

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 **Charismatic 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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ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office

OUR SERVICES

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Contact the Parish Office

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Wednesday 4.00pm

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27/28 JUNE 2026 | Year A

Matthew 10:40 | *Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that discipleship is more than simply believing in Him—it is about placing Him at the centre of our lives. His words may seem challenging, yet they invite us to reflect on what truly matters and where our priorities lie.

Jesus calls us to follow Him with trust, even when the path requires sacrifice. Taking up our cross does not necessarily mean carrying great burdens; often it means choosing love over self-interest, forgiveness over resentment, and service over comfort.

The Gospel also highlights the importance of welcome. Every act of kindness, hospitality, and generosity becomes an opportunity to encounter Christ. Even



something as simple as offering a cup of cold water is seen and valued by God.

As we continue our journey of discipleship, may we recognise Christ in those we meet, serve Him through our daily actions, and respond generously to His invitation to follow Him.

In Christ,
Fr Jerald

ST SIMON'S CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 1 JULY DUE TO A POWER OUTAGE FROM 8AM—4PM

Viv's RE Care

NEXT EVENT

WED, 8 July from 11.30am—2.00pm

Join us at a fun event with FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

For more info please contact
Brian Crowley on 0429 090 770
We look forward to seeing you all soon!



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a number of envelopes awaiting collection. If you have not yet picked up your box, please do so at your earliest convenience.

If you are unable to locate your envelopes or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish community.

Discerning Discipleship

This weekend we celebrate our **Mass Captains, Welcome Desk, and Welcomers Ministries**—parishioners whose generous service helps create a welcoming, faith-filled, and connected community.

Often, a person's first experience of Christ's presence in our parish comes through a warm smile, a friendly greeting, a helping hand, or the quiet preparation that enables our liturgies to unfold prayerfully and smoothly. While much of this service happens behind the scenes, its impact is significant.

These ministries remind us that discipleship begins with hospitality, attentiveness, and a willingness to serve others. Through their generosity and commitment, they help people feel welcomed, valued, and included in parish life.

As we reflect on their witness, perhaps we might ask ourselves:

How is God calling me to welcome, serve, and accompany others on their journey of faith?



UPCOMING EVENTS

Olive Wood Religious Items FROM BETHLEHEM

THIS WEEKEND, handcrafted olive wood religious items from Bethlehem will be available for purchase **after all masses**.

Made by Catholic families in the Holy Land, these items provide vital support to more than 600 families who rely on this work as their primary source of income. With ongoing conflict and very few pilgrims visiting Bethlehem, their livelihood has been greatly affected.

Your purchase will help support the Christian community in Bethlehem and contribute to preserving the faith and Christian presence in the Holy Land.

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady on 4 July

Rosary and Benediction: 8:45am

Holy Mass: 9:15am

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

"DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Presented by
St. Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville

Date:	Saturday, 5th September 2026
Time:	7:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight
Venue:	THE POLISH HALL 'SYRENA' 1325 Stud Road, Rowville Vic 3178
Buffet Dinner:	Eastern & Western Choices By EpicurX Events
Beverages:	B.Y.O. or drinks purchased from the Bar
Live Music:	By "Replay 6"
Donation:	\$80.00 Adult
Dress Code:	Ladies - After 5 Gents - Smart Casual

An Evening with the *Missionaries of God's Love* Brothers

Come and experience the love, presence and power of God.

An uplifting evening of:

- Praise & Worship • Personal Testimony • Inspiring Teaching
- Prayer Ministry for Healing & Renewal

ENCOUNTER

Whether you are seeking encouragement, healing, a deeper relationship with Christ, or simply a place to pray and connect with others, this is an evening of prayer, worship and renewal.

All are warmly invited.

Bring your family and friends and encounter God's love in a welcoming and faith-filled community.

