

OUR MASS TIMES

Tue: 9.15am Mass
Wed & Thu: 9.15am Communion Service
Fri: 9.15am Mass
Fri: 6-7pm Adoration
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)
Sun: 9.00 & 11.00am
Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass**

RECONCILIATION

Fri: From 6-7pm
Sat: From 5.30pm - 5.50pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tue to Fri 9am-4pm

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For an application form refer to our website or call the Parish Office on 9764 4058.
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WEDDINGS, MARRIAGE PREP, FUNERALS

Please contact our parish office

ANointing OF THE SICK

By private arrangement
Or contact St Jude's Parish Office on 9763 7302

OUR SERVICES

PARISH CENTRE FACILITIES HIRE

Please Contact Parish Office

ST. SIMON'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr Tom Wursthorn - 9755 4222

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES Wednesday 4.00pm for the week

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Christ the King | 22nd and 23rd of November 2025 | Year C

Gospel Reflection – Luke 23:35–43

Today's Gospel places us at the foot of the Cross, witnessing the ultimate act of love and mercy. As Jesus hangs between two criminals, we see humanity in all its extremes — one mocking, one repentant. It is the repentant thief who speaks a simple, honest plea: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus' response is immediate and full of grace: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In these words, we see that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. Even in the final moments of life, a sincere heart that turns to Christ is met with forgiveness and hope.

This Gospel calls us to reflect on our own lives. How often do we recognize our need for God? How often do we trust in His mercy, even when we feel unworthy? Like the repentant thief, we are invited to place our hearts in Christ's hands, confident that His love transforms and redeems.

As we meditate on the Cross today, may we be reminded that God's mercy is always available, His love unending, and His invitation to paradise open to all who turn to Him with faith.

With every blessing: Fr Jerald

You are warmly invited to attend our Combined Christmas Carols held at St Jude's Scoresby — 13 December 2025.

There will be NO 6pm Mass at St Simon's on 13 December

Please join us in connecting as one community. Let's share in the joy of the Advent season bringing hope to all.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree & Christmas Drive

Our St Vinnies Christmas Tree will be going up on Friday 28 November as part of our annual Christmas Drive.

Parishioners are invited to take a tag from the tree and donate a toy or gift voucher for a child aged 12 and under. Your kindness and generosity will help bring joy and hope to families in need this Christmas.

The St Vincent de Paul team sincerely thanks you for your generosity, care, and continued support in making Christmas a little brighter for those who need it most.





A Christmas filled with Hope

ST. JUDE'S & ST. SIMON'S COMBINED CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Presented by our Partnered parishes of St. Jude's and St. Simon's



Saturday, 13th December | 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Venue: St Jude's Church
49 George Street, Scoresby

Carols 7:30pm following a combined parish mass at 6pm
Following carols: Shared Supper – please bring a plate to share

Enjoy performances by choirs and singers from both parishes, plus a special visit from Santa!



Sausage Sizzle

\$2 Gold coin donation for a drink or sausage.

Free Glow Sticks

**SPECIAL BLESSING FOR CHILDREN BAPTISED IN 2025
SATURDAY THE 29TH OF NOVEMBER AT 2.00PM**

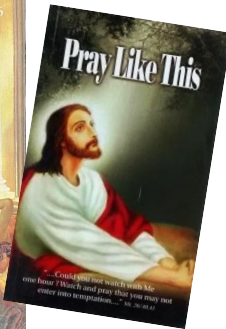
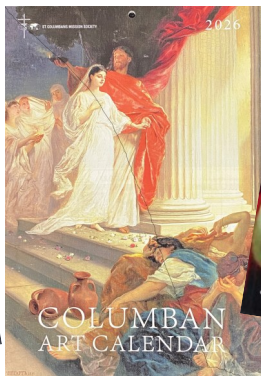
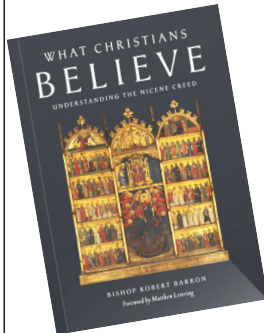
At the Community Centre followed by Afternoon Tea

**Let's keep
in touch**

Welcome

Please leave your name at the help desk

**Books and Calendars to purchase
at the Welcome Desk**



The Columban Calendar 2026 is in stock
for purchase now. \$ ____ a copy.

To support the RCIA ministry we have two books on
sale for \$10 each.

What Christians Believe by Bishop Robert Barron.
Pray Like This a beautiful addition for any family.

Please visit the Welcome Desk to get your copy.

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.

**2026 BAPTISM PROGRAM
FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

We are now taking enrolments for the
2026 Baptism Program
for families with children in
primary and secondary school
who wish to have their child baptised.

