



## St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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**2nd Sunday of Advent– 6th and 7th December 2025**

### **Gospel Reflection**—prepare for the Prince of Peace who calms our hearts.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist calls us to "*prepare the way of the Lord*". His voice may sound urgent, yet beneath it lies a message grounded in **love** and **deep peace**. God calls us not through fear but through a love that restores, heals, and gently leads us back to Him.

Advent invites us to turn our hearts toward the **Prince of Peace**, the One who calms our fears and quiets the storms within. John's call to repentance is not a word of judgement, but a loving invitation to clear away what burdens us, so we can welcome the peace only Christ can bring.

As we ready ourselves for His coming, may we allow love to guide our steps and peace to settle in our hearts. Every small act of goodness, every moment of turning back to God, prepare a path for Christ—Love incarnate, Peace made flesh—to enter our lives anew.

—Blessings: Fr Jerald



### **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Mass At St Jude's Parish  
On Monday, December 8, At 9.15am*

#### **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:**

Rev Fr Jerald Mariadas  
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##### **Assistant Priest:**

Rev Fr Libeesh Kuriakose  
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##### **Parish Coordinator:**

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##### **Parish Ministry Coordinator, Child Safety and Stewardship**

**Officer :** Ida Lancuba  
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##### **Finance Administrator**

Melody Wells-Jansz  
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##### **Property Manager:**

Xavier David  
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##### **Liturgy Co-Ordinator**

Leon Raj  
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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@  
stsimonsparish.com.au

##### **Parish School Principals**

**St Jude's Primary**  
Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600

##### **Holy Trinity Primary**

Steve Evans 9801 8296

##### **St Mary's College for the**

**Deaf** —Ms Amanda Purcell  
98002733

### **ST JUDE'S AND ST SIMON'S CHRISTMAS MASSES**

*We invite you to come and join us for our Christmas Celebrations*

#### **ST JUDE'S MASS TIMES**

##### **Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday 24th December 2025**

6:00pm Children's Mass (5:30pm Carols)

9:00pm Vigil Mass (8:30pm Carols)

##### **Christmas Day**

**Thursday 25th December 2025**

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass (10:00am Carols)

##### **New Year's day**

**Thursday 1st January 2026**

10:00am Mass

#### **ST SIMON'S MASS TIMES**

##### **Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday 24th December 2025**

6:00pm Children's Mass (5:30pm Carols)

9:00pm Vigil Mass (8:30pm Carols)

12:00am Midnight Mass (11:30pm Carols)

##### **Christmas Day**

**Thursday 25th December 2025**

10:00am Mass (9:30am Carols)

##### **New Year's Eve**

**Wednesday 31st December 2025**

Midnight Mass (11:30pm Adoration)

##### **New Year's day**

**Thursday 1st January 2026**

10:00am Mass



### **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**17 December | St Jude's 7:30 pm**  
**16 December | St Simon's 7:00pm**



# A CHRISTMAS FILLED WITH HOPE

## ***St Jude's & St Simon's Combined Christmas Carols***

**When:** *Saturday, 13 December at 7:30pm-9:00pm (6:00pm Mass)*

**Where:** *St Jude's Church, 49 George street, Scoresby.*

**Following Carols we will have**

**a shared supper.**

**Please bring a plate to share**



**FREE GLOW STICKS!**

### **Sausage Sizzle!**

Please bring a \$2 coin donation for a drink or sausage.

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

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLS & NATIVITY**

We invite all children to be part of this year's Christmas Celebration through music, singing and the nativity story on the **24th December at 5.30pm!**



### **Rehearsal's times, at St Jude's Church:**

- Saturday 29th Nov at 10.30am
- Sunday 7th Dec at 4pm,
- Saturday 13th Dec at 10.30am
- Sunday 21st Dec at 4pm

**All children are welcome!**

**Please use the QR code or sign up sheet in the church foyer.**



### **VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*The essential act of penance, on the part of the penitent, is contrition, a clear and decisive ejection of the sin committed, together with a resolution not to commit it again, out of love which one has for God and which is reborn with repentance...* -Pope St. John Paul II

**We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those who have recently died especially:** Vincent David and Betty Veronica Murphy **and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:** Carmine Di Gioacchino, John Martinuo, Oliver Buckle, Philomena Fernandez, Wilfred Amarant, Giuseppe Corizzo, Martin Boek, Kim Eng Teh Chuah, Stephen McMahon, Daniel Pagano, Kenneth D'Silva, Teng Khoo Khoo, Iva Thatcher.

# ACYF 2025 - A Big Thank you!

We wanted to say a big thank you to all our parishioners that made our hope of attending ACYF 2025 possible. Without your support we wouldn't have been able to attend. We went as pilgrims of hope and returned with our hearts full. We travelled together everyday and joined over 5000 young people, Religious, clergy and bishops from around Australia including our Australian Cardinal.



We have some photos of our experience for you all to enjoy in the church foyer. Thank you.

- SSJ YOUTH WARRIORS

## Sacramental Program Enrolment for 2026 for children attending non-Catholic Schools



We are now taking enrolments for the Sacrament of **Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation** for children attending non-Catholic schools. For more information and to register your child please contact: the **Parish Office** on **9763 7302** or email **Ida.Lancuba@cam.org.au** for an enrolment form.

## The Knitting Group

Will take place Wednesday  
**17th December** at the **Parish reception Centre**  
at **9.30am-11am**. Enquiries:  
**Maureen** on **0417 634 600**



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

**Hope**—is a longing and expectation for brighter days.

**This Christmas, you can offer someone hope.**

Please take a gift tag from our **Tree of Hope** and purchase a gift card.

**Alternatively, you can donate:**

- **Online** via the QR code
- **By Phone 131812**
- **Or use the envelopes** provided for cash or gift card. Kindly place all donations in the marked boxes in the foyer.

We would deeply appreciate your support by **15 December**, so gifts can be distributed before Christmas. Your generosity- year after year- helps bring joy and hope to families in need.

### Tree of Hope

Love, Community  
& Compassion



Thank you from **St VdP Scoresby**.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New year!



**Mary, Immaculate Mother,**  
*pure and full of grace, shine your gentle light upon our lives. Help us to open our hearts to God's love to walk in peace, and to trust in His plan with courage and hope.*  
**Virgin Mary, guide us always closer to your Son, Jesus**  
**Amen**

## Calling All Experienced Musicians – Pianists & Drummers!

Our parish is in urgent need of pianists & drummers for the **6pm Christmas Eve Mass**. If God has blessed you with musical gifts, this is a beautiful chance to share them and help lead our community in joyful celebration. Please contact Xavier or the Parish office on 9763 7302.

**Your talent can make this Christmas unforgettable!**



## First Reading Isaiah [Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

## Second Reading—Romans [Romans 15:4-9](#)

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so

that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

## Gospel—Matthew [3:1-12](#)

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent—Year A— 13th and 14th of December 2025

First Reading: <a href="#">Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10</a>	Second Reading: <a href="#">James 5: 7-10</a>	Gospel Reading: <a href="#">Matthew 11: 2-11</a>	
	<b>Saturday 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8.30am</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald
<b>Readers</b>	Susan Lim	Sharlynn Arulanandam	Irene Wallis
	Jerome Hew	Peter McCumstie	Louise Cooper
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Alfred Saldanha Dinelle Hettiarachi Daniel Vrsecky	Astrid Irwan Robert Lai Francis Joachim	Anita Ray Leon Raj Stephanie Smyth
<b>Mass Projectors</b>	Adina	Bill Ta	Merin
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Leena & Molly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Frankie Belda & Philippa Palumbieri		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Rosana Kelaart		