



St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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4th Sunday of Advent– 20th and 21st December 2025
The ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us

Gospel Reflection—We celebrate the gift of God's love made flesh

In today's Gospel, we see God's love revealed in quiet trust and obedience. Joseph, faced with uncertainty and fear, chooses love—listening to God and welcoming new life. Through his "yes", God's promise takes flesh in the world.

Jesus is given the name Emmanuel, meaning God-with-us. This is the heart of Christmas: God's love is not distant, but made flesh, dwelling among us. Love enters our world gently, through faith, courage and humble hearts.

As we celebrate this gift, may we, like Joseph, open our lives to God's love and allow Christ to be born anew in us.

—**Blessings: Fr Jerald**

Thank you for a Joyful Celebration

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for the combined, St Jude's and St Simon's, Mass and Carols. Coming together in prayer and song was a truly uplifting and faith-filled experience. A meaningful way to celebrate Christmas this year, reminding us of the love, joy and unity we share as one community in Christ. We extend our sincere gratitude to both parishes:

- **The talented choir leaders and choir members**
- **The hospitality and refreshment teams**
- **The liturgy teams**
- **Everyone who attended and brought a plate to share!**



Your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to our parish community are deeply appreciated, thank you for making this celebration so special and helping us experiencing the true spirit of Christmas. May the joy of these gatherings continue to echo in our hearts and bless our communities.

—**With much gratitude: Fr Jerald**

PARISH SOLIDARITY AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

Our Parish extends its deepest condolences to the Jewish community following the tragic events of the recent Bondi shootings. We hold in prayer all those who have lost their lives, those who have been injured, and their families and loved ones. As a parish community, we stand in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters and with all who are grieving. We pray for healing, peace, and unity in our community and recommit ourselves to being people of compassion, respect and hope.

PARISH OFFICE —CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on the following dates:

- **24th to 26th December 2025**
- **1st January 2026**

We wish all our parishioners a blessed and joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. The office will reopen as on normal operating hours from the 6th January onwards.



MASS TIMES:

Week Days: Wed, Thu, Fri
9.15am –Mass

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30 & 10.30am

OFFICE HOURS:

St Jude the Apostle
49 George Street, Scoresby
Tue–Fri 9am to 3.30pm

Our Priests

Parish Priest:

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Parish Ministry Coordinator, Child Safety and Stewardship

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SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald at the
Parish office

**Baptisms—1st SUN of the
month—** for application form
contact the parish office

SERVICES

Community Centre

Parish Office: 9763 7302

St. Vincent De Paul

Helpline 1800 305 330

**St Simon's & St Jude's
Youth Group** youthteam@
stsimonsparish.com.au

Parish School Principals

St Jude's Primary

Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600

Holy Trinity Primary

Steve Evans 9801 8296

**St Mary's College for the
Deaf —Ms Amanda Purcell**
98002733

ST JUDE'S AND ST SIMON'S CHRISTMAS MASSES

We invite you to come and join us for our Christmas Celebrations

ST JUDE'S MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December 2025

6:00pm Children's Mass (5:30pm Carols)
9:00pm Vigil Mass (8:30pm Carols)

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 2025

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass (10:00am Carols)

New Year's day

Thursday 1st January 2026

10:00am Mass

ST SIMON'S MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December 2025

6:00pm Children's Mass (5:30pm Carols)
9:00pm Vigil Mass (8:30pm Carols)
12:00am Midnight Mass (11:30pm Carols)

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 2025

10:00am Mass (9:30am Carols)

New Year's Eve

Wednesday 31st December 2025

Midnight Mass (11:30pm Adoration)

New Year's day

Thursday 1st January 2026

10:00am Mass



Thank You

As we come to the end of another busy year, we offer our deepest thanks to everyone who has worked or contributed sandwiches/cakes etc. which enables us to support bereaved families by hosting a reception following a funeral Mass. Without your generous support this valued service could not happen.

Thank you also to all who have supported us through the year at various social functions:

- **Bus Trip**
- **Card Making**
- **Cuppa and a Chat**
- **Christmas Carols**
- **Evergreens Christmas Lunch**
- **Movie Day**
- **Multicultural Day**
- **Saturday Social Gathering**

We trust you enjoyed the get-togethers and would appreciate any ideas you may have for other social events. We look forward to you joining us again in 2026.

