

OUR MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs: 9:15 am Mass
 Fri: 9.15am: Communion Service
 Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sun: 8.30am and 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Sat: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri: 9am - 3.30pm

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Contact the Parish Office

OUR SERVICES

ST SIMON'S & ST JUDE'S YOUTH GROUP

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

Parish Office 9763 7302

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1800 305 330

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN NOTICES

Wednesday 4.00pm
 Email: cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au

St Jude the Apostle Parish

In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, we, the people of the Parish, are called to serve the Lord with joy
 49 George St, SCORESBY VIC 3179 | www.melbatholic.org/s/scoresby



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | 14/15 MARCH 2026 | YEAR A

John 9:35 | "What have you to say about Him yourself, now that He has opened your eyes?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters a man who has been blind from birth. The disciples immediately begin looking for someone to blame: "Who sinned?" But Jesus refuses this way of thinking. Instead of focusing on blame, he brings healing and new life.

Jesus places mud on the man's eyes and sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. When the man returns, he can see. Yet the real drama begins after the miracle. Those around him struggle to accept what has happened. The neighbours are confused. The Pharisees question him repeatedly. Even his parents are afraid to speak openly. Ironically, the man who was blind begins to see more clearly than anyone else. Step by step, he comes to recognise who Jesus is.

This Gospel reminds us that faith often grows gradually. The blind man first calls Jesus "the man called Jesus," then "a prophet," and finally he declares, "Lord, I believe." His physical sight is restored, but more importantly, his spiritual sight awakens.

This passage also challenges us as a Church, especially as we enter the Synod journey in Melbourne. A synodal Church is one that asks: Are we truly seeing clearly? Sometimes we can become like the Pharisees — confident that we already know everything, yet missing the new work God is doing among us.

The Synod invites us to listen deeply to one another, to recognise the experiences of those who may feel unseen or unheard, and to allow Christ to open our eyes again. Like the blind man, we are called to move from confusion to clarity, from doubt to faith.

Lent is a time for this kind of healing vision. When we allow Christ to touch our lives, we begin to see differently — with compassion, humility and hope. And when our eyes are opened, we too can say with confidence: "I was blind, and now I see."

**With Blessings,
Fr Jerald Mariadas**

Lenten Reconciliation

As we prepare our hearts during Lent, reconciliation is a vital part of our journey towards the risen Christ of Easter.

You are warmly invited to join our Lenten Reconciliation service

**WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH, 7.30PM—ST JUDE'S
THURSDAY 26 MARCH, 7.30PM—ST SIMON'S**

This liturgy is a time for reflection and an opportunity to see how we can change to become better versions of ourselves to those around us.

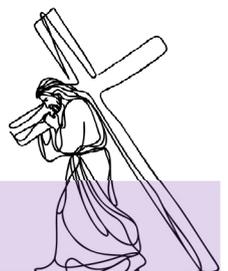


ST JUDE'S EASTER CALENDAR

Reconciliation (Second Rite)	25 March	7.30pm
Holy Thursday	2 April	7.30pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	3 April	11.00am
Good Friday Passion of the Lord	3 April	3.00pm
Easter Sunday Dawn Mass	5 April	6.00am
Easter Sunday Mass	5 April	8.30am
Easter Sunday Mass	5 April	10.30am

Every Friday in Lent

Combined Stations of the Cross at St Simon's at 7pm after 6pm Adoration



Mass Times



Website

Sacraments for children (at least one parent to attend)

First Eucharist Classes:

Sundays at 9.30am at St Jude's
15, 22, 29 March 26 April

Parent Workshops

30 April & 7 May 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Commitment Masses

2 May at 6pm or Sunday 3 May at 10.30am

Sacrament of First Eucharist

St. Jude's Church 16 May 4pm to 5pm



Confirmation Classes:

Sundays at 9.30am at St Jude's—
19, 26 July 2, 9 August

To register your child,
please contact Ida at the parish
office on 9763 7302

or email:

Ida.Lancuba@cam.org.au

or SCAN the QR code

*Please collect your
Project
Compassion box
from the foyer and
transform a life!*



The Knitting Group

Will take place on
Wednesday, 18 March
from 9.30—11am at
the Parish reception center.

Contact Maureen
0417 634 600



What is a SYNOD?

A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a **spiritual process rooted in faith** that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, **"What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"**

Experienced Musicians Needed

Please contact: Xavier on 0448 766 705

PARISH NOTICE

Fr Jerald will be overseeing weekday Masses at both parishes for the time being.

During this transition, the weekday schedule at **St Jude's** will be:

Wednesday & Thursday — Holy Mass

Friday — Communion Service only

We thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support during this time.

*For all Bulletin Notices, please email cyrilla.dsouza@cam.org.au
Deadline Wednesday 4pm*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Our Volunteers make a
REAL difference!*

*We are looking for young people
in our community willing to serve*

**Serving is a chance to grow in faith,
build community, share your gifts.**

Even an hour a month can make a difference. Your presence matters.

