

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

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BAPTISMS—3rd SUN of the month
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AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS PROGRAM & SACRAMENTS

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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
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St Simon's on 9764 4058

FUNERALS (Tue—Fri)

Contact parish office on 9764 4058

SERVICES

PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE
Please Contact Parish Office

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES 4.00 pm on WED of this
week.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time —25th and 26th of October 2025



Gospel Reflection – Luke 18:9–14

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a powerful parable about two men who went up to the temple to pray — one a Pharisee, respected and devout, and the other a tax collector, despised and regarded as a sinner.

The Pharisee stood tall and confident, listing all the good things he had done. The tax collector, on the other hand, stood at a distance, unable even to raise his eyes to heaven. He simply prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus' words are clear and challenging: "It is the man who humbled himself who went home justified."

This parable invites us to reflect on the attitude with which we come before God. True prayer is not about showing how good we are, but about opening our hearts in honesty and humility. God looks not at our achievements, but at the sincerity of our repentance and love.

In our daily lives, it is easy to fall into the habit of comparing ourselves with others — to think that our faith or service makes us better. Yet Jesus reminds us that pride distances us from grace, while humility draws us close to His mercy.

May we approach the Lord with the heart of the tax collector — humble, contrite, and aware of our need for God's mercy. And in doing so, may we find peace, forgiveness, and the quiet joy that comes from being right with God.

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. **With every blessing, Fr Jerald**

NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS DAY

This year, because this feast falls on a Sunday, All Souls Day Liturgy and will be commemorated at all weekend masses on this weekend.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS NOV 11TH @ 7PM

A special memorial Mass will be celebrated to honour and remember those who have lost loved ones in the past 12 months (November 2024 – October 2025). This will be a time for our community to come together in faith, grief and hope to celebrate with thanksgiving the lives of those who have been part of our lives and community. You are invited to join us for some refreshments after this mass.

Raffle Books – Final Reminder

A kind reminder to all parishioners who still have raffle books at home — we are still missing 25 books, which represents approximately \$500 in potential funds for our parish.

As we need to finalise our return by the end of October, we kindly ask that all sold or unsold books be returned to the Parish Office by Friday 31st October. Your prompt response will help us complete the raffle process smoothly and ensure that all proceeds are properly accounted for.

Thank you sincerely for your support and cooperation.

Feast Day of St. Jude and St. Simon

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Jude and St. Simon on Tuesday, 28th October.

A Mass will be celebrated at St. Simon's Church at 9.15am in honour of our patron saints. This is a wonderful opportunity to

come together as a parish community to give thanks for their example of faith, courage, and steadfast devotion to God.

**Evening Mass will be celebrated at St
Judes at 6.30pm .St. Jude, the patron saint
of hope and impossible causes, and St.
Simon, a faithful disciple of Christ, inspire us
to live our lives with faith, perseverance, and
love for one another. Let us unite in prayer,
gratitude, and fellowship as we seek their
intercession and guidance.**

RCIA Rite of Welcome

Welcome to the Rite of Welcome
Today at our 11am Mass, we joyfully welcome those who are beginning their journey of faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith and deepen their

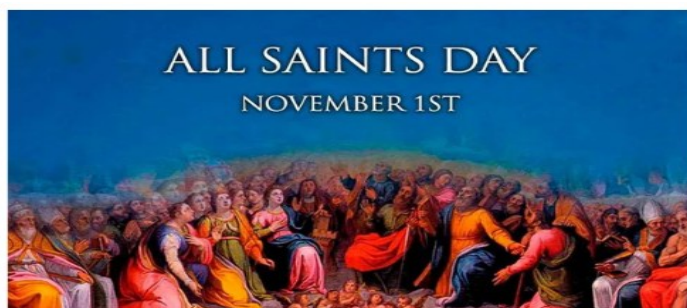
Fr Libeesh Away

Fr Libeesh will be away on holiday for the month of Nov. During this time Weekday masses will be as below

Tue: 9.15am Mass

**Wed and Thurs: 9.15am Communion
Service**

Fri: 9.15am Mass



All are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints with Mass at St Jude's, Scoresby at 9.15am.

Please note there will be no All Saints Day Mass at St Simon's on this day.

Let us come together in thanksgiving for all the saints—known and unknown—who inspire us by their faith and holiness.



All Saints Day Mass and First Saturday Devotion to our Lady

The next first Saturday devotion to our Lady will be held on Saturday the 1st of November which is also All Saint's Day at St Jude's Scoresby.

We will pray the Rosary at 8:45 AM, followed by Mass at 9:15 AM.

