

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

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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)

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES 4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time —20th and 21st of September 2025

Gospel Reflection – Luke 16:1–13

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the parable of the dishonest steward. At first, the steward's actions seem puzzling, but Jesus uses this story to remind us that we cannot serve two masters. Our hearts must be undivided in their loyalty – either we serve God, or we serve wealth.

The Lord calls us to use the material things of this world wisely, not for selfish gain, but for the building up of His Kingdom. Money, possessions, and influence are temporary, but when used generously, they can become instruments of love and service.

This Gospel challenges us to examine where our trust lies. Do we cling to wealth and security, or do we place our confidence in God, who provides all we need? As disciples, we are invited to live faithfully, making choices each day that reflect our true treasure – life with Christ

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. Please note that ticket books, sold or unsold, need to be returned ASAP. You may return the ticket book/s with payment to the Parish Office during office hours or at each of the weekend Masses to the Raffle Volunteer or at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Fundraiser

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 seven 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. Your generosity will help our young people take part in this wonderful celebration of faith.

Support Our Youth, Celebrate Our Faith

Parish Men's Group – 20th Anniversary

This year marks a special milestone for our Parish Men's Group as we celebrate **20 years of faith, fellowship, and friendship**. To honour the occasion, we will gather for a **special Mass on Wednesday, 24th September at 6.30pm**, celebrated by **Fr Martin Dixon**, followed by a shared meal.

We warmly invite all **past and present members** of the Men's Group to come together in thanksgiving for this journey and to share in the joy of the occasion.

If you would like to know more about the Men's Group or are interested in joining, please contact the parish office – new members are always most welcome!

Medjugorje Pilgrimage – Commissioning Mass

On Sunday, 28th September at the 11.00am Mass, we will have a special commissioning of all our parish pilgrims who will be travelling to Medjugorje the following week. We warmly invite you to join us in prayer and support for them as they prepare for this blessed journey.

A prayer box will be available at the welcome desk where you may place any prayers you would like our pilgrims to carry with them to Medjugorje. Please ensure your prayers are placed in a sealed envelope. Be assured that all prayers submitted will be treated with the strictest confidence.



Novena to St Jude Thaddeus Apostle of Hope



**Join us for a Powerful 9-Day Novena
to St Jude Thaddeus -
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*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

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.

Ladies Group— 25th of September 2025

Our Parish Ladies Group will be meeting on Thursday, 25th September 2025 at 10.00am in the parish hall. This month we will enjoy a creative morning together, making beautiful handmade cards and trying our hand at glass painting.

It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to share friendship, laughter, and creativity, while learning new skills in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

All ladies are warmly invited to join us – whether you are a regular member or coming along for the first time. No experience is necessary, just bring along your enthusiasm!

SSJ YOUTH GROUP

Year 5 to Year 10 students

IGNITE: A NIGHT OF FAITH

**PRAYER, TESTIMONIES, BONFIRE NIGHT AND
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Dinner will be provided. A \$5 - \$10 donation is most welcome.

**SUNDAY 21ST SEPT
6:30 - 8:00PM**

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For more information, please contact
Denise & Dinelle:
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New Saints to Guide Our Parish: St Pier Giorgio Frassati & St Carlo Acutis

On September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV canonized two inspiring young laymen—**St Pier Giorgio Frassati**, a magnanimous soul from early-20th-century Turin known for his ardent charity and living the Beatitudes; and **St Carlo Acutis**, a Millennial teenager who lovingly shared his faith through technology and a profound devotion to the Eucharist. Their lives remind us that holiness flows through ordinary moments: caring for others, joyful prayer, and creative use of one's talents for the glory of God. As Pope Leo shared in his homily, these young saints call us "not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces."

Let us entrust them to intercede for our youth and parish community—that we too may walk in holiness, using our gifts for the Gospel, as they did.

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.

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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!

Food Stall & BBQ (Youth Group Fundraiser) – Sunday, 28th September 2025.
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.

Recent Death: Nicola Lylak, Melba Cordeiro

Anniversary of Death:

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 Visenjoux, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus.

Our next children's liturgy will be held on Sat the 27th at 6.00pm and Sun the 28th of Sept at our 9.00am Mass
We ask parents and guardians to please sign in the children at the Welcome Desk before Mass begins when possible. Please note, any child not of school age should be accompanied. The children will return from their session by the end of collection for the offertory procession.

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First Reading—Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112

Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading—1 Timothy 2: 1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation :

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

Gospel—Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.” ‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.” ‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

THIS WEEK’S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.						
Mon 22nd of Sept	Tue 23rd of Sept	Wed 24th of Sept	Thu 25th of Sept	Fri 26th of Sept	Sat 27th of Sept	Sun 28th of Sept
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass Communion Service	9.15am Mass Communion Service	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group	6.30pm (Parish Church) Men’s Group Anniversary Mass	10.00 am (Parish Centre) Women’s Group Painting on Glass and Making Cards	10.00am—(Parish Cinema) Movie Morning	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 (Parish Centre) Men’s Group Anniversary get together.	5-9.00pm (Parish Church) SSS Choir	6.00pm (Parish Church) Adoration	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	11:00 am Mass (Fr Jerald) BBQ for Youth—ACYF
				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 Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 27th and 28th of September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Amos 6: 1. 4-7, 1 Timothy 6: 11-16 , Luke 16: 19-31

Mass Times	Saturday 27th Sept 6.00pm		Sunday 28th Sept 9.00am		Sunday 28th Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Jodie Marziano		Pam Comerford		Ildi Cilter	
Reader 1	Seymon Martino		Janina Woronczak		Terry Redden	
Reader 2	Clement Lobo		Phil Mawdsley		Bueno Di Nuzzo	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando		Julie Ashman		Morris Dalton	
Children’s Liturgy	Michelle and Ben M		Elysia G and Sebastian H		No Children’s Liturgy	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs and Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa	5.00pm Thabesan Family