

**Daylight saving ends on
Easter Sunday 5 April**

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Tue - Fri 9am - 4pm



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**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS,
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Please contact our Parish Office

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Contact the Parish Office

OUR SERVICES

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Contact the Parish Office

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES
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St Simon the Apostle Parish

A compassionate community celebrating and living in Christ
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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
28/29 MARCH 2026 | YEAR A**

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 | 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

Palm Sunday invites us to walk closely with Jesus as He enters Jerusalem, welcomed with joy and praise. The crowds wave palms and cry out, "Hosanna!"—full of hope and expectation. Yet we know how quickly those same voices will fall silent, or even turn against Him. This Gospel gently challenges us to look within: where do we honour Christ in our lives, and where do we struggle to follow Him?

Jesus does not enter in triumph or worldly power, but in humility, riding on a donkey. He reveals a kingship not built on force, but on love, mercy, and self-giving. This is the kind of King we are invited to follow—one who walks the path of suffering for the sake of others.

As we begin Holy Week, we are drawn into more than a remembrance; we are invited into a journey. We stand with Jesus in the tension between praise and rejection, light and darkness, life and death. This week calls us to prayer, reflection, and honesty of heart.

May we have the courage to walk with Christ through His Passion, trusting that even in suffering, God is at work. And may we remain faithful, so as to share in the hope and joy of the Resurrection.

**With Blessings,
Fr Jerald Mariadas**

EASTER CALENDAR

Holy Thursday Adoration till 11pm	2 April	8.00pm
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross @Rowville Community Centre	3 April	10.00am
Good Friday Passion of the Lord	3 April	3.00pm
Easter Sunday Dawn Mass	5 April	6.00am
Easter Sunday Mass	5 April	9.00am
Easter Sunday Mass	5 April	11.00am
Divine Mercy Novena	3-11 April	6pm
Divine Mercy Sunday	12 April	2-4pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES
IN THE HOLY WEEK**

Weekday Mass 9.15am	St Jude's	St Simon's
Tuesday	No Mass	Communion Service due to Chrism Mass in the Cathedral
Wednesday	Mass	Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	No Mass	No Mass

**ECUMENICAL
STATIONS OF
THE CROSS
GOOD FRIDAY
10AM**

**ROWVILLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE**



ALL ARE INVITED

ON GOOD FRIDAY(3 April) If you would like to attend (in-church) Stations of the Cross. Please visit St Jude the Apostle Church, Scoresby at 11am

UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THE DATE

APRIL ReCare
in Parish Centre
8 and 22 April 2026

Lenten Group participants get together
on Wednesday 15 April @ 7pm in the
Parish Centre

PREPARATION CLASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Tuesdays: 4-5.30pm, Parish Centre
31 March, 21 April, 19 May

Parent Workshops: 2.15pm or 7pm
28 April, 5 May, 12 May

Commitment Masses

25 April, 6pm or

Sunday 26 April, 11am

Reconciliation

Celebration:

21 May 6pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Classes start Tuesday 2 June

Please register via email



Multicultural Prayer with
Jesus and Mary

Wednesday 13 May 2026

7.30 – 8.30 pm

ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH

St Simon's Parish Retreat
29 – 30 August 2026

Please register your name at the
HelpDesk/Parish Office

St Simon's Fete

Saturday 14 November 2026

WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died especially Ben Martin, Jenny Liston and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Belmira Rodrigues, M D Fernando, Facier Vaz, Francesco Cosentino

For the Sick: Bill Leane, Perry Law, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Aneta Crowley, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette Ukena, Brooke Hiho, Noelle Parsons, Jonathan Salerno, Barbara Kirsch, Mark Bramich, Charles, Daniel, Denzil Britto, Sonani Cramer, Rvevin Serrano, Paul McCole, Silivelia Talia, Ropeti Talia

After EASTER SUNDAY DAWN MASS we welcome the newly baptised members of our community with a wonderful Breakfast!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TABLE ARE MOST WELCOME.

PLEASE NOTE YOUR NAME AND PREFERENCE ON THE SHEET IN THE CHURCH FOYER

**NO YOUTH MASS ON
EASTER SUNDAY &
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
(5 & 12 APRIL)
YOUTH MASSES
WILL RESUME
FROM SUNDAY 19 APRIL**

**How does the story of
Christ's Passion play out
in our own lives today?**

ARE YOU NEW TO ST SIMON'S?

Welcome to our parish!

If you're new or recently joined us, please add your details to the **New Parishioner Book** at the **Welcome Desk** so we can stay connected.

You are very welcome here and in our prayers.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are to be returned by Holy Thursday. Please change any coin donations into notes; this would assist us greatly – thank you!

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT
COMPASSION**

You can also donate directly at the Project Compassion website (<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>). All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Our Volunteers make a REAL difference!

