

OUR MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs: 9:15 am Mass
Fri: 9.15am: Communion Service
Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.30am and 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Sat: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri: 9am - 3.30pm

OUR PRIESTS

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OUR SERVICES

ST SIMON'S & ST JUDE'S YOUTH GROUP

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Parish Office 9763 7302

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

Wednesday 4.00pm

Email: cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au

St Jude the Apostle Parish

In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, we, the people of the Parish, are called to serve the Lord with joy
49 George St, SCORESBY VIC 3179 | www.melbatholic.org/s/scoresby



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | 21/22 MARCH 2026 | YEAR A

John 11:1-45 | 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

The raising of Lazarus is one of the most powerful signs in the Gospel of John. When Jesus arrives at the tomb, he is deeply moved by the grief of Martha, Mary and those gathered there. Jesus does not stand distant from human suffering; he enters into it. The shortest verse in the Gospel — "Jesus wept" — reminds us that God shares in our pain and loss.

Yet the story does not end with sorrow. Standing before the tomb, Jesus calls out, "Lazarus, come out!" With this command he reveals that death does not have the final word. Jesus shows that he truly is "the resurrection and the life."

But something striking happens next. Lazarus emerges from the tomb still bound in burial cloths. Jesus then turns to the people around him and says, "Unbind him, let him go free." While Jesus restores

Lazarus to life, the community is asked to help complete the work of freedom.

This moment speaks to our own Christian calling. There are many forms of "death" in our world — despair, isolation, fear, sin, and the wounds people carry through life. Christ brings the gift of new life, yet he also calls us to help "unbind" one another through compassion, forgiveness and support.

The Gospel reminds us that faith is never only personal; it is lived within a community that lifts others up.

As we draw closer to Easter, this story invites us to trust more deeply in Christ's promise of life. The Lord who called Lazarus from the tomb continues to call each of us out of whatever holds us back, inviting us to walk in freedom, hope and new life.

With Blessings,
Fr Jerald Mariadas

Lenten Reconciliation

As we prepare our hearts during Lent, reconciliation is a vital part of our journey towards the risen Christ of Easter.

You are warmly invited to join our Lenten Reconciliation service

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH, 7.30PM—ST JUDE'S

THURSDAY 26 MARCH, 7.30PM—ST SIMON'S

This liturgy is a time
for reflection and an opportunity
to see how we can change
to become better versions
of ourselves to those
around us.



ST JUDE'S EASTER CALENDAR

Reconciliation (Second Rite)	25 March	7.30pm
Holy Thursday	2 April	7.30pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	3 April	11.00am
Good Friday Passion of the Lord	3 April	3.00pm
Easter Sunday Dawn Mass Breakfast after Mass	5 April	6.00am
Easter Sunday Mass	5 April	8.30am
Easter Sunday Mass	5 April	10.30am

Every Friday in Lent

Combined **Stations of the Cross** at
St Simon's at 7pm after 6pm Adoration



Mass Times



Website

☎ (03) 9763 7302 @ scoresby@cam.org.au

Experienced Musicians Needed

Please contact: Xavier on 0448 766 705

EASTER BREAKFAST INVITATION

After the Easter Dawn Mass, everyone is warmly invited to the Parish Centre to enjoy a delicious sausage sizzle and hot cross bun breakfast to celebrate as a community the beautiful season of Easter.



Where does the word "Synod" come from?

The word Synod comes from the Greek *syn-hodos*, meaning "walking together on the road." This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

HOLY WEEK PREPARATIONS

Palm Sunday Preparations

- **Friday, 27 March at 10:30am** (approx. 2 hours) – Volunteers are needed to help Xavier prepare palms and decorate the church. Please bring gloves and secateurs.
- **Saturday, 28 March at 10:30am** (approx. 30 minutes) – Assistance is needed to prepare palms for the Palm Sunday procession. Gloves and secateurs would be helpful.
- **Palm Sunday** (after 10:30am Mass) – Help is appreciated in clearing and disposing of the palm decorations.

Good Friday Preparations

- **Good Friday** (from 11:45am, after Stations of the Cross) – We need volunteers to help move chairs from the Parish Hall to the church.
- **Holy Saturday** at 10:00am – Help is needed to return the chairs to the Parish Hall.

Your support, even for a short time, makes a real difference — many hands truly make light work.

If you are able to assist, please contact Xavier or Leon at liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish community.



AT ST SIMON'S

Divine Mercy Novena
daily, 3-11 April at 6pm
(except Saturdays at 5pm)

Celebrating
Divine Mercy Sunday
12 April, 2pm-4pm

Rosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet with
Adoration and Reconciliation
Mass and Afternoon Tea

Sacramentals will be blessed, and
available for purchase in the foyer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Our Volunteers make a
REAL difference!**

**We are looking for young people
in our community willing to serve**

**Serving is a chance to grow in faith,
build community, share your gifts.**

Even an hour a month can make a
difference. Your presence matters.

