



St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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3rd Sunday of Advent– 13th and 14th December 2025

Gospel Reflection—We rejoice as the coming of the Lord draws near.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God's kingdom often arrives quietly, through small signs of healing, hope, and new life. John the Baptist wondered if Jesus was truly the One to come—and Jesus answered not with titles, but with the fruits of love: the blind see, the lame walk, the poor hear good news. These signs invite us to look for God not in grand gestures but in the gentle graces that brighten our days.

As advent unfolds, **we rejoice as the coming of the Lord draws near**, trusting that Christ enters our lives with compassion, strength, and joy. May our hearts be opened to recognise His presence in every moment of goodness around us.

Lord Jesus, as Your coming draws near, fill our hearts with quite joy. Open our eyes to the signs of Your presence and deepen our trust in Your gentle ways. Help us rejoice in hope, walk in peace, and share Your love with all we meet.
Amen

—Blessings: Fr Jerald

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

17 December | St Jude's 7:30 pm

16 December | St Simon's 7:00pm

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



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!

—With gratitude: Fr Jerald

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:

Rev Fr Jerald Mariadas

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Assistant Priest:

Rev Fr Libeesh Kuriakose

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Parish Ministry

Coordinator, Child

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Officer : Ida Lancuba

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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@](mailto:youthteam@stsimonparish.com.au)

stsimonparish.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

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CCPR RAFFLE RESULTS

The results of the CCPR are in! While our parish didn't have the winning ticket this time, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the fundraiser. Your generosity makes a real difference. We also warmly thank our organisers for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you once again for your wonderful support!

—Fr Jerald

The Parishes with the winning tickets are:

- ◆ 1st Prize Lara/Corio
- ◆ 2nd Prize Lifeboat
- ◆ 3rd Prize Broadmeadows
- ◆ 4th Prize Bundoora
- ◆ 5th Prize Wantirna
- ◆ 6th Prize Wantirna
- ◆ 7th Prize Lilydale



SYNOD 2026

The Archbishop of Melbourne has announced that preparation have begun for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026. Further information will be shared as we move closer to this significant moment in the life of our Archdiocese.



Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas. This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to "be a light in the darkness" for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity. Donate today at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>



PILGRIMAGE 2025

Back in October this year we were on a pilgrimage together with parishioners from St Jude's and St Simon's. It was a blessed and uplifting journey, and I am grateful to have shared it with our group. Throughout the pilgrimage, we held all of you in prayer at each of the holy sites we visited. A video capturing the highlights and sacred moments of the pilgrimage is now available. You can watch it using the QR code provided, and it is also accessible on our parish website under "**Recommended Links**" then click on "**Pilgrimage video**". I invite you to view and share in the moments of faith and grace we experienced along the way.

—Blessing: Fr Jerald

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & NATIVITY

We invite all children to be part of this year's Christmas Celebration through music, singing and the nativity story on the **24th December at 5.30pm!**

Rehearsal's times, at St Jude's Church:

- Saturday 29th Nov at 10.30am
- Sunday 7th Dec at 4pm,
- Saturday 13th Dec at 10.30am
- Sunday 21st Dec at 4pm

All children are welcome!

Please use the QR code or sign up sheet in church foyer.



VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Know my daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things." (Diary of St Faustina Kowalska "Divine Mercy in My Soul", 1385)

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those who have recently died and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially: Brian McKeogh, Tara Elders-Tilley, Margaret Neary, Michael Hageman, Patricia King, William Storen, Antonio Zarro, Jack Beard, Lorrie Bubeck, Cecilia Clement, Edmund Thavapragsam, Maria Baldin, Milton Gardiner, Pamela Hall, Robert Lewis, Rose Wong, Shamanthi Jeyaseelan, Stuart Ferguson, Terry Eaton, Bruno Volpi, Carlos Morales, Gabor Nemeth, Pamela Hargreaves, Sheila Hill.

Sacraments for children



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

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

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Hope—is a longing and expectation for brighter days.

This Christmas, you can offer someone hope.

Please take a gift tag from our **Tree of Hope** and purchase a gift card.

Alternatively, you can donate:

- **Online** via the QR code
- **By Phone 131812**
- **Or use the envelopes** provided for cash or gift card. Kindly place all donations in the marked boxes in the foyer.

We would deeply appreciate your support by **15 December**, so gifts can be distributed before Christmas. Your generosity- year after year- helps bring joy and hope to families in need. Thank you from St VdP Scoresby .



The Knitting Group

Will take place Wednesday
17th December at the **Parish reception Centre**
at **9.30am-11am.**

Enquiries:
Maureen on 0417 634 600



Calling All Experienced Musicians – Pianists & Drummers!

Our parish is in urgent need of pianists & drummers for the
6pm Christmas Eve Mass. If God has blessed you with musical gifts, this is a beautiful chance to share them and help lead our community in joyful celebration. Please contact Xavier or the Parish office on 9763 7302.

Your talent can make this Christmas unforgettable!



First Reading Isaiah [35:1-6, 10](#)

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Second Reading—James [5:7-10](#)

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the

gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel—Matthew [11:2-11](#)

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.

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**4th Sunday of Advent—Year A— 20th and 21st of December 2025**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10, 14	Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7	Gospel Reading: Matthew 1: 18-24	
	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh
Readers	Max Connors	Millicent Miranda	Mary King
	Rosary Pereira	Tony McCumstie	Robert Edwards
Communion Ministers	Ann Doyle Barbara Wong Jerome Hew	Jude Miranda Steve Rule Yvonne Rule	Frank McCulloch Louise Cooper Nicole Moirt
Mass Projectors	Macarius	Sharlynn	Isabelle Raj
Children's Liturgy (School Hol)			No children Liturgy
Altar Society	Nicole Moirt		
Church Cleaners	Rosanna Jumonong & Juliet		