- Church Cleaning -
- Hospitality - Join us to serve up a 'Cuppa' on Sunday Morning

**Contact Ida at the parish office
on 9763 7302**

Serve | Belong | Grow in faith

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

24-Week Study Series



Mondays: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Location: St Judes' conference room
Start: April 20th 2026
Cost: workbook tbc
Tea and Coffee Provided

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
To register interest please contact
Dinelle - 0416 810 541
Kim - 0403 323 353
Group Chat via WhatsApp

PARISH EMAIL UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to stricter controls by email providers such as Microsoft, bulk emails are increasingly being blocked. In some cases, sender IP addresses are blacklisted, affecting all outgoing emails.

As a temporary measure, PACEM- our parish management provider, will pause sending bulk newsletter emails to @hotmail, @outlook and @live accounts.

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"What does it profit you to give God one thing if he asks of you another? Consider what it is God wants, and then do it."

- St John of the Cross

Pray for Peace

In these troubled times, when many around the world are living in fear and uncertainty, we hold in prayer all who are suffering because of War. We remember the innocent lives lost, families forced from their homes, and those who find themselves stranded and vulnerable in the midst of travel disruptions, including in airports and transit points.

Let us also pray for the Leaders of all Nations. May the Spirit of God grant them wisdom, right judgment, and the courage to work tirelessly for peace—seeking solutions that protect life, uphold human dignity, and avoid the tragedy of war.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those affected by the ongoing war. Please protect the innocent, comfort the grieving, and give strength to those living in fear. Soften the hearts of leaders and guide them toward peace, wisdom, and understanding. May violence cease, may healing begin, and may hope rise even in the darkest places. Grant safety, unity, and lasting peace to all. Amen.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Call for New Members!

In accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines, our Parish Finance Committee is renewed every three years. As we have reached the end of that term, we are now inviting expressions of interest from parishioners who would like to serve on a refreshed Finance Committee.

We sincerely thank our current committee members for their generous service, wisdom and dedication to the financial stewardship of our parish. Their commitment and care have been greatly valued and deeply appreciated.

If you have skills or experience in finance, accounting, administration, governance, or simply a desire to contribute to the responsible management of parish resources, we warmly encourage you to apply. Current members are also very welcome to reapply.

Please contact Fr Jerald or call the Parish office on 9763 7302 for more information or to express your interest.

St Jude's Bus Trip—Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

Once again our bus was full as we set out. The journey was lively, with plenty of conversation and laughter among the group as we made our way to Cranbourne.

Although the weather could have been a little better, it certainly didn't dampen our spirits. We headed on the Explorer Bus around the gardens and all agreed that the gardens were magnificent and well worth a visit. We enjoyed lunch in the café followed by

a stroll around the beautiful grounds. Then it was back on the bus for some raffle fun and a very enjoyable trip home with a sing-along led by Sydney and his guitar – a lovely end to a very pleasant day.

Phil our wonderful driver, thank you for once again taking such excellent care of us.

A big Thank You to Fr Jerald, without his support this trip would not happen.

Ann & Robyn



WE PRAY FOR

Our Prayers are asked for those who have died recently and those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially Akhtar Akram, J. B Loi Pham, Patricia Scamell, David Merrick, Paul Azzopardi, Guiseppe Demarte, James Broadley, John J. Doudle, Patricia Margaret O'Reilly, Guiseppe Pellegrino, Joseph H Lobo, Doris G Hearn, Paul R. Wernert, Vincenza Marmora, Caetano Francis Leitao, Caetano Francisco Leitao, Elizabeth Rickards, Therese Leddin

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has formally convoked a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This important step continues our journey of listening, discernment, and renewal — a synodal way of being Church, walking together in faith under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In the months ahead, parishes and communities across the Archdiocese will be invited to gather in prayer and conversation to reflect on how we are called to proclaim the Gospel more faithfully in our time and place.

The Synod will focus on three key themes: **Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, and Formation and Participation.** We are encouraged to ask: **Where is the Holy**

Spirit leading us? Who are we called to accompany? How can we reflect the face of Christ more clearly?

The Synod Assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the Synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.

Please keep this journey in your prayers as we move forward together with hope and confidence in the Lord.

First Reading:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Who participates in a Synod?

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles—it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER	Fifth Sunday of Lent — 21/22 MARCH 2026 — Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45		
MASS TIMES	21 MAR, SATURDAY 6.00PM	22 MAR, SUNDAY 8.30AM	22 MAR, SUNDAY 10.30AM
Celebrant	Fr Jerald	Fr Jerald	Fr David Lemewu
Commentator	Ann Doyle	Sharlynn Arulanandam	Irene Wallis
Reader	Susan Lim	Rosanna Kelaart	Leon Raj
Communion Ministers	Daniel Vrsecky Barbara Wong Sheran Hettiarachchi	Francis Joachim Robert Lai Megan Pinto	Anita Ray Mary King Stephanie Smyth
Projectionist	Anishya / Sayeshke	Catherine Money	Tino Vijendra
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	Ingrid & Eunice
Altar Society	Nicole Moirt	Church Cleaners	Volunteer needed

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