

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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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4/5 JULY 2026 | Year A

Matthew 11:28 | Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers one of the most comforting invitations found in Scripture: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." These words speak directly to our hearts, especially in a world where many carry the weight of busy schedules, personal struggles, uncertainty, and responsibility.

Jesus reminds us that God often reveals His wisdom not through status, knowledge, or achievement, but through hearts that are humble, trusting, and open—like those of children. Faith begins not by having all the answers, but by allowing ourselves to be led by the One who knows us completely and loves us unconditionally.

When Jesus invites us to take His yoke upon our shoulders, He is not asking us to carry a heavier burden. Rather, He invites us to walk beside Him. In His time, a yoke joined two together to share the load. Christ never asks us to face life's challenges alone. He walks with us, strengthening us



with His grace and teaching us to live with gentleness, humility, and hope.

Perhaps this Gospel invites us to pause amid the demands of daily life and ask ourselves: Where do I seek rest? What burdens am I trying to carry on my own? The Lord's invitation remains the same today as it was for His first disciples—to entrust our worries to Him and discover the peace that only He can give.

May we approach the Lord with childlike trust, allowing His gentle presence to renew our hearts and give us the strength to continue our journey of faith.

**In Christ,
Fr Jerald**



This NATSICC Sunday, we celebrate

'Walking together in Christ: 40 years on!' honouring the strength, resilience, creativity, leadership, and enduring cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In 1986, St John Paul II, reaffirmed by Pope Francis in 2016, celebrated the richness of First Nations cultures:

"Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost."

May this message continue to inspire us as we give thanks for the gifts of Australia's First Peoples and build a future of mutual understanding and shared dignity.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people as the traditional custodians of this land.

We come together in peace and harmony, paying our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Discerning Discipleship



Jesus' invitation in this Sunday's Gospel is simple yet profound: "Come to me... and I will give you rest." Discipleship does not begin with having all the answers or carrying every burden on our own. It begins by trusting Christ and allowing Him to walk beside us.

As disciples, we are called to learn from the gentle and humble heart of Jesus. In following Him, we discover that serving others is not another burden to carry, but a response to the love we have first received. Whether through a simple act of kindness, a welcoming smile, or faithful service within our parish, Christ works through willing hearts.

Where might Jesus be inviting you to walk more closely with Him today?



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Masses
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QR Code



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UPCOMING EVENTS

8 July

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!



Women's Group

Will meet at Stonez Restaurant for a coffee and some chatter.

9 July—10.00am

See you there!

9 July

SUNDAY 5TH JULY - MISSION WARRIORS

CAMP FIRE NIGHT 6.30PM

5 July

MUSIC
SMORES



FOOD
HANGOUT

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 11TH JULY - 7.30PM



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @ ST SIMON'S CINEMA

TICKETS: \$10 Adults | \$5 Kids

SCAN QR TO BOOK



PAY AT THE DOOR

PIZZA | POPCORN | CANDY | DRINKS
AVAILABLE AT SNACK BAR

TRIVIA NIGHT
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))

10 July 2026



Movie Club New Members Welcome

Interested in joining our Movie Club?

Come to our information meeting:

Wednesday 8 July, 6.00pm
Parish Centre

Help choose the movies and enjoy fellowship through film. Sessions are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.30am and 7.00pm. For enquiries, contact the Parish Office or Bill Walton – 0434 331 759

JULY EVENTS - MISSION WARRIORS

- Fri 3: ENCOUNTER Evening - St Simon's Parish - 6pm
- Sat 4 & Sat 11: WYD27 Fundraiser - Monthly Movie Nights - 7.30pm
SSJ Cinemas [Volunteers Needed!!]
- Sun 5: WARRIORS MEETUP - CAMP FIRE NIGHT - 6.30pm
Music | SmoreS | Hangout - St Simon's Parish
- Sat 11: Young Adults Retreat Day - FREE - St Jude's 10am - 3.30pm
RSVP: Sat 4th July
- Thu 16: Outreach Group Cook Up - SS Parish Centre - 6pm
- Fri 17: Outreach Service - Alamein Comm Centre - 5pm
- Sun 19: WARRIORS MEETUP - St Simon's Parish - 6.30pm



"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

11 July

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RSVP: 4th July

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14 NOV 2026

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PARISHIONER STORIES

Preparing God's House, Serving God's People

Our church is more than a building—it is our spiritual home, where we gather as God's family to encounter His love, joy, and peace. As Mass Captains, our role is to prepare that home so every celebration of the Eucharist is prayerful, welcoming, and allows the congregation to worship without distraction.

While the Mass follows a familiar rhythm, each celebration may include Baptisms, Rites of Welcome, or other special liturgical moments. The Mass Captain quietly coordinates these



MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES



Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—**5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years** and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register for your spot by Tuesday 7 July.

For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at

proclaim@cam.org.au.

Sunday 12 July 2026

**11.00am–12.00pm St Patrick's
Cathedral, East Melbourne**

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1592749> Find out more:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/mass-for-marriage-anniversaries-2026>

details behind the scenes, ensuring everything is prepared so the priest, ministers, and congregation can participate fully in the sacred liturgy. I never set out to become a Mass Captain. My journey began through welcoming, reading, commentating, and serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Over time I simply stepped in to help when needed. Before long, I had learned the role and discovered how rewarding it is to serve. It has become a genuine blessing in my own faith journey.