**Friday, 3 July
6.00pm – 8.00pm
St Simon's Parish,
Rowville**

Following the evening of prayer, worship and renewal, we will gather for supper in the Parish Centre, as we continue the spirit of fellowship and community.

Please bring a plate to share.

WE PRAY FOR

Those who have recently died
Lorraine van Vloten, Carmel Brown
and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Rogelio Quiambao, Daniel Fernando, Mervyn DZilwa, Milroy Koelmayour, Kathleen Raux, Sumi Kirtisina, Rose and Rienzie Nugara, Prem Perera

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, Janaka Wijayanayake, Alex Zunica, Flora Palleschi, Vlad

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HOW TO BOOK

TRIVIA NIGHT

JULY 10 2026

7 PM

AT PARISH CENTRE

A FUN NIGHT PROFESSIONALLY RUN TRIVIA AND GAMES

ALL TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY

TO BUY A TICKET SCAN THE QR CODE

SEATS ARE \$30 BYO NIBBLES AND DRINK
CHOICE OF 2 DINNERS – \$15 (PRE-ORDER WITH TICKET)

NIGHT INCLUDES
AUCTION AND RAFFLE

LIMITED TICKETS
SO BOOK EARLY

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

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"Dare to Pause"

The Salesian Sisters invite you to a
day for young people - 18 -30yo

Take time out of your busy life to discover your

Pearl of Great Price

And to engage in reflection & conversation
On the beautiful words of Mary
to the servants at the wedding at Cana



A day for Youth 18 – 30 yo

Take time out of your busy life
Spend time in personal prayer, reflection, sharing with like-minded
youth, adoration and celebration of mass.

Discover your *Pearl of Great Price*, as you seek
to do *"Do Whatever Jesus tells You"*
to fulfill *God's Dream* in your life

When: Saturday 11th July 2026
Where: 43 George St. Scoresby
Time: 10.00 am – 3.30 pm.
Cost: Free -- bring a friend

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RSVP: 4th July

<https://forms.gle/knz5Md3RurplycBL8>

NOW AVAILABLE

A hearing loop system has been installed in the Church to assist those with hearing difficulties and support fuller participation in our liturgies.

We thank Knox Council for the grant that made this possible.

For information on using the hearing loop, please contact the Parish Office or email:
liza.jansz@cam.org.au.



PARISHIONER STORIES



A Legacy of Service

I have been part of St Simon's Parish for nearly 30 years and, for the past 10 years, have served as a Mass Captain at the Sunday 9.00am Mass.

My journey in this ministry began long before I came to Australia. In Sri Lanka, my father served as a sacristan for many years at our local church. As children, we would help him each Saturday by cleaning the church and tending the gardens. His love, dedication, and faithful service inspired me and planted the seeds for my own involvement in parish life.



SAVE THE DATE
14 NOV 2026

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As a Mass Captain, I arrive before Mass to help prepare the altar and ensure everything is ready for the celebration of the Eucharist. Together with other team members, we coordinate readers, commentators, offertory processions, collections, and other aspects of the liturgy. We also assist with special occasions and help prepare for the next Mass.

Although the role involves simple tasks, it is a ministry carried out with great care and love. Each time I approach the altar, I am grateful for the privilege of serving God and our parish community. It is my way of giving thanks for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed on me and my family.

If you are considering joining this ministry, or any ministry within our parish, I encourage you to take that first step. Training and support are always provided, and you may discover, as I have, the joy that comes from serving others.

Neela

Overseas Catholic Weddings

Parishioners planning to celebrate their Catholic wedding overseas are kindly advised to begin the necessary paperwork at least three months prior to the wedding date.



All documentation must be prepared in consultation with the local parish priest and forwarded through the Archdiocese of Melbourne to the parish where the wedding will take place.

To ensure a smooth and timely process, please start early and seek guidance from the parish office.



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

WINTER WARMERS APPEAL

Winter can be especially challenging for those experiencing homelessness or hardship in our community. Through the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, individuals and families receive support with food, clothing, and shelter during difficult times.

