

Story and Symbolism for Window No. 2

SPIRIT OF
ST. JUDE
IN OUR CHURCH

This Window symbolically depicts the arrival of the Spirit of St. Jude to our shores and to our church here in Brighton.

St. Jude was one of the 12 Apostles (Judas Thaddeus not Judas Iscariot, the Betrayer)

He was known to be a man of great FAITH, TRUST and COURAGE

- Choosing FAITH when all seems lost
HOPE in times of great need
- A powerful reminder of Christ's faithfulness to us in all things

VISUAL ELEMENTS and SYMBOLISM

- SPIRALS - Wind, Spirit, Breath of God, inspiring St. Jude.
- SHIP AT SEA – Journey; alludes to his earlier life of voyages, spreading the Gospel of Jesus.
- FLAME/ FIRE - St. Jude's presence at Pentecost when he received the Holy Spirit.
- SANDHILLS – dunes on the Brighton shoreline – now being protected and cared for by 'Friends of Minda Dunes' working to restore the delicate bio-diversity of the dunes, restoring them to the former/original coastal ecosystem.
- GUM LEAVES & BLOSSOM – symbolic of the UNIQUE AUSTRALIAN SPIRITUALITY we experience in the landscape. We observe unique cycles of life, death and new life (resurrection) in these and many other species of flora and fauna.
- RAINBOW RIBBON – the dominant symbol, SPIRIT of GOD flowing throughout the windows, uniting them as one expression of HOPE, GRATITUDE, LOVE for GOD and all of CREATION and COMMITMENT from the parishioners of St. Jude's, to sustain and renew the environment in their choices and. actions

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