

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

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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.melbcatholic.org/s/scoresby



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | 7/8 MARCH 2026 | YEAR A

John 4:15 | 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty ...'

Today's Gospel gives us one of the most personal encounters in Scripture. Jesus is tired. He sits at a well. A woman arrives at midday — alone, perhaps avoiding others. And Jesus begins a conversation.

He crosses boundaries: Jew and Samaritan, man and woman, teacher and outsider. He asks for a drink. In doing so, he makes himself vulnerable. Then he offers something greater — "living water," a spring that wells up to eternal life.

The Samaritan woman arrives carrying a water jar. She leaves without it. Instead, she carries something new — hope. After meeting Jesus, she becomes a missionary to her own people: "Come and see." The one who seemed on the margins becomes the voice that brings others to Christ.

As we move toward our Synod in Melbourne, this Gospel is deeply important. A synodal Church is a Church that sits at the well. It listens. It speaks

honestly. It is not afraid of real conversations. Jesus does not begin with judgement; he begins with dialogue. He listens to her story. He reveals truth with compassion. And transformation follows.

The woman's question echoes the question from Exodus: "Is the Lord with us or not?" At the well, we see the answer clearly — God is with us, meeting us in our thirst.

Our Church today is thirsty: thirsty for renewal, for unity, for deeper faith. The Synod invites us to put down our jars — our assumptions, our divisions — and listen again to Christ.

If we truly listen to him, living water will flow — not only in us, but through us, for the life of the world.

**With Blessings,
Fr Jerald Mariadas**

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.



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

Sacraments for children

(at least one parent to attend)

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 3 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

A CELEBRATION OF VENERABLE MARY OF THE SACRED HEART GLOWREY

THANKSGIVING MASS, PRESENTATION AND REFLECTIONS:

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga Wagga, together with the Mary Glowrey Museum, warmly invite you to a celebration of Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, following Pope Leo XIV's recognition of her heroic virtues. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

5PM: Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

6PM: Presentation and reflections at Cathedral hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

All welcome. More information: melb.cath.org/maryglowrey

REGISTER FOR PRESENTATION: www.trybooking.com/DIWC1

RSVP: 10 March 2026

IMAGE: MARY GLOWREY COLLECTION

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	5 April	6.00am
Easter Sunday Mass	5 April	8.30am
Easter Sunday Mass	5 April	10.30am

Experienced Musicians Needed

please contact: Xavier on 0448 766 705

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** will be:

Wednesday & Thursday — Holy Mass

Friday — Communion Service only

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

For all Bulletin Notices, please email cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au
Deadline Wednesday 4pm

St Jude's Annual Bus Trip – Thursday 12 March

Reminder Details:

Departure Time: The bus will depart from the carpark at 9.30am. Please ensure you arrive a little earlier so we can leave on time.

Meals and Drinks: Please note that drinks and meals are at your own expense.

Return Time: The bus is scheduled to return to St Jude's at 3.00pm.

Additional Expenses: Please bring a \$2 coin to cover miscellaneous expenses and raffles. We're delighted that you are joining us for a day out at Cranbourne Botanic Gardens. Sydney is bringing his guitar along, so we are sure to have a very enjoyable bus trip.

Please contact **Ann 0402 904 678** or **Robyn 0407 324 117** if you require any further details



PARISH EMAIL UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to stricter controls by email providers such as Microsoft, bulk emails are increasingly being blocked. In some cases, sender IP addresses are blacklisted, affecting all outgoing emails.

As a temporary measure, PACEM- our parish management provider, will pause sending bulk newsletter emails to @hotmail, @outlook and @live accounts.

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

'Bear your own load to the end. If you love it, it will be light. If you hate it, it will be heavy.'

- St Augustine



Thank you to everyone who assisted and contributed to Fr Libeesh's farewell.

Your generosity and support ensured that Father leaves with very fond memories of his short stay with us.

It was lovely to see so many people stay after Mass to wish Father all the best and to enjoy one another's company.

This is what the St Jude's Community is all about.

MARY MAGDALENE

The Musical

Catch this uplifting and inspiring new production bringing to life the story of Mary Magdalene — a journey of redemption, grace, and hope. Featuring a talented cast from COG Theatre Group, under the direction of acclaimed director Beth Mondragon Williams, this moving performance is a celebration of faith through art and music.

When: Friday & Saturday, 13–14 March at 7:00 pm;

Saturday & Sunday, 14–15 March at 1:00 pm

Where: Renaissance Theatre, High Street, Kew

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 Delphine Saldanha, Noreen Kelly, Ellen T. M. Hayes, Kathryn O'Hagan, Sr Raquel Rosa CPS, Linda M Bryans, Maria Teofilo, Eric W Cooper, Leonie Brewty, Paul Hon Shing Un

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Volunteers make a REAL difference!

Our parish invites new volunteer members

- 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

You can bring the water that transforms a child's life



Please collect your Project Compassion box from the foyer and begin your contribution today!

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT
COMPASSION**

*Will we avoid the well?
Or will we sit down with Christ and begin the conversation?*

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

In accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines, our Parish Finance Committee is renewed every three years.

As we have reached the end of that term, we are now inviting expressions of interest from parishioners who would like to serve on a refreshed Finance Committee.

We sincerely thank our current committee members for their generous service, wisdom and dedication to the

financial stewardship of our parish. Their commitment and care have been greatly valued and deeply appreciated.

If you have skills or experience in finance, accounting, administration, governance, or simply a desire to contribute to the responsible management of parish resources, we warmly encourage you to apply. Current members are also very welcome to reapply.

Please contact Fr Jerald or call the Parish office on 9763 7302 for more information or to express your interest.

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

Third Sunday of Lent, 7/8 March 2026

First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm 94

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2. 5-8*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a

good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: *John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty

again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER	Fourth Sunday of Lent — 14/15 MARCH 2026 — 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41		
MASS TIMES	14 MAR, SATURDAY 6.00PM	15 MAR, SUNDAY 8.30AM	15 MAR, SUNDAY 10.30AM
Celebrant	Fr Dominic	Fr Brian Ahern	Fr Jerald
Commentator	Max Connors	Tony McCumstie	Adel Medel
Reader	Rosary Pereira	Prema Pinto	Louise Cooper
Communion Ministers	Dinelle Hettiarachchi Ann Doyle Christine Hettiarachchi	Alan Horwood Irene Horwood Yvonne Rule	Connie Pannuzzo Judy Gan Leon Raj
Projectionist	Grace	Bill Ta	David/Clarissa/Levina
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Ingrid & Eunice
Altar Society	Cora Lijnders	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.