

St. Jude the Apostle Parish-

49 George St, Scoresby

"In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, we, the people of the Parish, are called to serve with joy."

The Epiphany of the Lord—4th and 5th of January 2025



The Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, celebrated on January 6 or the nearest Sunday depending on local customs, is a beautiful and profound feast in the Church's liturgical calendar. It commemorates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the visit of the Magi. This moment reminds us that the light of Christ is not for one group or nation but for all peoples and all nations.

The Story of the Magi

In the Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12), we hear of wise men from the East who saw a star and followed it to Bethlehem. These Magi—traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—represent the nations coming to recognize Jesus as King. They bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, each with deep significance:

- ♦ Gold symbolizes Jesus' kingship.
- ♦ Frankincense represents His divinity and priestly role.
- ♦ Myrrh prefigures His suffering and death.

Themes of Epiphany

1. **Manifestation of Christ:** The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation." It celebrates Jesus being revealed not just to Israel but to all humanity. The Magi's journey symbolizes our own search for God and the invitation to everyone to come and adore Him.
2. **Guidance of the Star:** The star that led the Magi reminds us that God provides light and guidance in our lives. It challenges us to discern God's signs and follow His will with faith.
3. **Unity in Diversity:** The Magi, coming from distant lands and different cultures, underscore the universal nature of Christ's mission. He calls people of all nations and backgrounds to be part of His Kingdom.

Living the Feast

- ♦ **Seek Christ Daily:** Like the Magi, we are on a journey. Are we actively seeking Christ in our daily lives? Prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments are like the star that leads us to Him.
- ♦ **Offer Our Gifts:** The Magi offered their finest treasures. What gifts—our time, talents, or resources—can we offer to Christ and His Church?
- ♦ **Be a Light to Others:** Just as the star guided the Magi, we are called to be a light that leads others to Christ through our words, actions, and love.

Blessing of Homes

A beautiful Epiphany tradition is the blessing of homes. Families often mark their doorways with chalk, writing the year and the initials of the Magi (e.g., 25 + C + M + B + 25) as a prayer for Christ's blessing. The initials also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat—"May Christ bless this house."

Let us celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with hearts full of gratitude and joy, remembering that Christ's light shines for all. May we, like the Magi, kneel before Him in adoration and offer the very best of ourselves to the Lord.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Fr Jerald would like to wish you all a wonderful and peaceful 2025

Youth Mass

We are very happy to announce that from February 2025, on the 1st Sunday of the Month, with the help of the MGL's—we will be having a joint Youth Mass at 6.00pm here at St Simons. This special Mass is an opportunity for our youth to come together in faith, build community, and celebrate the love of Christ in a way that speaks directly to their hearts and experiences.

We are blessed to have the MGL'S supporting us in this initiative. With their dynamic energy and deep commitment to evangelizing young people, they will help make this a vibrant and meaningful celebration of our faith.

Please help spread the word, and feel free to invite friends and family. Let's come together to celebrate the faith, energy, and hope of our youth.

MASS TIMES:

Week Days:

Wed, Thu & Fri 9.15am

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30 & 10.30am

OFFICE HOURS:

Tue—Fri 9am to 3.30pm

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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

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St Simon's & St Jude's Youth Group

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First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you;

the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

.Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Social Gathering

Our social gatherings, which are held after the 6 pm mass on the first Saturday of the month will recommence , again in February. We look forward to gathering with you again in 2025.

Sacramental Programs for children in Government Schools.

Registration is now open for the sacrament of Reconciliation. These classes are for children in Government school. All children in Grade 3 and above are invited to register for this sacrament. Classes will commence on the 9th of Feb with the sacrament taking place on the 19th of March . On the notice board in the foyer are the dates for the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation. To register your child , please get in touch with the Parish Office on 9763 7302 or email

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**The Baptism of the Lord— Year C**

First Reading Isaiah 42: 1-4,6-7 **Second Reading** Acts of the Apostles: 10:34-38 **Gospel** Luke 3: 15-16,21-22

**11th and 12th of
January 25**

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.30am

Celebrant

Fr Jerald

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Readers:

Rosary Pereira

Tony McCumstie

Linda Lampa

Ann Doyle

Dinelle Hettiarachchi

Robin Edwards

Mass Projector

Diyen Hettiarachi

Megan Pinto

Isabella Raj

Childrens Liturgy

School Holidays

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Altar Society

Eve Buckeridge

Church Cleaners

Jude Phillip

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At Christmas did we bring gifts to Jesus...or did we only exchange gifts among ourselves?
- EWTN

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: Robert Callander, Susan Gaye Di Fede, Kenneth J Kennedy, Maria Amelia Lopes, Nazzareno Gasparone, Rosemary Brown, Tony Do'Ademon, Mary Rowe, Frederick Mohorram, Giuseppi De Venuto.