A special thank you to Fr Jerald and Fr Libeesh for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

We wish all parishioners a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

—Best wishes: Ann & Robyn

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

We sincerely thank our parishioners for your generous support over the years, which has helped us purchase essential equipment and maintain our church facilities. We now ask for your continued support toward the refurbishment of the hospitality and kitchen area in the foyer, and replacement of carpet in the church. Any contribution, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated and helps us care for our shared parish home.

If you are able to assist, donations can be made via **bank transfer or by using the QR code provided:**



Account Name: St Jude's Church

BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 649410864

Reference: Refurbishment



VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Emmanuel, God with us. So this Sunday we are exhorted to build up our relationships with one another, the foundation of which God established by dwelling among us. - Ferdinand Okorie, Claretian Missionaries

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those who have recently died especially Gloria Fernandopulle and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially: Ian Duncan, Patricia Ellison, Vincenzo Abbatangelo, Bernie Lewis, Maurice Piston, Aileen Evans, Anne Piston, Colleen Peters, William Shak, Constancio Geromino, George Hindmarsh.

Sacraments for children

Reconciliation Classes:

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

Parent Workshops

26th Feb & 5th March 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses

28th February at 6pm or 1st March at
10.30am

Reconciliation Sacrament/Ceremony:

18th March 6.30pm to 7.30pm

First Eucharist Classes:

Sundays at 9.30am at St Jude's

15th, 22nd, 29th March 26th April

Parent Workshops

30th April & 7th May 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses

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

Sacrament of First Eucharist

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

Confirmation Classes:

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

Parent Workshops:

23rd July and 6th August at 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses:

1st August at 6pm or 2nd August at 10.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation:

St. Jude's Church 21st 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

Christmas Cards Distribution—Help Needed!

Our Christmas cards with Mass times are ready to be delivered to homes in the streets surrounding our Parish. We invite parishioners to assist by taking an envelope labelled with a street name **in the church foyer** and placing the cards in the letterboxes of that street. Your help in sharing the JOY and WELCOME of Christmas with our local community is greatly appreciated!

—Fr Jerald

2026 Sacramental Program for primary and secondary school students

We are now taking enrolments for the 2026 sacramental program for families with children in primary and secondary schools who wish to have their child Baptised, receive Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you would like to know more or to register your interest, please contact: **St Jude's parish office on 9763 7302 or St Simon's parish office on 9764 4058**

Christmas Offering Envelopes

The Christmas offering envelopes are now available in the church. These offerings help support the priests who assist our parish during the year .

We are deeply thankful for the care, kindness, and generosity you consistently show our priests.

Thank you!



CHRISTMAS CAROLS & NATIVITY

The final rehearsal time for the children's Christmas Carols & Nativity is on
Sunday 21st December, at 4pm



The Knitting Group

Will take place Wednesday
7th January at the
Parish reception Centre
at **9.30am-11am.**
Enquiries: **Maureen**
on **0417 634 600**



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR !

THANK YOU!

We sincerely thank all our wonderful volunteers who faithfully serve refreshments after the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Your generosity, warmth and service help build a welcoming community, and we truly appreciate all you do! **Morning tea duties will now take a short break and will resume in February.**

We look forward to gathering again in fellowship in the new year!

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas & a happy new year 2026!



First Reading Isaiah [7:10-14](#)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.’

‘No’, Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the Lord to the test.’ Then Isaiah said: “Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us”.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10](#)

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading—Romans [1:1-7](#)

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel—Matthew [1:18-24](#)

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.’ Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no 9.15am Mass on 24th December. Morning Mass will resume on the 26th of December.

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

St Jude’s Parish—Liturgy Roster

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Year A— 27th and 28th of December 2025

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14	Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21	Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23	
	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh
Readers	Thomas Chan	Rosanna Kelaart	Linda Lampa
	Lachlan Mulia	Peter McCumstie	Adel Medel
Communion Ministers	Adina Atmadja Daniel Vrsecky Don Uberti	Alan Horwood Irene Horwood Bernard Dias	Connie Pannuzzo Cora Lijnders Judy Gan
Mass Projectors	Grace	Megan Pinto	Tino Vijendra
Children’s Liturgy (School Hol)			No children Liturgy
Altar Society	Cora Lijnders		
Church Cleaners	Filomena Uberti Lucille Everetts		