All are warmly invited to participate in this beautiful act of love and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Men's Group

The next Men's Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29th October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

This is a wonderful opportunity for men of the parish to come together in faith and fellowship — to share friendship, conversation, and mutual support in a relaxed setting.

New members are always welcome. Come along and be part of this growing community of faith-filled men who support one another in living out the Gospel in daily life.

Sacramental Registrations Now Open for 2026

Registrations are now open for all Sacraments for the year 2026.

While specific commencement dates are yet to be confirmed, we encourage families to submit their registrations early to ensure a place.

To register your child or to obtain further information, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9764 4058.

We look forward to accompanying our young parishioners and their families as they prepare to celebrate and receive these beautiful Sacraments.



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



Volunteer Access Codes – Parish Centre

We have recently been experiencing some technical issues with the access codes to the Parish Centre. All groups and volunteers who regularly use the Parish Centre are kindly asked to contact the Parish Office to confirm or obtain their updated access code.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to resolve the issue.

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 between the 3rd and the 5th Friday of every month after morning mass.

The following movies have been scheduled for the month of October/November

31st Oct : Maximillian Saint of Auschwitz

21st Nov: The Cross

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

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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!

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.

Recent Death: *Prudence Candappa, Michael Kovacs and Margo Clarke.*

Anniversary of Death: *Helen Welsford.*

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, Anita Crowley, Gillian Elias, Lisette & Noah Vissenjou , Bernadette and Murray Ukena , Julie Hanman, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjoux, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus.

Parish Website

Confirming that our new web address is

<https://www.melbcatholic/s/rowville>.

We now have the ability to send weekly emails out to parishioners with our newsletters and any updates. If you would like to receive our weekly emails, please subscribe via the website. The link is on the bottom of the home page/ mass times and services/ parish bulletins(click on the blue box).

Thank you to all those who have already subscribed. If you need assistance with this, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Our next children's liturgy will be held on Sun the 2nd of Nov at 11.00am.

We ask parents and guardians to please sign in the children at the Welcome Desk before Mass begins when possible. Please note, any child not of school age should be accompanied. The children will return from their session by the end of collection for the offertory procession.

Parish Wheelchair

A lightweight wheelchair that was kept in the church is currently missing. If you have borrowed it, we kindly ask that you return it to the Parish Centre as soon as possible, as it is needed for parish use. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help with making calls and doing visits. If you would like to chat to someone about this, please call the Parish Office.

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30th Sunday —25th and 26th of October 2025

First Reading Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial PS 32: 2-3,17-19,23 Rv7

Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor

Second Reading—2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by

me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, ‘Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, “I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.” The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY—MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS.						
Mon 27th Oct	Tue 28th Oct	Wed 29th Oct	Thu 30th Oct	Fri 31st Oct	Sat 1st Nov	Sun 2nd Nov
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald Feast Day of St Jude and St Simon	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass-- (Fr Jerald)	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>ALL SAINTS DAY</u>	<u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>ALL SOULS DAY</u>
7.00pm (Parish Chapel) Chaldean Community	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group	7.00pm (Parish Centre) Men's Group	5-9.00pm (Parish Church) SSS Choir	10.00am (Parish Cinema) Movie Morning	8.45am (St Judes Church) First Saturday devotion to Our Lady incorporating All Saints Day.	9:00 am Mass (MGL Priest)
7.30pm— Gospel Reflection Via Zoom	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting			6.00pm (Parish Church) Adoration 8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children's Liturgy	11:00 am Mass (MGL Priest)
					Reconciliation 5:30 pm	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
					6:00 pm Vigil Mass (MGL Priest) (<u>Livestream</u>)	3.30-5pm (Parish Centre) Chaldean Community
						5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 1st and 2nd of Nov - All Souls Day — Wisdom 3: 1-9, Romans 6: 3-9, John 6: 37-40

Mass Times	Saturday 1st Nov 6.00pm		Sunday 2nd Nov 9.00am		Sunday 2nd Nov 11.00am	Sunday 2nd Nov 5.00pm
Commentator	Tineke Edwards		Pam Comerford		Pia Pagotto	TBC
Reader 1	Anthony Thabesan		Enakshi Jayamanne		Therese West	TBC
Reader 2	Maria Soriano		Janina Woronczak		Junius De Silva	TBC
Welcome Desk	Yvonne Muspratt		Enakshi J/Volunteer		Morris Dalton	
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy		Ildi C and Therese W	
Flowers	Beatrice Polydor	Altar Society	Lidwin and Samuel Hud- son	Church Cleaning	Marius Francis, Antony Singarasa	Giselle Garcia