

MASS TIMES

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am
 Fri: 6-7pm Adoration
 Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)
 Sun: 9.00 & 11.00 am
 Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass**
RECONCILIATION
 Fri: From 6-7pm
 Sat: From 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Tue to Fri 9am-4pm
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SACRAMENTS**BAPTISMS**—3rd SUN of the month

For application form refer to our website or call parish office on 9764 4058.
 Email: Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

Theresa Abraham (Tue)
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WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP.

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

ANointing OF THE SICK

By private arrangement
 Contact St Jude's Parish office on 9763 7302, or
 St Simon's on 9764 4058

FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

SERVICES

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 Please Contact Parish Office

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES 4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time —4th and 5th of October 2025

**Gospel Reflection – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 17:5-10)**

In this Sunday's Gospel, the apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." It is a prayer that echoes deeply in our own lives. Often, we feel that our faith is small, especially when faced with challenges, doubts, or trials. Yet, Jesus reminds us that even the tiniest seed of faith, as small as a mustard seed, has the power to move mountains and transform lives.

Faith is not about how much we have, but how willing we are to trust God and act upon it. The Lord calls us to be humble servants, doing what is asked of us with love and without expecting praise or reward. In this way, faith grows—quietly, steadily, like a seed that becomes a great tree.

As a community, may we continue to encourage one another, nurturing faith not through grand gestures, but through daily acts of kindness, prayer, and service. With God, even our smallest steps of faith can bear abundant fruit.

With every blessing, Fr Jerald

Thank You for Supporting Our Youth

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all who supported our recent fundraiser for our parish youth attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) this coming November. Your generosity, together with the many private donations received, has made a tremendous difference. We are also most grateful to the Serra Club of Australia for their generous contribution of \$1,000, which, combined with your support, will enable several of our young people to take part in this special faith-filled event. We are pleased to share that Serra Club has also extended the same generous gift to St Jude's Parish. Your kindness and support has helped raise Approx. \$3600 which will help to nurture the faith of our young people and inspire them for the future of the Church.

Welcome to Our New Parish Support Officer

We warmly welcome Cyrilla D'Souza, who joins us as our new Parish Support Officer. Cyrilla brings with her a wealth of experience gained from many years of service in parish life. She will be in the parish office Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 4.00pm, and will be assisting us in many important areas, including Children's Liturgy, Safeguarding, and co-ordinating our parish ministries.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and make Cyrilla feel at home here at St Simon's. We look forward to the many blessings she will bring to our parish community.

Weekday Masses

Fr Jerald will be away on Pilgrimage from the 4th to the 20th of October.

During this period the following weekday masses will apply.

Tue 9.15am Mass

Wed and Thurs: 9.15am

Communion Service

Fri: 9.15am Mass

We thank you for your understanding during this time.

BARRYPLANT

St Simons Famous BINGO Nights

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CASH PRIZES

15 GAMES STARTS 7:15 PM EYES DOWN 7:30PM

SCAN TO BOOK ONLINE

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Friday 10th October 25
 Friday 13th February 26
 Friday 13th March 26
 Friday 8th May 26

Novena to St Jude Thaddeus Apostle of Hope



Join us for a Powerful 9-Day Novena
to St Jude Thaddeus -
Patron of Desperate and Hopeless Cases

*Come and experience the strength of prayer
and the hope that St Jude offers to those in need.
All are welcome to take part in this spiritual journey
of faith, healing and trust in God's mercy.*

Date : from 19th October 2025 to 27th October 2025

Time : 6:30 pm Mass and 7:00 pm Adoration & Novena

Place : St Jude The Apostle Parish

49 George Street, Scoresby VIC 3179

Phone : (03) 9763 7302 Email: scoresby@cam.org.au

HE'S ALMOST THERE!! MELBOURNE TO NOOSA

Trent Robertson has almost completed his epic run & cycle from Melbourne to Noosa to raise \$100,000 to fight Neuroblastoma (a childhood cancer affecting 0 to 5 year-olds).

He has run the equivalent of 10 marathons (a 42 – 50 km run every 3 days) and cycled over 1,200 km and so far has raised \$81,690.

Please remember Trent in your prayers as he struggles towards his goal to reach Noosa. To learn Trent's story and if you'd like to donate, go to NOOSA for NEURO:

<https://noosa-for-neuro.raiselysite.com>

THANKYOU

For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of unwanted cars e.g. from deceased states, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds.

You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might donate an unwanted motor vehicle, and (b) identifying someone to assist in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time.

If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon – frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Multicultural Rosary, Adoration and Benediction At St Judes Scoresby Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – Tuesday, 7 October 2025 at 7.30pm

All are warmly invited to join us on this beautiful Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will begin with an entrance procession with Our Lady's Statue, followed by the Multicultural Rosary.