What I have come to appreciate is that every ministry, whether visible or unseen, is ultimately about service. Jesus taught His disciples that whoever wishes to be great must first become a servant. Each of us has been entrusted with unique gifts, and when we generously place them at the service of others, God works through us in remarkable ways.

If you feel called to serve, even in a small way, be open to that invitation. You may discover, as I did, that what begins as a helping hand becomes a rewarding journey of faith and discipleship. *Phil*

"DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Presented by
St. Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville

Date: Sat, 5 September 2026
Time: 7pm to Midnight
Venue: The Polish Hall 'Syrena'
1325 Stud Road, Rowville
Donation: \$80 per Adult
(inclusive of Buffet Dinner)
BYO or purchased from the Bar
Live Music: Replay 6
Dress Code: Ladies After 5 | Gents Smart Casual

INQUIRIES/TICKETS:
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VMCH

VMCH Wantirna Aged Care is seeking compassionate volunteers to support our residents through conversation, companionship, and assisting them to and from Pastoral Care activities. **Days and times are flexible, and training is provided.**

Volunteers play a valued role in enriching the lives of our residents.

Some residents use wheelchairs; however, no lifting is required, and all areas are easily accessible.

Volunteers will need to obtain (with assistance from VMCH):

- National Police Check
- Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- Current Flu Vaccination

To learn more or express your interest, please contact **John Prince or Angela Lomen**, Pastoral Care Practitioners, via email at John.Prince@vmch.com.au or Angela.Lomen@vmch.com.au, or phone (03) 9800 7220.

WE PRAY FOR

Those who have recently died:

Sherajah Rehim, Mervyn De Zilwa and Lorraine Van Volten, and those whose

memories are sacred to us at this time especially John Ferdinands, Jacques Duhau, Bella Luna, Anthony Joel Selvanayagam, Bernadette Chakour, Philomena Ng, Mary Ong

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, Joe Vail, Sr Jean, James, Joanne, Anne, Jean and Marian

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

MON 6 JULY	TUE 7 JULY	WED 8 JULY	THUR 9 JULY	FRI 10 JULY	SAT 11 JULY	SUN 12 JULY
OFFICE CLOSED	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Communion Service	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	10.00am (St Jude's) Young Adults Retreat	9.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
6.00pm (Church) Chaldean Rosary	1.30pm (PC) Craft Group	11.00am (PC) Viv's ReCare	10.00am (Stonez) Women's Group	10.00am (PC) The Well	5.30pm (Church) Reconciliation	11.00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
7.00pm (PC) Chaldean Community	3.30pm (PC) Sacramental Program	6.00pm (PC) Movie Club Meeting	3.30pm (PC) Confirmation Classes	6.00pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration	6.00pm Mass (Fr Jerald)	12.30pm–4.30pm Chaldean Community
			5.00pm (PC) SSS Choir Practice	7.00pm (PC) TRIVIA Night	7.30pm (Cinema) Movie Night—Karol	5.00pm Charismatic Youth Mass
				8.00pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice		

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of
Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm 144

I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual,
but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God
has made his home in you. In fact, unless
you possessed the Spirit of Christ you
would not belong to him, and if the Spirit
of him who raised Jesus from the dead is



living in you, then he who raised Jesus
from the dead will give life to your own
mortal bodies through his Spirit living in
you.

So then, my brothers, there is no
necessity for us to obey our unspiritual
selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do
live in that way, you are doomed to die;
but if by the Spirit you put an end to the
misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth; you have
revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father,
Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding
these things from the learned and the
clever and revealing them to mere
children. Yes, Father, for that is what it
pleased you to do. Everything has been
entrusted to me by my Father; and no
one knows the Son except the Father,
just as no one knows the Father except
the Son and those to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you who labour and are
overburdened, and I will give you rest.
Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for
I am gentle and humble in heart, and
you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my
yoke is easy and my burden light.'

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

MESSAGE STICK

In Aboriginal culture, a message stick is a traditional means of communication. Messages were inscribed on the stick and carried from one community to another, ensuring that the same message was faithfully received and shared.

Within Catholic communities, the message stick has become a powerful symbol of the Gospel, carrying Christ's message of *love, hope, forgiveness, and peace*. As Auntie Betty Pike explains, it reminds us that these gifts are not only to be received but also to be shared with others.

This is why the message stick accompanies the proclamation of the Gospel—calling us to receive the Good News with open hearts and to faithfully pass it on through our words and the way we live.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH
CALENDAR IS ON PAGE 3

NEXT WEEKEND		15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 11/12 JULY 2026 Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23		
MASS TIMES	11 JULY, SATURDAY 6.00PM	12 JULY, SUNDAY 9.00AM	12 JULY, SUNDAY 11.00AM	12 JULY, SUNDAY 5.00PM
Commentator	Seymon Martino	Margaret Ng	Theresa West	Paige
Reader 1	Stephen White	Dorothy Stack	Jacqui Giulano	Zara
Reader 2	Saniru Pereira	Phil Mawdsley	Ingrid Kertesi	Claire
Welcome Desk	Malaika de Mel	Maggie Braganza	Roseline Acker	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning
			Sharon Melder, Danusha Ladd & Asela Angamma	Thabesan Family