

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
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9/10 MAY 2026 | YEAR A

John 14:15 'If you love me you will keep my commandments.'

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples in a very human and relatable way. He knows they are anxious about what is coming. They have relied on his presence, his guidance, and his reassurance, and now he is preparing them for a time when they will no longer see him physically. His words, "I will not leave you orphans," speak not only to the disciples, but to anyone who has ever felt alone, uncertain, or unsupported.

Life can often leave us feeling disconnected — from God, from others, or even from ourselves. We carry worries about family, work, health, relationships, or the future. In those moments, faith can feel distant. Yet Jesus reminds us that God's presence is not dependent on dramatic signs or perfect certainty. The Spirit of God is often found in ordinary moments: the friend who listens, the strength to face another day, the quiet peace after prayer, or the courage to keep loving when it is difficult.

Jesus also says, "If you love me you will



keep my commandments." This can sound demanding at first, but at its heart it is very practical. The commandments Jesus speaks about are rooted in love — treating people with kindness, choosing forgiveness over resentment, showing patience, and caring for those around us. Faith is less about saying the right things and more about living with compassion in everyday life.

This Gospel is ultimately a message of reassurance.

We do not have to have everything figured out. We are not expected to carry life alone. Christ promises to remain with us, guiding us quietly through the Spirit, especially in the ordinary and messy parts of life where we need him most.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**

Where in my life do I most need to hear Jesus say, "I will not leave you orphaned"?

Happy Mother's Day

We give thanks for all mothers in our parish community — those expecting, those longing to be mothers, and those who carry sorrow or loss in this journey. Mothers are the first faith formators in the family. Through daily love, sacrifice, and quiet witness, they nurture both life and faith, often becoming the steady anchor of the home through joy and struggle.

In their commitment and strength, often in hidden and challenging circumstances, mothers reflect Our Blessed Mother, Mary — who trusted God, remained faithful in uncertainty, and lovingly nurtured Jesus.

We pray that Mother Mary bless and strengthen you today and always.

UPCOMING EVENTS

You are invited to a **Multicultural Rosary, Adoration and Benediction**

Wednesday 13 May 2026,
7.30 – 8.30 pm

ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH, SCORESBY
Candle-lit procession and enthronement of Our Lady of
Fatima; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary in various
languages; Benediction



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.

VIV's ReCare 20 May A Beatles Afternoon

Enjoy a special live performance by
"Players", belting out all your favourite
Beatles hits you know and love!

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

With FREE morning tea, 2 course lunch,
Live entertainment and Dancing! Bring
your friends for a fun afternoon

**For more information: Brian Crowley
– 0429 090 770**



Biggest Morning Tea Friday 29 May @10am

You are warmly invited to join us for
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on
**Friday 29 May @10.00am, at
the Parish Centre.**



Come along and enjoy a wonderful morning
of friendship, conversation, and community spirit while
supporting a very worthwhile cause.

**For catering purposes, please register your
attendance on the sign-up sheet located at
the Help Desk.**

If you are able to assist with refreshments, we would
greatly appreciate your support. We are seeking
contributions such as sandwiches, cakes, slices, pan
rolls, sausage rolls, and mini quiches. Please let us
know if you are able to help.

If you would like to be involved in the morning
or share your story,
please contact Liza at the Parish Office.
Thank you for your generosity and support.

Our MOVIE Morning on 22 May showing in our Theatre at 12noon

Les Misérables Victor Hugo's stirring novel of redemption and
revolution is brought to life by the artistry of director Billie
August and his brilliant cast:

Liam Neeson, Uma Thurman, Claire Danes, Geoffrey Rush.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Next Craft Group is on 12 May 1.30pm! In the Parish Centre

Do a project!
Meet the community
and make new connections!

Women's Group meet up 14 May 10.00am! At Stonez Restaurant

All are warmly invited to join in the fun and
chatter, have a cuppa and make a friend!