We are looking for young people in our community willing to serve

Serving is a chance to grow in faith, build community, share your gifts.

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. You don't need experience —just an open heart and a willingness to serve.

Serve | Belong | Grow in faith



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Contact Ash: 0413 913 619

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

24-Week Study Series



Mondays: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: St Judes' conference room

Start: April 20th 2026

Cost: workbook tbc

Tea and Coffee Provided

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

To register interest please contact

Dinelle - 0416 810 541

Kim - 0403 323 353

Group Chat via WhatsApp



Divine Mercy Novena
daily, 3-11 April at 6pm
(except Saturday 4 & 11 April at 5pm)

Celebrating
Divine Mercy Sunday
12 April, 2pm - 4pm

Rosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet with
Adoration and Reconciliation
Mass and Afternoon Tea

Sacramentals will be blessed at Mass.

Sacramentals and religious items
will be available for **CASH ONLY**
purchase in the foyer.

A free copy of the
MELBOURNE CATHOLIC DIGEST
is available bi-monthly for you to
pickup in the church foyer.
Read the many stories of the Gospel
alive in our Archdiocese.



Synodality
requires humility

Walking together means recognising
that no one has all the answers.
Synodality invites humility—from
leaders and from communities—so that
the Spirit can guide us beyond our
limitations.



To access our
livestreamed Masses
please scan the QR Code

5minutes Parking restrictions
outside the church
now ends at 9am on school days

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 30 MAR	TUE 31 MAR	WED 1 APR	THUR 2 APR	FRI 3 APR	SAT 4 APR	SUN 5 APR
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	4.00pm Chaldean Community	10.00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	3.00pm (Church) Altar Servers Rehearsal for Dawn Mass	6.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (PC) SSS Choir	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.00am Funeral Mass for Jenny Liston	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	3.00pm Passion of the Lord	5.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Novena	9.00am Mass (Fr David)
7.00pm (Church) Chaldean Adoration	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program	7.30pm Baptism Prep	8.00pm (Church) Holy Thursday Mass	6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Novena	7.00pm (Church) Chaldean Mass of Light	11.00am Mass (Fr David)
	7.00pm (Church) Holy Thursday Rehearsal		After Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose till 11pm	7.00pm (Church) Chaldeans Good Friday Service		12.30pm (Chapel) Chaldean Children's Liturgy
	7.30pm (PC) RCIA			8.00pm (PC) 11am Choir Practice		2.00 - 3.30pm (Church) Chaldean Easter Community Mass
						3.30pm Chaldean Community (PC)
						6.00pm (Church) Divine Mercy Novena

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) SEOUL 2027 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



AGES 18 +

We are starting to plan for WYD 2027 in Seoul (3/8/27 - 8/8/27)

We are now seeking expression of interest to gauge numbers and begin planning.

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*This does not mean you are confirmed to attend; there will be an application form sent out once details are finalised

For more details, contact:

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Denise 0435 742 838
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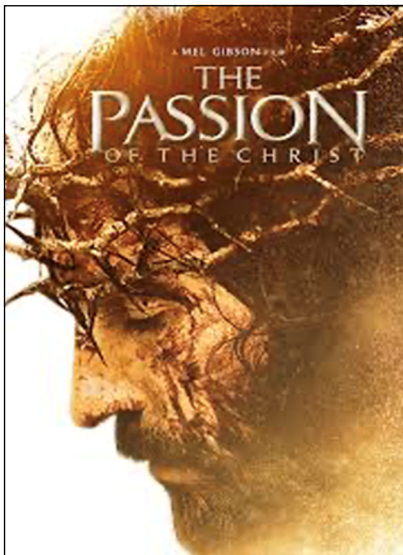
Pray for Peace

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.



MOVIE NIGHT

MISSION WARRIORS

Young Adults 16+

Date: Sunday 29th March

Time: 6.15pm-9pm (after Youth Mass)

Where: St Simon's Parish Centre - Cinema

✓ BYO Movie Snacks

✓ Dinner Provided

As Pope Leo reminds us, 'grace does not eliminate our freedom, but rather awakens it. God's gift does not eliminate our responsibility, but makes it fruitful.'

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

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Deadline Wednesday 4pm

NEXT WEEKEND		EASTER SUNDAY — 5 APRIL 2026 — Acts 10:34. 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9			
MASS TIMES	5 APRIL, SUNDAY 6.00AM	5 APRIL, SUNDAY 9.00AM	5 APRIL, SUNDAY 11.00AM	5 APRIL, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Marcello Martino	Margaret Ng	TBA	NO MASS	
Readers	Kim Gomez, Bernard M, Seymon Martino, Loretta H	Madison	Terry Madden	NO MASS	
Reader 1	Phil Mawdesley	Adrian Ng	Maria Redden	NO MASS	
Welcome Desk	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed		
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	The Team	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa Thebasan Family