

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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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP, FUNERALS

Please contact our Parish Office

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

OUR SERVICES

PARISH CENTRE

FACILITIES HIRE

Contact the Parish Office

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

Wednesday 4.00pm
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 APRIL 2026 | YEAR A

Dear Parishioners,

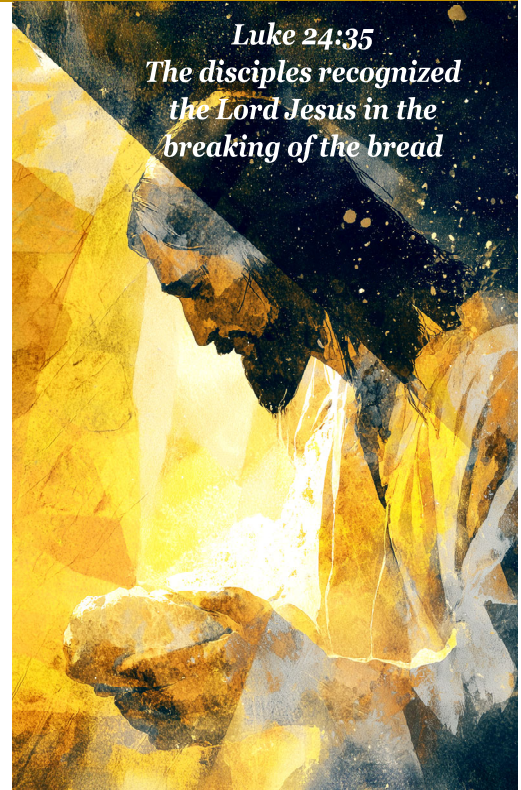
The road to Emmaus is one we can all recognise. At times, we too walk with disappointment, carrying hopes about how God might act, yet struggling with what has unfolded in our lives. Like the disciples, we can become downcast, unsure, and even unable to recognise the Lord walking beside us. Yet, in his quiet and faithful way, Jesus draws near. He listens to our burdens and gently speaks to our hearts, opening the Scriptures and reminding us that suffering is not the end, but part of God's saving plan.

What is especially striking is that they recognise him in the simple act of the breaking of bread. In the same way, we are invited to encounter Christ in the Eucharist, where he makes himself truly present, and also in the ordinary moments of our daily lives.

Their hearts burned within them even before their eyes were opened. So too, faith often begins as a quiet stirring within us, calling us to trust more deeply. When we truly encounter the risen Lord, we cannot remain unchanged. Like the disciples, we are sent forth with renewed hope, to share the joy of his presence with others.

In Christ,
Fr Jerald

*Luke 24:35
The disciples recognized
the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of the bread*



A Parish Fundraiser



18/19
APRIL

INTERNATIONAL CURRY STALL

after ALL weekend Masses

PRESENTS



FREEDOM
PUBLISHING BOOKS

DATE TO MARRY

YOUCAT WORKSHOP FOR YR 9 HIGH SCHOOLERS TO YOUNG ADULTS

DATING & RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH

WHERE: ST SIMONS ROWVILLE

DAY & DATE: SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

TIME: 11AM - 3PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

ENQUIRIES: KIM 0403 323 353

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR SPOT



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

24-week Series: Mondays 6pm-8pm

Starting 20 April 2026

At St Jude's Conference Room
Limited availability

To register please contact
Dinelle 0416 810 541
Kim 0403 323 353

**ReCare in the
Parish Centre**
22 April 2026, 11.00am
Please join us for an
afternoon of music and fun.
Meet the community and
enjoy a great meal



DATE TO MARRY

A dating and relationship workshop for
Catholic high schoolers to young adults
Sat 25 April, 11am-3pm, St Simon's
Please see the poster for more information

NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY
26 April, at 9.00am and 11.00am
Masses

Good Shepherd Sunday, 26 April
the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
As a parish community, we are invited
to pray this week for vocations to the
priesthood and consecrated life.

Men's Group
Next Meeting
29 April 2026, 7.00pm

**Our Craft Group meets weekly every
Tuesday at 1.30pm
in our Parish Centre.**
Please join in and make an exciting
project for our Craft Stall

Next Ladies Group
30 April 2026, 10.00am

***Multicultural Prayer with
Jesus and Mary***
Wednesday 13 May 2026
7.30 – 8.30 pm
**ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH,
SCORESBY**



Fr Jerald and the parish community
extend their heartfelt thanks to the
Divine Mercy Team for their prayerful
dedication in organising the Divine
Mercy Novena and Sunday
celebration.

Through your careful preparation of
the liturgy, Rosary and
Reconciliation, the invitation of
visiting priests, and the provision of
sacramentals and fellowship, you
helped create a grace-filled
opportunity for our community to
encounter God's *mercy*.

