

2nd Sunday of Advent—A season of Peace Welcome to St Jude the Apostle Parish

A Season of Peace A Peace that Begins in the Heart:

As we prepare for Christ's birth, let us first ask ourselves: Do we have peace within our hearts? True peace begins in the soul, where we make room for Christ to dwell. Advent invites us to reflect on the areas of our lives where we need healing and reconciliation, whether with God, with others, or even within ourselves. This time of prayer and reflection encourages us to seek forgiveness, practice mercy, and strive to live in harmony with God's will.

In moments of silence, we can contemplate the beautiful reality that the Creator of the universe chose to come into our world as a humble child, offering us His peace.

Christ's birth in the manger was the first step in God's plan to bring lasting peace to a broken world.

Advent is also a time to focus on the relationships we have with others. We are reminded that peace is not only about inner tranquillity but also about fostering peace in our communities. In the spirit of Advent, let us reach out to those who are suffering, isolated, or at odds with us. Let us work to heal divisions and extend forgiveness, just as God has forgiven us through Christ. True peace cannot be achieved alone; it requires a collective effort of love and compassion, following the example set by Christ.

Finally, Advent points us toward the fulfillment of God's promises. As we await Christ's birth, we also await His second coming, when He will bring perfect peace and restore all things. Advent is not just a season of looking back, but also a time of hopeful anticipation for the peace that will one day reign fully in God's Kingdom.

As we light the candles on the Advent wreath, let each one represent a new step toward peace—peace in our hearts, peace in our relationships, and peace in our world.

Let us pray, "Come, Lord Jesus, and bring Your peace into our lives."

May the peace of Christ dwell richly in your hearts this Advent season.
In Christ's peace, Fr Jerald.

ST SIMONS AND ST JUDE'S CHRISTMAS MASSES INVITE YOU TO COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

ST SIMON'S MASS TIMES

RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

TUE 17TH DEC -7.30PM

CHRISTMAS EVE:

6.00PM CHILDRENS MASS (5.30PM CAROLS)

9.00PM VIGIL MASS (8.30PM CAROLS)

12.00AM MIDNIGHT MASS (11.30PM CAROLS)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

10.00AM MASS (9.30AM CAROLS)

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

11.30PM ADORATION AND 12.00AM MASS

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

10.00AM MASS

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9.00PM VIGIL MASS (8.30PM CAROLS)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.30AM AND 10.30AM MASS

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

10.00AM MASS

To prepare our hearts and mind for the coming of Christ, there will be an Advent Reconciliation Liturgy (an examination of conscience and Individual confession) on Wednesday the 18th of Dec at 7:30 pm at St. Jude's. There will be several priests present to hear individual confessions.



MASS TIMES:

Week Days:

Wed, Thu & Fri 9.15am

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30 & 10.30am

OFFICE HOURS:

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RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald at the
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**Baptisms—1st SUN of the
month—** for application form
contact the parish office

SERVICES

Community Centre

Parish Office: 9763 7302

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Helpline 1800 305 330

St Simon's & St Jude's

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Ms Amanda Purcell 98002733

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who volunteered for "Cuppa" duty after Sunday Masses this year. Roster duty will finish on Dec 8th and resume on Sunday the 2nd of Feb 2025. New volunteers for next year would be most welcome. If you are happy to be a volunteer please contact Yvonne and Derek on 04074 596 424 or Kath Murphy on 9763 7384/0425 840 6383

A Heartfelt Thank You
**TO ALL OF OUR
AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**
We couldn't do it without you!

To all our volunteers, we are deeply grateful for the time, energy and dedication you have given in service to our Parish community. Your commitment has truly made a difference, and we are blessed to have had you as part of our church family. As some of you are now moving on, we want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for all that you have done. You have been an inspiration, and your contributions have enriched our Parish in countless ways. Jesus, said, "well done, good and faithful servant". (Matthew 25:23). Your service reflects the love and dedication that Jesus calls us to share, and we are thankful for your example.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



Scoresby Conference members would like to thank Fr Jerald and parishioners for your continued support and generosity towards Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2024. THANK YOU

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"The exhortation that rings out in today's liturgy:

'Let us go joyfully to meet the Lord' spreads to all countries, to all continents, among every people and nation."

