

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 8 February 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm 111
A light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
When I came to you, brothers, it was not

with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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Why do you think this particular teaching by Jesus immediately follows the Beatitudes?



PLEASE BRING IN YOUR OLD LENTEN PALMS AND PLACE THEM IN THE BOX IN THE CHURCH FOYER BY 8 FEBRUARY

Education is not only the transmission of content but also the learning of virtues
Pope Leo

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 14/15 FEB 2026 — Sirach 15:15-20, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37	
MASS TIMES	14 FEB, SATURDAY 6.00PM	15 FEB, SUNDAY 8.30AM	15 FEB, SUNDAY 10.30AM
Celebrant	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald
Reader	Ann Doyle	Millicent Miranda	Anita Ray
	Susan Lim	Tony McCumstie	Irene Wallis
Communion Ministers	Barbara Wong Sheran Hettiarachchi Adina Atmadja	Jude Miranda Steve Rule Yvonne Rule	Jenette Vijendra Lillian Nguyen Mary King
Mass Projectors	Anishya/Sayeshka/Shali	Catherine Money	Merin
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Leeana & Molly
Altar Society	Filomena Uberti	Church Cleaners	Filomena Uberti & Lucille Everetts

St Jude's Parish Community is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards and acknowledges that child safe guarding is everyone's responsibility.

OUR MASS TIMES

Wed & Thurs: 9.15am Mass
Fri: 9.15am(Communion Service)
Sat: 6.00pm
Sun: 8.30am and 10.30am

RECONCILIATION
Sat: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

OFFICE HOURS
Tue - Fri: 9am - 3.30pm

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES
Wednesday 4.00pm



Mass Times



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St Jude the Apostle Parish

In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, we, the people of the Parish, are called to serve with joy
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Matthew 5:13-16

*Salt of the earth,
light of the world.*

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers his disciples two simple yet powerful images: salt and light. Neither is extravagant. Both are ordinary, familiar elements of daily life. And yet, without them, life is diminished. Food loses its flavour. Darkness becomes disorienting. Through these images, Jesus reminds us that discipleship is not about drawing attention to ourselves, but about quietly transforming the world around us.

Salt does its work by dissolving. It blends in, yet changes everything. In the same way, we are called to live our faith not through grand gestures, but through presence — through kindness, patience, integrity, and care in the ordinary places of our lives. Our good works do not flow from appearances, but from who we are becoming in Christ. God's grace, alive within us, becomes grace offered to others.

Light, too, does not exist for itself. A lamp is meant to shine, not to be hidden. When we live with compassion and courage, when we choose mercy over indifference, our lives become a quiet witness that points beyond us to God. Often, we are light for others without even realising it — a word of encouragement, a listening ear, a faithful act repeated day after day.

Jesus does not ask us to be extraordinary, only faithful. God delights in working through ordinary people and everyday moments. As salt and light, we are invited to live the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way, so that, through us, others may glimpse the loving presence of God.

**With Blessings,
Fr Jerald Mariadas**

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW ST JUDE'S SCHOOL FAMILIES

We warmly invite our school community to join us in prayer at Mass.

*Prep and Staff Commissioning Mass
Sunday, 15 February 2026, 10.30am
with a sausage sizzle after Mass*

All parishioners are warmly invited

Experienced Musicians Needed

The gift of service leads to a life of love

We are looking for volunteers to play the piano or the drums. Come join a friendly group of musicians to play each month.

If you would like to share your gift of Music: please contact:
Xavier on 0448 766 705 or
the Parish Office on 9763 7302

Are you planning a Baptism or a Marriage?

