

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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Epiphany of the Lord 3rd and 4th of January 2026

Gospel Reflection – Matthew 2:1–12 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

The visit of the Magi reminds us that God's light is offered to all people. Guided by a star, they set out on a long and uncertain journey, trusting that God would lead them to the promised King. Their faith called them to move, to seek, and to remain open to where God was guiding them.

The Magi come from distant lands and recognise in the child of Bethlehem a King greater than any earthly power. In contrast, Herod, though close in place and knowledge, remains closed in heart. This Gospel gently invites us to reflect on our own openness to God's call and whether we allow fear or comfort to hold us back.

When the Magi encounter Jesus, they are filled with joy and offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh — signs of kingship, divinity and sacrifice. These gifts remind us to offer Christ not only what we have, but who we are: our faith, our time, and our willingness to follow Him.

After meeting Jesus, the Magi return home by another way. Their journey has changed them. So too, every true encounter with Christ calls us to live differently. As we celebrate the Epiphany, may we continue to seek His light and reflect it through lives of faith, kindness, and faithful discipleship.

With Blessings, Fr Jerald Mariadas

2026 Sacramental Program for Primary and Secondary School Students

We are now taking enrolments for the 2026 sacramental program for families with children in primary and secondary schools who wish to have their child baptised, receive Holy Communion or confirmation.

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

Farewell to Fr Libeesh

We wish to inform parishioners that Fr Libeesh will be concluding his appointment at St Jude's and St Simon's, and will be moving to St Mary's Church, Greensborough on the 3 March 2026. Fr Libeesh has been with us for the past year and has become an integral part of our parish community. He has been a great support to Fr Jerald and a valued presence among our parishioners through his pastoral care, prayerful ministry, and quiet dedication. To give thanks for his time with us. Farewell Masses will be celebrated on the 15 & 16 of February at Rowville, and on the 28 February and 1st of March at St Jude's. Further details regarding these Masses will be provided in the coming weeks. . Please join us in wishing Fr Libeesh every blessing as he begins this new chapter of ministry. We assure him of our prayers as he takes up his new appointment.

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I could give a lamb. If I were a wise man, I could do my part. What can I give Him? Give Him my heart!

- A Christmas Carol by Christina Rossetti

Prayers of the Community : Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Bienvenido Ongkingco, Norbert Fruvall, Everton Fruvall, Leo Fernandez, Felice Talarico, Zoe De Penah, Elizabeth Eileen Hill, Joan Malik, Therese Matson, Robert Callander, Susan Gaye Di Fede, Kenneth J Kennedy, Rosemary Brown, Tony D'Ademo, Mary Rowe.

MASS TIMES:

Week Days: Wed, Thu, Fri
9.15am –Mass

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30 & 10.30am

OFFICE HOURS:

St Jude the Apostle
49 George Street, Scoresby
Tue—Fri 9am to 3.30pm

Our Priests

Parish Priest:

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SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald at the
Parish office

**Baptisms—1st SUN of the
month—** for application form
contact the parish office

SERVICES

Community Centre

Parish Office: 9763 7302

St. Vincent De Paul

Helpline 1800 305 330

**St Simon's & St Jude's
Youth Group** youthteam@
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Parish School Principals

St Jude's Primary

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Holy Trinity Primary

Steve Evans 9801 8296

**St Mary's College for the
Deaf** —Ms Amanda Purcell
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Epiphany of the Lord — 3rd and 4th of January 2026

First Reading: -Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 23— Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel—Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.



St Jude's Parish Community is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards and acknowledges that child safe guarding is everyone's responsibility.

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

Baptism of the Lord —Year A— 10th and 11th of January 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4,6-7	Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38	Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17	
	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh	Fr Libeesh
Readers	Lauren Pereira	Rosanna Kelaart	Melanie Van Esch
	Susan Lim	Prema Pinto	Stephani Smyth
Communion Ministers	Adina Atmadja Jennifer Juok Sheran Hettiarachi	Astrid Irwan Francis Joachim Robert Lai	Jenette Vijendra Lillian Nguyen Mary King
Mass Projectors	Diyen Hettiarachi	Catherine Money	Isabella Raj
Children's Liturgy (School Hol)			No children Liturgy
Altar Society	Eve Buckeridge		
Church Cleaners	Jude Phillip		