- Pope St. John Paul II

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: Winifred Mary Amaract, Guiseppe Corizzo, Martin Boek, Kim Eng Teh Chuah, Stephen McMahon, Daniel Pagano, Kenneth D'Silva, Teng Khoon Khoo, Iva Thatcher, Tara Elders— Tilley

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Monday the 9th of December is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We invite you to join us for Mass at 9.15am at St Simons, for this mass of Solemnity.

Need to dispose of a Vehicle?

Disposal of a car when a family member has had to relinquish their licence, or has passed away can be very challenging.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact **Fr. Kevin Dillon** (frkdillon@outlook.com.au — 0421 777 360) or **Adam Kaali** (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com)

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Parish Census

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have already completed and returned their Parish Census Cards. Your time and effort in helping us gather this important information are deeply appreciated.

For those who have not yet had the chance to complete the census, we kindly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your participation is vital in helping us better understand our parish community and plan effectively for the future needs of all our members.

By filling in the census, you are helping ensure that we can continue to serve you and the broader parish family in the best possible way. Rest assured, your privacy is very important to us, and all information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. Together, we can build a stronger and more



Social Gathering - Saturday December 7

We invite you to stay a little while after Mass as it is great opportunity to have a chat with Parishioners and to wish them the joys and blessings of this beautiful Christmas season.

Please bring a small plate to share for a light supper. Tea, coffee, soft drink and wine provided.

As always - we look forward to your company.



To all volunteers who have access to the Key Box.

Just a gentle reminder to all volunteers who have access to the key box, to please return the key to the key box after use in order to assist those who are coming in after you to access the church as well. Thank you so much for your assistance with this.

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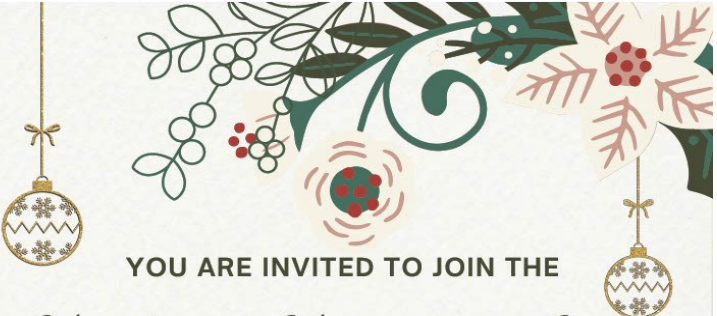
COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2025 HAS ARRIVED
\$12 EACH available at the piety store or call the parish office on (03) 9763 7703

St Jude's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledge that child safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18 **Second Reading** Phillipians 4: 4-7 **Gospel** Luke 3:10.18

7th and 8th of Dec	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald
Readers:	Lauren Pereira Susan Lim	Rosanna Kelaart Mary King	Adel Medel Stephanie Smyth
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachi	Sharilynn	T.J/Victoria Bulloch
Childrens Liturgy	Leeana and Molly		
Altar Society	Amy David		
Church Cleaners	Rosanna Jumongong	Juliet	



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE

Children Christmas Carol



Tuesday, 24 December 2024

Carols start at 5:30pm
Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm

SIGN UP SHEET AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER




CAROLS PRACTICE

Sunday, 8th December
 at 4:00pm
 in the church

NATIVITY PRACTICE

Sunday, 8th December
 at 5:00pm
 in the church

Please bring water bottle.

Ignatian Meditation and Reflection

To comfort those who mourn as Christmas Approached, Ignatian Meditation and Reflection will be held on Wednesday the 11th of Dec from 7-8pm . This will be held in the Chapel at St Simon's Parish . The evening will be facilitated by Anita Davine and will be followed by a cuppa.

If you are interested in attending, please email St Simon's on Rowville@cam.org.au or call 9864 4058 to register.

Parish Office

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday the 10th of December as all staff will be away on retreat. The Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday the 11th of December.



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We are looking for Volunteers!

"We serve God by serving others"

We need projectionists for **Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am mass**. It is a very simple task and we provide training and supervision until you are comfortable to do the task on your own.

If you are interested, please contact:

Abigail on **0405725047**

Write Way—English for Students.
 English tuition at home.
 Call Francis on 0418 540 191