- Church Cleaning -
- Hospitality - Join us to serve up a 'Cuppa' on Sunday Morning

**Contact Ida at the parish office
on 9763 7302**

Serve | Belong | Grow in faith

PARISH NOTICE

Fr Jerald will be overseeing weekday Masses at both parishes for the time being. During this transition, the weekday schedule at **St Jude's**:

**Wednesday & Thursday — Holy Mass
Friday — Communion Service**

We thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support during this time.

Parish Social Committee Expressions of Interest

*Would you like to help bring more
fun and connection to our parish
community?*

We are forming a Parish Social Committee to organise regular events such as dinner dances, trivia nights, and other social gatherings.

Whether you love planning events or simply enjoy being part of a team, your ideas and enthusiasm would be most welcome!

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or contact the parish office to express your interest.

Come and be part of creating a warm, vibrant, and connected parish community!

Multicultural Prayer with Jesus and Mary

Wednesday 13 May 2026

7.30 – 8.30 pm

**ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH,
SCORESBY**

Programme:

- * Candle-lit procession and enthronement of Our Lady of Fatima
- * Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
- * Multicultural rosary in several languages
- * Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- * Benediction
- * Concluding hymn to Our Lady

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Jesus: "Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depth of My mercy."

- Diary of St Faustina

Pray for Peace

In these troubled times, when many around the world are living in fear and uncertainty, we hold in prayer all who are suffering because of War. We remember the innocent lives lost, families forced from their homes, and those who find themselves stranded and vulnerable in the midst of travel disruptions, including in airports and transit points.

Let us also pray for the Leaders of all Nations. May the Spirit of God grant them wisdom, right judgment, and the courage to work tirelessly for peace—seeking solutions that protect life, uphold human dignity, and avoid the tragedy of war.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those affected by the ongoing war. Please protect the innocent, comfort the grieving, and give strength to those living in fear. Soften the hearts of leaders and guide them toward peace, wisdom, and understanding. May violence cease, may healing begin, and may hope rise even in the darkest places. Grant safety, unity, and lasting peace to all. Amen.



Fancy a Cuppa?

Wednesday, 25 March, is our next Cuppa and a Chat morning. We meet in the Parish Centre from 9.30 to 11.00am. It's a very casual gathering with the opportunity to enjoy a cuppa and a chat and to make a connection with other parishioners.

All are very welcome and we look forward to your company

Any questions, please contact

Ann 0402 904 678 or

Robyn 0407 324 117

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

24-Week Study Series



Mondays: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: St Jude's conference room

Start: April 20th 2026

Cost: workbook tbc

Tea and Coffee Provided

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

To register interest please contact

Dinelle - 0416 810 541

Kim - 0403 323 353

Group Chat via WhatsApp

Project Compassion

*We request your boxes be returned
by Holy Thursday 2 April*

CARPET REPLACEMENT

Assistance Needed

Our parish is currently exploring the possibility of replacing the carpet in the church.

We are seeking a parishioner who has experience in the carpet industry and would be willing to assist us with the initial assessment.

This would involve taking measurements of the church and providing a general idea of potential costs.

If you have the relevant experience and are happy to help, we would greatly appreciate your support.

Please contact the parish office on 9763 7302.

Thank you for your continued generosity and care for our parish community.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has formally convoked a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This important step continues our journey of listening, discernment, and renewal — a synodal way of being Church, walking together in faith under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In the months ahead, parishes and communities across the Archdiocese will be invited to gather in prayer and conversation to reflect on how we are called to proclaim the Gospel more faithfully in our time and place.

The Synod will focus on three key themes: **Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, and Formation and Participation.** We are encouraged to ask: **Where is the Holy**

**Spirit leading us? Who are we called to accompany?
How can we reflect the face of Christ more clearly?**

The Synod Assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the Synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.

Please keep this journey in your prayers as we move forward together with hope and confidence in the Lord.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD ANNOUNCED

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 Leo O'Reilly, Maria Teresa Lopes, Andrew M. Duncan, Anna Maria Montalban, Carmel Young, George Vella, Gino Rossi, Arul Anandan, Kevin Kariatty, Alfia Harrap, Anton Lappen, Madeline Nguyen, Phyllis Sawyer, Rosemarie Volpi, Lorna Margaret Dunn, Michael Le

First Reading:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm 129

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Recently Deceased

We deeply mourn the loss of **Maria Carotenuto**.

Maria's funeral will be held at St Jude's, 24 March
10:30am Rosary
11.00am Mass.

A Synod is not a parliament ?

The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord — 28/29 MARCH 2026 Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14 – 27:66	
MASS TIMES	28 MAR, SATURDAY 6.00PM	29 MAR, SUNDAY 8.30AM	29 MAR, SUNDAY 10.30AM
Celebrant	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald
Commentator	TBA	TBA	TBA
Reader	TBA	TBA	TBA
Communion Ministers	Special Roster	Special Roster	Special Roster
Projectionist	Special Roster	Special Roster	Special Roster
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy
Altar Society	Special Roster	Church Cleaners	Rosanna Jumonong & Juliet

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