

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

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Tue - Fri 9am - 4pm



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PENTECOST SUNDAY 23/24 MAY 2026 | Year A

John 20:21 | 'As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you'

In this passage from John, the risen Christ appears to his disciples in a moment marked by fear, uncertainty, and closed doors. Despite their anxiety, Jesus enters their space without force or judgement and offers the simple but profound greeting: "Peace be with you." This peace is not merely the absence of fear, but the deep assurance of Christ's living presence. It is a peace that restores hope and reorients the disciples after the trauma of the crucifixion.

Jesus then shows them his wounds, a powerful sign that the risen Lord is the same one who suffered and died. His resurrection does not erase his suffering but transforms it, revealing God's love expressed through sacrifice. The disciples' fear turns to joy as they recognise him.

Christ's next words, "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you," mark a turning point. The disciples are no longer simply followers; they are now sent forth as witnesses. Their mission is rooted in the

same love and obedience that defined Jesus' own mission. This calling is not based on their strength, but on the gift of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus breathes upon them. This moment

recalls the creation story, suggesting a new creation is taking place in the hearts of the disciples.

The authority given to forgive sins highlights the Church's continuing mission of reconciliation.

Forgiveness becomes central to the life of the Christian community, reflecting God's mercy to the

world.

This Gospel challenges us today to recognise where fear may still close the doors of our own hearts. Like the disciples, we are called to receive Christ's peace, be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and be sent out to bring forgiveness, healing, and hope to others.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**

DISCERNING DISCIPLESHIP

This weekend at all Masses, our parish launches Discerning Discipleship. As we give thanks for the many gifts God has entrusted to our community, we place a special spotlight on two important ministries within our parish — Children's Liturgy and Altar Serving.

These ministries play a vital role in nurturing faith, guiding our young people to grow in their relationship with Christ and actively participate in the life of the Church. Through Children's Liturgy, children are invited to engage with the Gospel in a meaningful and age-appropriate way, while Altar Serving offers young parishioners the opportunity to serve reverently at the altar and deepen their understanding of the Mass.

Both ministries reflect the heart of discipleship — using our gifts in service, community, and faith. They remind us that every person, regardless of age, has a place and purpose within parish life.

We warmly invite all parishioners to visit the display stand in the foyer after Mass, where you can meet and speak with members involved in these ministries, learn more about their role within the parish, and explore how you or your family may feel called to become part of this journey of discipleship.

Fr Jerald Mariadas
Parish priest

UPCOMING EVENTS



We celebrate the
Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians
with a Mass on
Monday, 25 May, 9:15am
At St Jude's Church, Scoresby.

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Mass



Join us on 29 May,
in our Cinema at 12noon

Paul, the Apostle of Christ is a 2018 American biblical drama film written and directed by Andrew Hyatt.

Starring **James Faulkner** as Paul the Apostle and **Jim Caviezel** (who portrayed Jesus in the 2004 film *The Passion of the Christ*) as Luke.

The film tells the story of Paul, who was known as a ruthless persecutor of Christians prior to his conversion to Christianity. The plot focuses on his becoming a pivotal figure in the formation of the early church before being executed by Emperor Nero in Rome.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Men's Group

Will be meeting on
Wednesday,
27 May @7pm

Women's Group

our next coffee meeting is on

Thursday, 28 May, 10:00am

At Stonez Restaurant, Stud Park

For the winter our fortnightly meetings will take place at Stonez.

Drop by for a coffee or a chat.

Hope to see you there.

All are very welcome.

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady on 6 June



Rosary and Benediction: 8:45am

Holy Mass: 9:15am

**Place: St Jude's Parish Church,
George St Scoresby**



WE PRAY FOR

For those who have recently died especially Lew Geer and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time Cynthia Fernandez, Salim Aboujaber, Allan Saxon, Natasha Dickson, Audrey Bakelimum, Diana Fernando

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, Teresa & Paul Guiliano, Jonny Salerno



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea At St Simon's Church Rowville

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Friday the 29th of May at 10.00am at St Simon's Church Parish Centre.

Entry fee is only \$10.00 and all proceeds will go to the Cancer Council . Come along for a cuppa, some delicious treats, and friendly fellowship as we gather together in support of the Cancer Council and those affected by cancer. **If you can help in any way please contact the Parish Office.**

We look forward to sharing this special morning with you all. Sign up sheets in the foyer.