***May the Lord
bless you abundantly for your
faithful service.***



Sacraments for children attending Non-Catholic Schools

FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Please reach out to the Parish office
via the QR code to enrol for the
Sacraments of Baptism, First
Eucharist and Confirmation



WE PRAY FOR

**For those who have recently died
Gabriel Jocelyn Buttie, Doreen
McKinley** and those whose memories
are sacred to us at this time especially
Vivian Genato, Robert Desfosses,
Eileen Flynn, Carl Christoffells Kelaart,
Vigilio (Nino) Loro, Murray Ukena,
Queenie Marian

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, Revin Serrano, Paul
McCole, Silivelia Talia, Ropeti Talia,
Paul Dugdale

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady

***Will resume
on 2 May***
at St Jude's Church
**8:45am Adoration,
Rosary
and Confession**
9:15am Mass



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

A safeguarding professional from the
Archdiocese will
be visiting **St Jude's Parish** to deliver an
**Essential Safeguarding Training
Session:**

Date: Sunday, 24 May, 11:45am
Location: St Jude's Parish

Who should attend?

- All volunteers from **St Jude's and St Simon's**
- Anyone who has NOT completed safeguarding training in the past 3 years
- *(Training is required every 3 years)*

If you can't attend in person:

- Complete the training **online** (link on the Volunteer Registration Form)
- **Volunteer Registration Form must be completed and signed**
- Printed forms and the Code of Conduct are available in the church foyer
- *No need to return the Code of Conduct – signing the form confirms you have read it*

RSVP: By 15 May

**Contact to register or for more
information:**

St Jude's Scoresby – 9763 7302

A free copy of the MELBOURNE
CATHOLIC DIGEST is available

Do you enjoy being outdoors?

Our parish gardening group is looking for
friendly volunteers. Please contact Liza
at liza.jansz@cam.org.au

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We specialize in the repair of:

- Washing Machines • Dishwashers • Dryers • Electric Ovens • Microwaves • Cooktops • Range hoods • Fridges • Freezers Test • Tag Services
- Contact Ash: 0413 913 619**



Please join us
for Morning
Tea after
Mass

Anzac Day

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

A combined Mass for our never-forgotten family and loved ones at **ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH, SCORESBY**, on 25 April at 10:00am



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

St. Simon's Annual FETE

WANTED

DO YOU HAVE UNUSED, WORKING FRIDGES OR FREEZERS? PLEASE DONATE TO HELP SUPPORT FOOD STALLS AT THE FETE.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you a CHEF or a KEEN WORKER?
FOOD STALL VOLUNTEERS, NEW IDEAS & CHEFS NEEDED
PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS TO HELP MAKE OUR FETE A SUCCESS.

CONTACT: BILL LEANE - 0411 289 319

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0417 966 415

7.15 PM TO 11.00PM

trivia night

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A FUN NIGHT PROFESSIONALLY RUN TRIVIA AND GAMES

ALL TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY

TO BUY A TICKET OR BOOK DINNER PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE

SEATS ARE \$30

NIGHT INCLUDES AUCTION AND RAFFLE

ST SIMON'S PARISH CENTRE
2 TAYLOR'S LANE, ROWVILLE

FRIDAY 1 MAY 2026

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Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the Parish Office as soon as possible

Come and join us at the Parish Centre
15 May 7pm for a Pot Luck Dinner!
Meet the community and make new connections!
It promises to be an evening of fun and laughter with delicious food.

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 20 APRIL	TUE 21 APRIL	WED 22 APRIL	THUR 23 APRIL	FRI 24 APRIL	SAT 25 APRIL	SUN 26 APRIL
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	10.00am (Church) Young Adults Workshop	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
7.00pm (Church) Chaldean Adoration	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.00am (PC) Viv's ReCare	5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	12.00noon (Theatre) Movie - Eternity	10.00am (St Jude's) Combined ANZAC Day Mass	11.00am Reconciliation Commitment Mass (MGL)
	2.00pm (PC) Shawl Group			6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	11.00am (Church) Chaldean Catechism	12.30pm Baptisms
	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program			7.30pm (Church) Chaldean Community	1.30pm (Church) Wedding of Andrew Hudson & Jennifer Davey	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
	7.00pm (PC) RCIA meeting			8.00pm (PC) 11am Choir Practice	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	5.00pm Youth Mass
					6.00pm Mass (MGL)	6.00pm (PC) St Simon's Warriors

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm 15

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.'

'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses

and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

St Simon's Parish Retreat

Please register your name at the HelpDesk/Parish Office and Save the Date. With limited space we are filling up fast.

29 – 30 August 2026

What might have prevented the disciples from recognising Jesus on the road? What insight does this event reveal about the nature and significance of Eucharist?

Synodality and the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

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

NEXT WEEKEND		Fourth Sunday of Easter — 25/26 APRIL 2026 — Acts 2:14. 36-41 , 1 Peter 2:20-25 , John 10:1-10			
MASS TIMES	25 APRIL, SATURDAY 6.00PM	26 APRIL, SUNDAY 9.00AM	26 APRIL, SUNDAY 11.00AM	26 APRIL, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Jodie Marziano	Margaret Ng	Estela Banac	Paige	
Reader 1	Alden/Sam D'Couto	Dorothy Stack	Junius De Silva	Claire	
Reader 2	Thabesan Family	Janina Woronczak	Buena Di Nuzzo	Nerise	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando	Victoria Kong	Pia Pagotto	—	
Children's Liturgy	Michelle & Ben M	Enakshi J & Rita R	No Children's Liturgy		—
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Sheila Kelaart & Bernie Fernando	Church Cleaning	Marina Ruffolo, Diana Paul-Anna, Kim Phoon Volunteer Needed