

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

OUR PRIESTS

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Jerald Mariadas (Away on holiday)
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ANointing OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

OUR SERVICES

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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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17/18 JANUARY 2026 | YEAR A



**John 1:29-34 | 'Look, there is the lamb of God
that takes away the sin of the world'**

Sometimes the most important moments in life happen when someone helps us recognise what truly matters. In today's reading, John stands in the crowd and points beyond himself. He does not claim answers or authority of his own; instead, he draws attention to another and says, in effect, "This is worth noticing." It is an act of humility and courage, because stepping aside is often harder than stepping forward.

John admits that he did not fully understand what he was seeing at first. Recognition came gradually, through attentiveness and trust rather than certainty. That experience is familiar to many of us. We do not always recognise meaning, purpose or direction immediately. Often it becomes clear only when we remain open, patient and willing to listen.

The image of taking away "the sin of the world" can be understood as the lifting of what weighs humanity down — fear, division, injustice, and the tendency to draw sharp lines between "us" and "them." The reading challenges the idea that goodness, truth or belonging are reserved for a select group. Instead, it suggests a vision of life that is generous, inclusive and outward-looking.

John's role is simply to point the way. He reminds us that our lives, too, can serve as signposts for others. We do this not through loud declarations, but through the way we live: by acting with integrity, treating others with dignity, and choosing compassion over self-interest. In quiet and ordinary ways, such choices can help others recognise hope, direction and meaning — perhaps without even realising where it began.

With Blessings, Fr Jerald Mariadas

Parish Rostering Update

From 2026, the parish office will manage the rosters for Readers and Holy Communion Ministers. Current rosters until the end of February 2026 remain unchanged. Please notify your coordinator by **Tuesday, 20 January** if you know you'll be unavailable in 2026, so that this can be taken into account in the new roster.

We also thank Sharlynn, our Readers coordinator for the work she has done over the last two years, and welcome Crystal Saldahna who will take on this role going forward.

Thank you for your support! If you have any questions or suggestions, we're always happy to hear from you.

Farewell to Fr Libeesh

We share the news that Fr Libeesh will conclude his appointment at St Jude's and St Simon's and begin ministry at St Mary's Church, Greensborough on 3 March 2026. Over the year he has become part of the parish through his care, ministry and dedication. Farewell Masses: 14–15 Feb, St Simon's; 28 Feb–1 Mar, St Jude's. We wish him blessings and assure him of our prayers.



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



Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. In a decree published Jan. 10 by the Franciscan Friars, the Vatican's Apostolic Penitentiary announced that the Year of St. Francis will run from Jan. 10, 2026, to Jan. 10, 2027, following the conclusion of the Church's Jubilee Year. The decree notes that 2026 will culminate decades of Franciscan centenary commemorations. <https://www.ncronline.org/news/pope-sets-jubilee-mark-800th-year-st-francis-death-saints-body-be-displayed>

A note for all Holy Communion Ministers, Readers and Commentators - you should have

received an email from your coordinator about a change to our rostering process. Please read the email and attached letter from the Liturgy Team.

Fancy a Cuppa?



Robyn and I look forward to catching up with parishioners on **Wednesday 28 Jan, 9.30am** in the Parish Centre, for our First Cuppa and a Chat this year.

We would love to hear how you celebrated Christmas and welcomed in the New Year. **Did you go away for a few days, if so, have you got a recommendation? If you made a New Year's Resolution, are you keeping to it?**

Everyone is very welcome

Any questions, please contact

**Ann 0402 904 678 or
Robyn 0407 324 117**

The Knitting Group

Will take place on
Wednesday, 21 January
from 9.30—11am at
the Parish reception center.

Contact Maureen
0417 634600



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 to come and join a friendly group of musicians to play at our weekend masses. We are hoping to organise a roster to play on a monthly basis.

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



For all Bulletin Notices, please email
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VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

If we wish to grow in divine love, let us begin by imitating John the Baptist in accepting the Master of truth and goodness into our hearts. And then, let us lead others to Our Savior: Light to all nations.- *from the writings of St. Francis de Sales*

AUSTRALIA DAY COMBINED PARISH MASS

There will be
NO MASS at
St Simon's
Church



St Jude's and St Simon's warmly invite you to a special Combined Parish Mass as we come together in faith, friendship, and community.

- ☐ Monday 26 January 2026
- ☐ 10:00am
- ☐ St Jude the Apostle Church, Scoresby

Let's celebrate Australia Day by uniting our two parish communities and strengthening the bonds that bring us together. Everyone is welcome — come and share in prayer, fellowship, and joy.

Together we celebrate

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2026

We will offer the **Compassio Lenten Program 2026**,

developed by the Archdiocese of Wollongong. This well-established program invites parishioners into a deeper Lenten journey

through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and shared discussion, helping us grow in faith and live the call to compassion more fully.

Each session provides a welcoming space to pause with God's Word and support one another as we prepare our hearts for Easter.



Parishioners of all ages and stages of faith are warmly encouraged to take part.

Sessions will be held at the following times, in the Board Room, and you are 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 for your session through the sign-in sheets in the church foyer.

This is a wonderful opportunity to journey together as a parish during Lent, grounded in prayer, tradition, and shared faith. All parishioners are most welcome.

WE PRAY FOR

Our Prayers are asked for those who have died recently especially Maria Cristina Lupone and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Basil F Regan, Erich Guenter Reuter, Lina D'Ortenzio, Lynette Blaha, Sheila de Zilwa, Fr Noel Mackay, Felix Lionnet, John P Walton, Johnny Lepore, Lossy Moses, Stanley Matchado, William Woodyard, Cecilia Fernades, Andrew Kellart, Anthony Barnao, Lydia Maloney, Greg Ryan, Peter Shui Kong Lam, Domenico Di Nuzzo, Faustin David Pinto, Zora Habjan



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17/18 January 2026

First Reading: *Isaiah 49:3. 5-6* — The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm 39

Response: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 1:1-3*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church

of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 1:29-34*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel



that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



Fr Jerald will be on holiday from 12 January to 6 February

WEEKDAY MASSES *St Simon's—Tuesday and Friday | St Jude's—Wednesday and Thursday*
COMMUNION SERVICE *St Simon's—Wednesday and Thursday | St Jude's—Friday*

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — 24/25 JANUARY 2026 — <i>Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3, 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23</i>		
MASS TIMES	24 JAN, SATURDAY 6.00PM	25 JAN, SUNDAY 8.30AM	25 JAN, SUNDAY 10.30AM
Celebrant	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh
Readers	Ann Doyle Lachlan Mulia	Prema Pinto Tony McCumstie	Robin Edwards Linda Lampa
Communion Ministers	Dinelle Hettiarachi Barbara Wong Christine Hettiarachi	Alan Horwood Irene Horwood Peter Madden	Connie Pannuzzo Judy Gan Leon Raj
Mass Projectors	Adina	Sharlyn	Merin
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy
Altar Society	Cora Lijnders	Church Cleaners	Rosanna Kelaart

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