**Raise a cuppa to a
cancer free future.**

PARISHIONER STORIES

My experience working in Children's Liturgy at St Simon's Catholic Parish has been nothing but absolute joy! It is such a pleasure to speak about the Gospel and Jesus, and to listen to the children's ideas and how they feel about Him. I always enjoy hearing what they are most grateful for, but above all, I feel so blessed to be able to speak about the Lord and hopefully teach them new things about our faith and how to bring that faith into their everyday lives.



The children are always so engaged, and I truly believe they learn so much more in our liturgy classes than they would if they were sitting in Mass and perhaps not fully paying attention to what is happening around them. Participating in bringing up the Offertory to the priest before Holy Communion also helps them feel included and an important part of the celebration. It is such a rewarding position to undertake within the Church, and again, it brings so much joy to everyone involved.

Alicia



For about a decade, I've had the joy of being involved in our church's Children's Liturgy, the roster is about once every six weeks. While I happen to be a teacher by background, that's definitely not why I signed up! I simply love working with kids, and their hilariously candid interpretations of the Gospel are the absolute highlight of my service. Whenever I ask them, "What did you hear in that message today?", their responses never fail to make me smile and are a wonderful way to build rapport.

It is such a small, rewarding way to contribute—taking just 20 minutes at the beginning of mass. Nothing beats seeing their beaming faces when they proudly carry the offertory gifts up to the altar.

If you're considering joining as an intentional disciple in this ministry, please know that absolutely no experience is required; you just need patience, a good sense of humor, and remember- you will always know more than the children so there is nothing to fear!

It's honestly a lovely way to become involved in church ministry.

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"DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

**Save the Date for
St Simon's Parish
Dinner Dance
at the Polish Hall**

**5 SEPTEMBER 2026
@7PM**



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We warmly congratulate Maggie Braganza on being recognised as a Nominee for the Knox Volunteer of the Year 2026 through the Knox Community Awards.

Maggie has made a wonderful contribution to our parish through her dedicated service as President of the St Vincent de Paul (Rowville Conference). As Maggie shares, her greatest learning has been "listening to people without judging and making the person feel comfortable when discussing their needs."

We thank Maggie for her generosity, compassion, and commitment to serving others. *Pictured here with the Mayor at the awards presentation.*

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 25 MAY	TUE 26 MAY	WED 27 MAY	THUR 28 MAY	FRI 29 MAY	SAT 30 MAY	SUN 31 MAY
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	1.00pm (Church) Chaldeans First Communion	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
9.15am (St Jude's) Our Lady Help of Christians - Mass	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	7.00pm (PC) Men's Group	10.00am (Stoney) Women's Group	10.00pm (PC) Biggest Morning Tea	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Dominic)
6.00pm (Church) Chaldean Rosary	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program		5.00pm (Church) SSS Choir Practice	12.00pm (Cinema) Movie—Paul, the Apostle of Christ	6.00pm Mass (Fr Ken)	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community				6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration		5.00pm Youth Mass
7.30pm (Zoom) Gospel Reflection				8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		6.30pm (PC) SSJ Youth Group



**SAVE THE DATE
14 NOV 2026**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that

each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

Responsorial Psalm 103

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same

Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’



WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

Following Jesus with your whole heart.
Letting faith move you.
Letting love lead you.

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead – James 2:17

Listen. Pray. Respond.



St Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville



Take up a new ministry



St Simon the Apostle Church

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

“**Discipleship isn’t about having more time.**
It’s about giving God your life as it is.”

NEXT WEEKEND		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY — 30/31 MAY 2026 — Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16-18			
MASS TIMES	30 MAY, SATURDAY 6.00PM	31 MAY, SUNDAY 9.00AM	31 MAY, SUNDAY 11.00AM	31 MAY, SUNDAY 5.00PM	
Commentator	Marcello Martino	Pam Comerford	Therese West	Damon	
Reader 1	De Mel Family	Neela Tatnell	Buena Di Nuzzo	Aarya	
Reader 2	De Mel Family	Paige Law	Colin Maslen	Claire	
Welcome Desk	Seymon Martino	Maggie Braganza	Josie Fanti	—	
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy	—	
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs and Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa
				Thabesan Family	