We are currently collecting **Winter Warmers** and would greatly appreciate **donations of beanies, scarves, mittens, gloves and new socks ONLY.**

To deliver visit the Parish Office Tuesday—Friday(9am-4pm).

These simple items can provide warmth, comfort, and dignity to those doing it tough this winter.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this important appeal.

With gratitude,
St Vincent de Paul Team



CARE TO CONNECT

If you have a family member or friend who is housebound, with their permission, please leave their details in our **Care to Connect Book at the Help Desk.**

Our volunteers will be pleased to call or visit them.

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 29 JUNE	TUE 30 JUNE	WED 1 JULY	THUR 2 JULY	FRI 3 JULY	SAT 4 JULY	SUN 5 JULY
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNION SERVICE. THE CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO A POWER OUTAGE (8AM-4PM)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Anointing Mass (Fr Jerald)	8.45am (St Jude's) Devotion to Our Lady + Mass	9.00am Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)
6.00pm (Church) Chaldean Rosary	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group		10.30am (Church) Funeral Mass for Lorraine van Vloten	10.00am (PC) Senior's Morning Tea	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Tony)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program		3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Classes	6.00pm (Church) (MGL) ENCOUNTER	6.00pm Mass (Bishop Tomlinson)	12.30pm—4.30pm Chaldean Community
	7.00pm (Meeting Rm) Care to Connect	7.30pm (Church) Baptism Prep	5.00pm (PC) SSS Choir Practice	8.00pm (PC) ENCOUNTER Fellowship	7.00pm (St Jude's) Parish Movie Night	5.00pm Charismatic Youth Mass
				8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		6.00pm SSJ Warriors

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. ‘What can be done for her?’ he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. ‘This time next year,’ Elisha said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

Responsorial Psalm 88
Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.



Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

Thank you
FROM THE CRAFT GROUP

A heartfelt thank you to our generous parishioners for supporting the Winter Craft Stall. We hope you enjoy your handcrafted purchases and that they bring warmth and comfort throughout the colder season. We raised \$485.

Your generosity and support of the Craft Ministry are greatly appreciated.

It helps foster creativity, fellowship, and community within our parish.

With gratitude,
The Craft Group

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

7.30PM SATURDAY 4TH JULY @ ST JUDE’S

MIRACLE at MANCHESTER

BASED ON THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY

7.30PM SATURDAY 11TH JULY @ ST SIMON’S

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A MAN WHO BECAME POPE
BASED ON THE POWERFUL TRUE STORY OF JOHN PAUL II

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER

MOVIE NIGHT @

ST SIMON & ST JUDE CINEMAS

TICKETS: \$10 Adults | \$5 Kids

SCAN OR TO BOOK

PAY AT THE DOOR

PIZZA | POPCORN | SNACKS | DRINKS

ENJOY A GOOD CHRISTIAN MOVIE & HELP SUPPORT YOUR YOUTH ATTEND WYD27 IN SEOUL STH KOREA

NEXT WEEKEND		14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 4/5 JULY 2026 Zechariah 9:9-10, Romans 8:9.11-13, Matthew 11:25-30			
MASS TIMES	4 JULY, SATURDAY 6.00PM		5 JULY, SUNDAY 9.00AM	5 JULY, SUNDAY 11.00AM	5 JULY, SUNDAY 5.00PM
Commentator	Marcello Martino		Phil Mawdsley	Christina Liew	—
Reader 1	Clement Lobo		Bernard Mulholland	Colin Maslen	—
Reader 2	Terry O'Donnell		Pam Comerford	Morris Dalton	—
Welcome Desk	Seymon Martino		Enakshi Jayamanne	Morris Dalton	—
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	—
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Lidwin & Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Jeanette Wallis, Vicki Bowers Phil Mawdsley
					Volunteer Needed