If you would like to know more or
to register your interest, please contact:
St. Jude's parish office on 9763 7302 or
St. Simon's parish office 9764 4058

**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.



Women's Group

Thursday 27 November, 10am, Parish Centre

Painting on Glass and Making Cards with our parish
community. Whether you're a regular or it's your first
time, come along and have some fun together..

Viv's RE Care NEXT EVENT

WED, 3rd December 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!

Christmas Pageant

At the Family Mass on Christmas Eve, it has been our tradition to act out the Christmas story during the reading of the Gospel.

We are calling for children to be angels, shepherds or kings. Costumes are provided. If your children are interested in taking part, please write their names on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk in the church foyer.

Practices will take place at St Simon's Church at 2pm on Saturdays 6 and 20 December.



Reciting the Rosary

Please join us in prayer at 8:45am Tuesday to Friday to recite the Rosary before Mass and Communion Service.

Men's Group

Wednesday 26 November, 7pm, Parish Centre

Come along for a relaxed evening of conversation, connection, and fellowship with other men in our parish community. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, you'll be most welcome.

Recent Death: Adrian Gomez

Anniversary of Death: Salvatore Francesco Cosentino, Armando Consentino, Antonietta Morrone, Nicodemo Belmonte, Francesco Belmonte, Edgar de Sa, Pietro Cristiano, Carolina Cristiano, Luigi Cristiano, Alfredo Cristiano, Giussepina Greco, Francesco Greco, Noel and France d'Argent

Prayer for the Sick: Bill Leane, 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, Paul Dusdale, Flora Palleschi, Alex Zunica, Lisette Visenjoux, Ruevin Serrand, Elenor Augustus, Helen Mullins, Benedict Lim and Noelle Parsons.

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.

Rite of Sending

On 30 November 2025 the youth will receive a blessing at the 11am Mass before they journey to the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** from 30 Nov to 2 December. The Festival brings together thousands of young people (Year 9 – 25 years of age) from across Australia and provides opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, Bishops, musicians and speakers.

We thank all our supporters and sponsors who encouraged 15 young people to engage in a wide range of activities including prayer, Mass, workshops, talks, live concerts, games, etc



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!

Combined Christmas Carols at St Jude's Parish –

13 December, 7pm, after Mass at 6pm

Welcoming Mass for Prep students –
8 February 2026 11am

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.

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Christ the King — 22 and 23 Nov 2025

First Reading *Malachi 3:19-20*—The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm 97

Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading—2 *Thessalonians 3:7-12*—You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone’s table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else’s. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel—*Luke 21:5-19*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, ‘All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.’ And they put to him this question: ‘Master,’ they said, ‘when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?’

‘Take care not to be deceived,’ he said, ‘because many will come using my name and saying, “I am he” and, “The time is near at hand.” Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.’ But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed **even** by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.’

THIS WEEK’S PARISH DIARY — MASS SCHEDULE AND ONLY PARISH RUN MINISTRIES AND EVENTS						
Mon 24th Nov	Tue 25th Nov	Wed 26th Nov	Thu 27thNov	Fri 28th Nov	Sat 29th Nov	Sun 30 Nov
Office Closed	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Communion Service)	9.15am Mass (Fr Jerald)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED
7.30pm Gospel Reflection	2.00pm (Parish Centre) Craft /Shawl Group	7.00pm (Parish Centre) Men’s Group	10.00am (Parish Centre) Women’s Group	10.00am (Parish Cinema) Movie Morning	12.30—3.30 (Side Chapel) Chaldean Community Children’s Liturgy	9:00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
	7.30pm (Parish Centre) RCIA Meeting		5pm (Church) SSS Choir	6.00pm (Parish Church) Adoration	1:00 pm Baptism Families Blessing	11:00am Mass (Fr Jerald)
				8pm (Church) 11am Choir Practice	Reconciliation 5:30 pm	2.00pm (Church) Chaldean Community
					6:00pm Vigil Mass	3.30-5pm (Parish Centre)
						5.00pm Youth Mass

NEXT WEEKEND— Duty Rosters: 29th and 30th of November - CHRIST THE KING — 2 Samuel 5: 1-3, Colossians 1: 12-20, Luke 23: 35-43						
Mass Times	Saturday 29th Nov 6.00pm		Sunday 30th Nov 9.00am		Sunday 30th Nov 11.00am	Sunday 30th Nov 5.00pm
Commentator	Stephen White		Margaret Ng		Theresa West	Paige
Reader 1	Saniru Perera		Madison Fielder		Alf Kakala	Claire
Reader 2	Julie Fauli		Pam Comerford		Ildi Citler	Shanice
Welcome Desk	Romaine Ephraums		Enakshi J/Volunteer		Josie Fanti	
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy	
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs & Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Marina Ruffolo, Diana Paul-Anna, Kim Phoon	Giselle Garcia