (<u>Livestream</u>)	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
						3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00pm (Parish Centre) Prayer Group
						5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 4th and 5th of October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Habakkuk 1: 2-3,2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14, Luke 17: 5-10

Mass Times	Saturday 4th Oct 6.00pm		Sunday 5th Oct 9.00am		Sunday 5th Oct 11.00am	Sunday 5th Oct 5.00pm
Commentator	Seymon Martino		Phil Mawdsley		Theresa West	Paige
Reader 1	Buena Di Nuzzo		Priscilla Sequeira		Jacqui Giuliano	Claire
Reader 2	Maria Soriano		Margaret Ng		Maria Pirotta	Aarya
Welcome Desk	Yvonne Muspratt		Enakshi Jayamanne		Josie Fanti	
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart and Bernie Farnando	Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers, Chona Alpay, Phil Mawdsley	Volunteer Required