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 9763 7302



Sacraments for children attending non-Catholic schools (at least 1 parent to attend)

Reconciliation Classes:

Sundays: 9.30am at St Jude's
8, 15, 22 February and 1 March

Parent Workshops

26 Feb & 5 March 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses

28 February at 6pm or 1 March at 10.30am

Reconciliation Sacrament/Ceremony:

18 March 6.30pm to 7.30pm

First Eucharist Classes:

Sundays at 9.30am at St Jude's
15, 22, 29 March 26 April

Parent Workshops

30 April & 7 May 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses

2 May at 6pm or Sunday 3rd May at 10.30am

Sacrament of First Eucharist

St. Jude's Church 16 May 4pm to 5pm

Confirmation Classes:

Sundays at 9.30am at St Jude's
19, 26 July 2, 9 August

Parent Workshops:

23 July and 6 August at 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses:

1 August at 6pm or 2 August at 10.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation:

St Jude's Church, 21 August 6pm to 7.30pm

To register your child, please contact Ida at the parish office on 9763 7302 or email: Ida.Lancuba@cam.org.au or SCAN the QR code



Touch of Heaven

ALAN AMES MINISTRY

A unique faith filled experience of the healing power of our Lord

Alan has visited 40 countries and will speak of his dramatic conversion from alcoholism and violence to a deeply prayerful and sacramental life. Alan's healing ministry has resulted in hundreds of healings and conversions around the world.



10 Feb St Gregory the Great, DONCASTER

11 Feb St Simon the Apostle, ROWVILLE

12 Feb St Martin de Porres, LAVERTON

6:30pm Rosary, 7:00pm Mass followed by Alan Ames talk

Enquiries, please contact: Bernadette O'Hanlon | 0407 007 708 or Divine Mercy Publications 03 9830 4386

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2026



Sessions will be held at the following times, in the Board Room, and you are most welcome to attend whichever session best suits your schedule:

Mondays starting 16 February at 6pm – 7pm

Thursdays starting 19 February at 10am – 11am

Please register via the sign-on sheets in the church foyer.

Looking for a way to make a real difference?

Our parish is inviting new volunteers to join our ministry teams — especially the youthful hearts who want to be more intentional in their faith and connected in community.

VOLUNTEER

- Church Cleaning - Please help us keep our church clean and welcoming!
- Hospitality - Join us to serve up a 'Cuppa' on Sunday Morning after 10.30am Mass

We're currently seeking volunteers

Serving in ministry is a way to:

- Grow in faith
- Build meaningful community
- Share your gifts

- Help our parish be a welcoming home for all

Whether you can offer an hour a month or more, **your presence matters.**

Contact Ida at the parish office on 9763 7302

You don't need experience — just an open heart and a willingness to serve.

Interested?

Serve | Belong | Grow in faith



Farewell Masses for Fr Libeesh
14–15 Feb, St Simon's;
28 Feb–1 Mar, St Jude's.
We wish him blessings and assure him of our prayers.



After each Mass we will gather to farewell Fr Libeesh.
PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

Lenten Taize' Prayer 2026

Join the Salesian Sisters' Community for a prayer experience



Silence – Contemplation – Candlelight – Music – Chants
and Reflective reading of Scripture

On Wednesdays during Lent 7.00pm – 8.00pm
@ 43 George St. Scoresby

Why does Jesus compare us to light?

WE PRAY FOR

Our Prayers are asked for those who have died recently and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Irene Fonseka, Peter Ronald Ebsworthy, Robert O'Brien, Claudio Manalastas, Eileen Cam, Vernon Anderson, Giuseppe Antonio Pardo, Joseph Wallace, Luigi & Antonietta Carinci, Robin Mackay, Werner Tielmann, Pearl Gunawardena, Devassy Pynadath, Margaret Sutton, Marjorie Y. Tuckett, Vincent Yong, Assuntha Seneviratne, Muriel M Finlay



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, it is ST SIMON'S turn to host the World Day of Prayer service for the Christian churches of Rowville and Lysterfield.

The service will be held at ST SIMON'S on Thursday, 5 March at 7.00pm, and will be followed by supper in the Parish Centre.

If you are able to help with supper, or can lend pictures or artefacts from the focus country, Nigeria, please leave your name at the Parish Office or contact Jeanette on 0466 261 632.

The Knitting Group

Will take place on Wednesday, 18 February from 9.30–11am at the Parish reception center.

Contact Maureen 0417 634 600