Next up we have Paul—the Apostle of Christ on 29 May



WE PRAY FOR

**For those who have recently died
especially Philip Anderson, Peter
Hingston** and those whose memories
are sacred to us at this time Priscilla
Lewis, Lilly Joseph, Rhea Aranha,
Santina Cimino, Corazon Santos

For the Sick: Perry Law, Sam Russo,
Jay Russel, Aneta Crowley, Lisette &
Noah Vissenjou, Bernadette Ukena,
Brooke Hiho, Noelle Parsons, Jonathan
Salerno, Mark Bramich, Denzil Britto,
Rvevin Serrano, Paul McCole, Silivelia
Talia, Nick Brennan, Ropeti Talia, Paul
Dugdale

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

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FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
FRIENDS, FUN, FOOD, JESUS

FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026
6.30PM - 9.30PM

ST ROCH'S, GLEN IRIS

COST: FREE

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REGISTER

Anchored
HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME:
PARENTS' AND CAREGIVERS SESSION
PRAYER, TALKS AND CONVERSATION ON PARENTING

**EXPERIENCE
A NEW
PENTECOST**

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT
SAT 23RD MAY

This is not just a retreat.
This is an **ENCOUNTER**.

*"He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
(Matthew 3:11)*

What if the fire of God...
is meant for **YOU?**

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Real encounters with the Holy Spirit
- Feel the personal embrace of God's love
- Testimonies of Faith
- Silence and reflection
- Prayer Ministry



SCAN ME
BOOK NOW!

Led by **Fr Tony Alex MGL**
A day that's real, raw & Spirit-led
Organised by **Mission Warriors YAG Rowville**

Ages: 16–35yrs | Saturday 23rd May (Pentecost Eve)
10am – 4pm | St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna VIC 3152
\$50pp | Lunch Provided

Contact: Kim 0403 323 353 | Dinelle 0416 810 541

DON'T JUST BELIEVE IN GOD ENCOUNTER HIM.

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

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 11 MAY	TUE 12 MAY	WED 13 MAY	THUR 14 MAY	FRI 15 MAY	SAT 16 MAY	SUN 17 MAY
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	7.30pm (St Jude's) Multicultural Rosary and Benediction	10.00am (Stonez) Women's Group	3.00pm (PC) Warriors Outreach	6.00pm Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)	11.00am Mass (Fr Ken)
7.00pm (Meeting Room) SDVP Meeting	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program		5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration		12.30pm (Church) Baptisms
7.30pm (Online) Gospel Reflection			6.00pm (Church) 40 day Memorial Mass for Lilly Joseph	7.00pm (PC) Potluck Dinner		12.30pm–4.30pm Chaldean Community
			7.00pm (Meeting Room) Fete Meeting	8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		5.00pm Youth Mass
						6.30pm (PC) SSJ Youth Group

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit,

for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm 65

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:18

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Thanksgiving Contributions

We sincerely thank all parishioners for your ongoing support and generous contributions to our Parish Thanksgiving Program. Your continued generosity assists greatly in supporting the life and mission of our parish community.

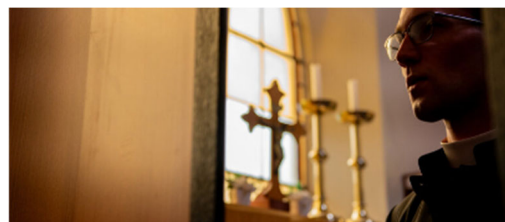
For those who contribute via Thanksgiving envelopes, please note that the current set of envelopes will conclude at the beginning of June. The new sets will be available for collection on the weekend of 16th and 17th May.

We kindly ask envelope contributors to please collect their new set from the church foyer after Mass.

Thank you once again for your faithful support and generosity.



Eucharistic Minister Training will be held at St Simon's Church on 23 May @11am. Please register at the Welcome Desk on the Volunteer Registration Forms



Seminary Enquiry Day Invitation

Young men (18+) who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood are warmly invited to attend a **Seminary Enquiry Day on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at Corpus Christi College.**

Please read the full letter from Archbishop Peter for more information.

RSVP by Tuesday 19 May to Vocations Office: vocations@cam.org.au.



PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

NEXT WEEKEND		The Ascension of the Lord — 16/17 MAY 2026 — Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20			
MASS TIMES	16 MAY, SATURDAY 6.00PM	17 MAY, SUNDAY 9.00AM	17 MAY, SUNDAY 11.00AM	17 MAY, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Alden/Sam D'Cousto	Margaret Ng	Estela Banac	Damon	
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Reader 2	Graham Edwards	Janina Woronczak	Jan Richards	Zara	
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Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Ildi C & Therese W	—	
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					Thabesan Family