

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26 APRIL 2026 | YEAR A



John 10:10 I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full

Dear Parishioners,

This **Good Shepherd Sunday** draws us into the voice of Christ in John 10:1–10, where He reveals Himself as both the gate and the shepherd who calls each of us by name. Discipleship begins with listening: which voices shape our lives, and why do we trust them? Many voices compete for our attention, promising freedom or fulfilment, yet often leading us astray. The Lord's voice is different. It does not confuse or scatter, but gathers, protects, and leads us into life in abundance.

Authentic leadership flows from Him. It is not rooted in power or status, but in the capacity to give life and to draw others toward what is good and true. We see this in Saint Peter, who proclaims the truth even when it is unwelcome, calls for conversion

even when it is costly, and remains faithful even in the face of opposition. Such leadership reflects the heart of Christ—gentle yet firm, sacrificial yet life-giving. It does not seek its own advantage, but is wholly directed toward the flourishing of others.

Yet to follow the Good Shepherd is not passive. Christ calls each of us to a living, active faith, echoing James 2:17: faith without works is dead. To belong to His flock is to entrust ourselves to Him completely—to follow not only to places of rest, but also through uncertainty, challenge, and sacrifice. It means allowing His voice to shape our choices, our priorities, and our way of life.

Today, as we pray for vocations, we also pray for attentive hearts—hearts ready to hear His voice, to trust His guidance, and to follow with generosity. For the Good Shepherd still calls, inviting us not only to believe in Him, but to walk with Him, serve with Him, and share in His life.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**



Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,
you call each of us by name and invite us to follow you.

Inspire generous hearts in our parish,
and raise up faithful servants for your Church.

Guide our young people to listen to
your voice with courage and trust.

Bless those you are calling to the
priesthood and consecrated life, and
strengthen them to say "yes."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



*Welcome to all families
at St Simon's for our
Reconciliation Commitment Mass.*

We gather to support our children as
they continue their journey toward
the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
growing in understanding of God's
love and forgiveness.

Thank you for your support and
commitment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
has commenced for the school term
at our weekend masses

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

Next Ladies Group
30 April 2026, 10.00am

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady on 2 May

at St Jude's Church
8:45am Adoration, Rosary
and Confession
9:15am Mass

Multicultural Prayer with Jesus and Mary

Wednesday 13 May 2026
7.30 – 8.30 pm

ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH,
SCORESBY

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.

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



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Thank you for your overwhelming support at our INTERNATIONAL CURRY FESTIVAL

Over the weekend of 18/19 April
the St Simons community collected a
total of \$3,975.87 on the sale of
curry packs.

Our gratitude goes out to all the
chefs for their sponsorship of all the
food on sale during the weekend.



Sacraments for children attending Non-Catholic Schools

FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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



WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died
Domenic Pugliese, Joseph Michael
Cutajar and those whose memories are
sacred to us at this time especially
Denzil & Yola Grant, John Christoffels,
Carl Kelaart, Huguette Etienne, Gisele &
Sidney Jonas, France Hoareau,
Graziano Martino, Enrico & Virginia
Martino, Luigi, Alfredo, Pietro & Carolina
Cristiano, Claude Taylor

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

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 Church

Who should attend?

- All volunteers from **St Jude's and St Simon's** who have NOT completed safeguarding training in the past 3 years
- Archdiocesan compliance requires all volunteers to complete their training 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
St Simon's Rowville – 9764 4058

OUR PARISH GARDENS

Do you enjoy being outdoors?

Our parish gardening group is looking for
friendly volunteers to help care for the
church grounds.

Just a few hours on Thursdays helps
create a welcoming space for all. No
experience needed — only a positive
attitude and a love of nature.

If you're interested,
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Building the Synodal Way Together

We are invited to grow as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The Synodal Way calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

Listening with an open heart to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.

Engaging in meaningful conversation, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.

Strengthening our sense of communion, recognising Christ at the center of our shared mission.

Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

Ann-Marie's Journey to Home



Sunday Appeal
2/3 May 2026

Ann-Marie's story is part of **CatholicCare Victoria's Sunday Appeal** whose journey is a powerful reminder of how quickly life can change, and how hope can be restored through the care of others.

Reflection question:

How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?



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IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 27 APRIL	TUE 28 APRIL	WED 29 APRIL	THUR 30 APRIL	FRI 1 MAY	SAT 2 MAY	SUN 3 MAY
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	8.45am (St Jude's) Devotion to Our Lady	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
7.00pm (Church) Chaldean Adoration	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	7.00pm (PC) Men's Group	10.00am (PC) Ladies Group	10.00am (PC) Senior's Morning Tea	11.00am (Church) Chaldean Catechism	11.00am Mass (Fr Dominic)
7.30pm (via Zoom) Gospel Reflection	2.00pm (PC) Reconciliation Parent Workshops		5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program			7.00pm (PC) Trivia Night	6.00pm Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)	5.00pm Youth Mass
	7.00pm (PC) Reconciliation Parent Workshops			8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		6.00pm (PC) StSJ Youth

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not

retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

*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.*

Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

St. Simon's Annual FETE

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NEXT WEEKEND		Fifth Sunday of Easter — 2/3 MAY 2026 — Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12			
MASS TIMES	2 MAY, SATURDAY 6.00PM	3 MAY, SUNDAY 9.00AM	3 MAY, SUNDAY 11.00AM	3 MAY, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Alden/Sam D'Couto	Pam Comerford	Loretta Hughes	Damon	
Reader 1	Terry O'Donnell	Neela Tatnell	Morris Dalton	Zara	
Reader 2	Clement Lobo	Pam Comerford	Alf Kakala	Aarya	
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Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Ildi C & Therese W	—	
Flowers	Melanie Jacobs	Altar Society	Lidwin and Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa, Judy Schmidt
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