The evening will continue with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction.

Let us gather in prayer and thanksgiving, asking Our Lady's intercession for our families, our parish, and the world.

Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, **5th November** from **11:30 am—2:30 pm** Theme: **Normal**

FREE morning tea, lunch and entertainment.

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



Movie's at St Simons

Will now be held every 3rd and 4th Friday's of every month after morning mass.

The following movies have been scheduled for the month of August.

17th Oct: St Carlo Acutis—A Millennial Saint

31st Oct : Maximillian Saint of Auschwitz

Come and join us for coffee, tea and biscuits and enjoy the movie.

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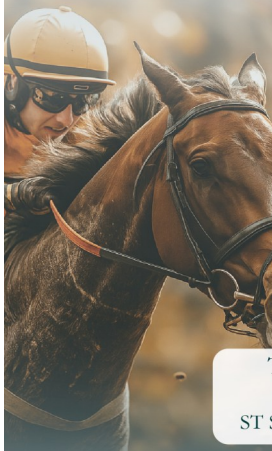





ST SIMONS



Melbourne Cup Lunch




SCAN ME



Tuesday 04 November
12:45 PM – 3:45 PM
ST SIMONS PARISH CENTRE

HOSTED BY

Scott Kennedy – Talking Trivia

Trivia & Games • Sweeps & Mystery Bet for All • Raffle Prizes

TICKET	Magnificent Lunch	
\$39 PER HEAD	Lamb & Chicken Spit Roast 4 Fresh Salads + Jacket Potatoes Vegetarian Option Available	Delicious Desserts Champagne on Arrival BYO Drinks

Watch the Races LIVE!

Save the Dates – Upcoming Parish Events

Our Social and Fundraising Committee has been busy planning a wonderful calendar of events for our parish community. Please mark these dates in your diary – we would love your support and participation!

- Bingo:** Friday 10th October 2025
Free Travel Expo: Monday 13th October 2025
Melbourne Cup Function – Tuesday, 4th November 2025
Dinner Dance – Saturday, 22nd November 2025
Parish Fete – 18th April 2026
Business Directory—if you own a business and would like to advertise in our Business Directory, please do pick a leaflet up from the Foyer.

These events are a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, friendship, and fun while supporting our parish. More details will be shared closer to each date.

Anniversary of Death: Reginald Perera, Olivia Torno, Roland Otto, Suntjoko Tandy, Janina Mataska

Prayer for the Sick : Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong, Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Jenny Liston, Sam Russo, Jay Russel, Adrien Cerdor , Nigel Quadros, Andrew Bianchin, Anita Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou , Bernadette and Murray Ukena , Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjou, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus.

Care to Connect Ministry –
Renewed and Ready to Serve

Our dedicated volunteers are here to offer support and companionship to those who are sick, lonely, bereaved, or housebound.

If you know someone who would benefit from a friendly call or visit, please leave their details in the Care to Connect book at the Help Desk.

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27th Sunday —4th and 5th of October 2025

First Reading—Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, ‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

Response: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Second Reading—2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his

prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, “Come and have your meal immediately”? Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.”’

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.						
Mon 6th Oct	Tue 7th Oct	Wed 8th Oct	Thu 9th Oct	Fri 10th Oct	Sat 11th Oct	Sun 12th Oct
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Libeesh)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass—(Fr Libeesh)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group		10.00am (Parish Church) Women's Group	10.00am —(Parish Meeting Room) The Well	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy	9:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh
	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting		5-9.00pm (Parish Church) SSS Choir	6.00pm (Parish Church) Adoration	2.00pm (Parish Church) 1st Eucharist Sacrament Celebration	11:00 am Mass (Fr Libeesh)
				7.15PM —(Parish Centre) BINGO	4.00pm (Parish Church) 1st Eucharist Sacrament Celebration	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
					6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr Libeesh (Livestream)	5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 11th and 12th of October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 2 Kings 5: 14-17, 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 and Luke 17: 11-19

Mass Times	Saturday 11th Oct 6.00pm		Sunday 12th Oct 9.00am		Sunday 12th Oct 11.00am	Sunday 12th Oct 5.00pm
Commentator	Alden/Sam D'Couto		Tony Fry		Abbie Ferdinands	Paige
Reader 1	Maria Soriano		Bernard Mulholland		Ildi Citler	Claire
Reader 2	Alden/Sam D'Couto		Enakshi Jayamanne		Alf Kakala	Aarya
Welcome Desk	Seymon Martino		Maggie Braganza		Pia Pagotta	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy	
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Lidwin and Samuel Hudson	Church Cleaning	Dan Tran, Judy Schmidt	Thabesan Family