

OUR MASS TIMES

Tue & Fri: 9.15am Mass

Wed & Thurs: 9.15am Communion Service

Sat: 6.00pm (Livestream)

Sun: 9.00am and 11.00am

Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass**

RECONCILIATION

Fri: 6 - 7pm *Adoration and Reconciliation*

Sat: 5.30pm - 5.50pm *Reconciliation*

OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri 9am - 4pm



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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

Wednesday 4.00pm

Email: cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | 28 FEB / 1 MARCH 2026 | YEAR A

Matthew 17:1-9 | This is my Son, the Beloved; Listen to him

Faith is not always comfortable. Today's readings remind us that following God often means stepping out of what is safe and familiar. Yet every step taken in trust opens the door to blessing.

Abram is told to leave his country, his family, and everything that gives him security. There is no detailed plan, only a promise: "Go to the land I will show you." Abram goes, not because he understands everything, but because he trusts the One who calls him. His journey begins with uncertainty, but it leads to blessing far beyond what he could imagine.

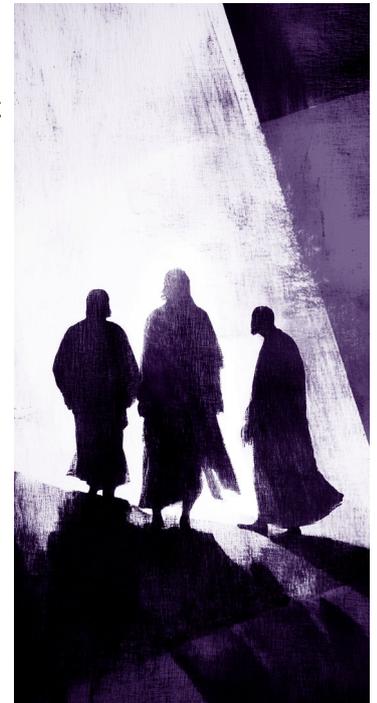
In the Gospel, the disciples experience a different kind of challenge. On the mountain, they see Jesus transfigured, radiant with glory. It is a moment of clarity and awe. Peter wants to stay there, to hold on to that light. But the voice from the cloud says, "Listen to him." Then they must come down the mountain and continue the difficult road toward Jerusalem.

We too are called to listen and to trust. There are moments when faith feels bright and strong, and others when the path is steep and unclear. Lent does not promise an easy road. It invites us to leave behind what holds us back and to walk forward with courage.

The good news is this: we do not walk alone. The God who calls us is faithful. If we trust, even in small steps, God can lead us toward a future filled with hope.

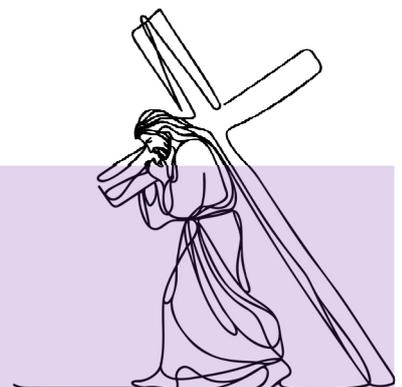
**With Blessings,
Fr Jerald Mariadas**

We wish Fr Libeesh all the very best!



Every Friday in Lent

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



*Do you have
a road worthy car?*

**THE MGL PRIESTS WHO
SERVE US ARE IN NEED OF A
ROADWORTHY CAR**

Please call the parish office on
9764 4058



Support **St Simon's Project
Compassion walk** with the QR Code
and help turn compassion into
clean water and hope.

**I CAN ... YOU CAN ...
WE CAN ALL WALK FOR A
COMPASSIONATE WORLD**



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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, as these are currently being blocked. This step will help restore normal delivery.

PACEM will keep the parish informed of outcomes and any rectifications, and we thank parishioners for their patience and understanding during this time.

In the interim you will receive your weekly newsletter as a downloadable link from the website.

Our Volunteers make a REAL difference!

Our parish invites new volunteer members — to join our ministry teams. **Serving is a chance to grow in faith, build community, share your gifts, and help make our parish a welcoming home.**

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

Add your name to the list at the Welcome Desk, or call the Parish Office on 9764 4058

or email: cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au. You don't need experience —just an open heart and a willingness to serve.

- Hospitality & Welcomers ●
- Musicians Sunday 5pm ● Funeral Setup ● Cleaning of the church ● Gardening Group

Serve | Belong | Grow in faith

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady

7 March

at St. Jude the Apostle Church

8:45am Adoration, Rosary and confession

9:15am Mass



Lenten Taize' Prayer 2026

Join the Salesian Sisters' Community for a prayer experience

Silence – Contemplation – Candlelight – Music – Chants and Reflective reading of Scripture

On Wednesdays during Lent

7.00pm – 8.00pm

@ 43 George St. Scoresby

Have you ever had the experience of not wanting to 'go back down the mountain'?

Anointing Masses

You are warmly invited to
St Jude's Tuesday, 3 March, 11:00am
St Simon's Friday, 7 March, 9.15am

This special liturgy is open to everyone, with a particular welcome to those who are elderly, unwell, or seeking healing-physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

During the Mass, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Following the liturgy please join us for a cuppa and conversation in the Parish Centre.



WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died especially **George Cagliarini, Chris Antony** and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially **Adrian Scrimizzi**,

For the Sick: Bill Leane, Jenny Liston, Perry Law, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Aneta Crowley, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette and Murray Ukena, Lisette Visenjou, Brooke Hiho, Noelle Parsons, Jonathan Salerno, Barbara Kirsch, Mark Bramich, Charles, Daniel, Denzil Britto, Trevor Cross, Sonani Cramer, Rvevin Serrano.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2026

Appliance Repairs & Installation Service

We specialize in the repair of:

- ♦ Washing Machines
- ♦ Dishwashers
- ♦ Dryers
- ♦ Electric Ovens
- ♦ Microwaves
- ♦ Cooktops / Range hoods
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- ♦ Test / Tag Services

Contact Ash: 0413 913 619



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Is at ST SIMON'S for the Christian churches of Rowville and Lysterfield.

The service will be held at ST SIMON'S on

Thursday, 5 March at 7.00pm,
and will be followed by supper in the Parish Centre.

For more information please contact the Welcome Desk or contact Jeanette on 0466 261 632.



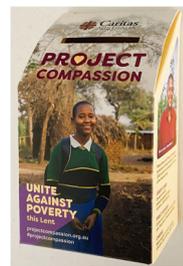
Calling all singers and musicians

Music ministry training will be held on **Sunday 8 March 3-5pm** meeting in the Parish Centre

The session will be hosted by **John Ighalo**

John is a passionate youth and music minister currently serving with the Archdiocese of Melbourne as the Discipleship Specialist for Young Adults. With over 20 years of musical experience, John has ministered internationally across multiple countries and brings a wealth of pastoral and musical leadership. He has also led music at Mass at St Simon's Parish on several occasions.

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



In northern Tanzania a lack of access to clean and reliable water is putting children under pressure and at risk.

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

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



Our parish is blessed to journey with families as children prepare to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

To register your child or learn more, please scan the QR code, email **Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au** or contact the Parish Office.

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 2 MAR	TUE 3 MAR	WED 4 MAR	THUR 5 MAR	FRI 6 MAR	SAT 7 MAR	SUN 8 MAR
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Anointing Mass (Fr Jerald)	8.45am (St Jude's) Devotion to Our Lady	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
7.00pm (Parish Centre PC) Lenten Program	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.00am (PC) ReCare	10.00am (PC) Lenten Program	10.00am (Meeting Room) Lenten Program	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Dominic)
7.30pm (via ZOOM) Lenten Program	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program	11.15am (Church) Amerigo Ricciuti Funeral	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	6.00pm (Cinema) Warriors	6.00pm Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)	12.30pm (Church) Chaldean Catechism
	7.30pm (PC) RCIA	7.00pm (PC) Care to Connect	7.00pm (Church) World Day of Prayer	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration		2.00–4.30 Chaldean Community
	7.30pm (Meeting Room) Lenten Program	7.30pm (PC) Baptism Prep	7.00pm (Meeting Room) Lenten Program	7.00pm (Church) Stations of the Cross		5.00pm Youth Mass
		7.30pm (PC) Good Friday Liturgy Planning	8.00pm (PC) Easter Vigil Liturgy Planning	8.00pm (PC) 11am Choir Practice		
				8.30pm (Church) Chaldeans Stations of the Cross		

Second Sunday of Lent, 28 Feb / 1 March 2026

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'
So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm 32

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake
of the Good News, relying on the power
of God who has saved us and called us

to be holy – not because of anything we
ourselves have done but for his own
purpose and by his own grace. This
grace had already been granted to us,
in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of
time, but it has only been revealed by
the Appearing of our saviour Christ
Jesus. He abolished death, and he has
proclaimed life and immortality through
the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ! From the shining cloud the
Father's voice is heard: this is my
beloved Son, hear him. Glory and
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James
and his brother John and led them up a

high mountain where they could be
alone. There in their presence he was
transfigured; his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became as white as the
light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah
appeared to them; they were talking with
him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,'
he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here;
if you wish, I will make three tents here,
one for you, one for Moses and one for
Elijah.' He was still speaking when
suddenly a bright cloud covered them
with shadow, and from the cloud there
came a voice which said, 'This is my
Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.
Listen to him.' When they heard this, the
disciples fell on their faces, overcome
with fear. But Jesus came up and
touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not
be afraid.' And when they raised their
eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain
Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one
about the vision until the Son of Man has
risen from the dead.'



PARISH NOTICE

As Fr Libeesh concludes his ministry
with us **this week 1 March** and
prepares to begin his new appointment.
Fr Jerald will be overseeing weekday
Masses at both parishes for the time
being.

During this transition, the weekday
schedule at

St Simon's will be:

Tuesday & Friday — Holy Mass

Wednesday & Thursday —

Communion Service only

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH
CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3**

*What message did the Transfiguration hold for
the three disciples who witnessed it?*

HEY TEENS, YOU'RE INVITED TO ALPHA.



SCAN THE QR TO RSVP via the
Whatsapp group
For questions, contact Dinelle
0416 810 541/Denise 0435 742 838

Come eat, think, learn, laugh, explore

Monthly + Retreat

Sunday Evenings 6:30 - 8:00pm

Who: Highschoolers (Year 7 - 12)

When: Starting 22nd February

Where: St Simon's Parish Centre

Dinner is provided

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

NEXT WEEKEND		Third Sunday of Lent — 7/8 MARCH 2026 — Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42			
MASS TIMES	7 MAR, SATURDAY 6.00PM	8 MAR, SUNDAY 9.00AM	8 MAR, SUNDAY 11.00AM	8 MAR, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Tineke Edwards	Pam Comerford	Jacqui Giuliano	Paige	
Reader 1	Marcello Martino	Dorothy Stack	Terry Redden	Claire	
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Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Elsa L & Julie A		
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					Giselle Garcia