



# ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

MASS TIMES (Details on Page 3)

Wednesday 17 March, Mass Thursday 18 March & Friday 19 March at 9.15am

Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Mark or Parish Office)



### Another Missing 'R'

Last Monday Pope Francis returned to Rome after a historic visit to Iraq. He is the first Pope ever to visit the 'cradle of civilisation' the country known as the 'land of Abraham.' Tradition has it that Abraham was born in the town of Ur, an area in modern day Iraq. During his return flight to Italy Pope Francis gave another of his impromptu press conferences at which he said that many people were very worried about him going to Iraq, because of the safety and COVID but he responded by saying that he felt it was a risk he had to take.

From a young age, our parents tell us to 'not take silly risks' and that is good advice. These days 'risk management' is an important part of everyday life in business, hospitality, event planning and so on. This is wise as it's about due and proper care for one another.

I wonder though, have we ever thought of taking a risk for the Gospel? This is what Francis was doing as he came as an outsider purely as a person of peace and of respect for all faiths. He said to Grand Ayatollah Ali Al-Sistani, one of the most revered clerics in Shia Islam, "You are human, you are a child of God and you are my brother." The Grand Ayatollah never stands up for anybody, but he stood up twice when he and Francis were meeting. Indeed both men were taking a risk.

The Christian story is littered with people who have taken risks, Mary MacKillop, Oscar Romero, Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, Edmund Rice, Maria Goretti to name but a few. Each of them risked something, whether it was safety, position, ridicule for the sake of the Gospel.

At the core of our Lenten challenge is the command to live the Gospel, the Good News. It might be risky at times, so are we prepared for that?

Mark



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**St. Jude's Primary**  
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**Holy Trinity Primary**  
 Mr John Downie 9801 8296  
**St Mary's College for the Deaf**  
 Ms. Amanda Purcell 9800 2733  
**Mater Christi College**  
 Ms Maria Haggett 9754 6611  
**St. Joseph's College**  
 Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

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### Parish Mission Statement

*In a spirit of Pastoral Outreach of St Jude's Parish, we, the people of the parish, are called to "Serve the Lord with Joy".*

*We respect diversity and welcome all who choose to belong to our community. By sharing our gifts and resources generously, we support and encourage all people who come our way. Let our voices be heard in a spirit of openness that fosters ongoing communication across our Parish.*

## Serve the Lord with Joy

### 1st Reading—2 Chronicles 36:14-16 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of the God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth" he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

### 2nd Reading—Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ—it is through grace that you have been saved—and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

### Gospel—John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should not be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



**Arsad**, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets. Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More'.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.**

**You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.**



**Serve the Lord with Joy**

**Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Training**

Thank you to all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who attended the training session this Saturday. Updated Guidelines will be sent via email to all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

For those who could not make the training session, please keep an eye out for the Guidelines. If you have not received it, please contact the Liturgy Team [liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com](mailto:liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com) or Parish Office, as we may not have your current contact details.

**Lent—Stations of the Cross**

Please join us for **Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7.30pm** (this only takes 30 to 40 minutes). **Assistance with coordination would be greatly appreciated, please see Fr Mark.**



**Holy Week Liturgies**

The schedule for our **Holy Week Liturgies** is as follows:

- **Passion (Palm) Sunday, 27/28 March—Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am**  
*You are encouraged to bring your own palms which will be blessed and taken home. There will be limited palms available for those who are unable to bring their own palms. This is to help keep us all safe.*
- **Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper—1 April at 7.30pm**
- **Good Friday—Stations of the Cross— 2 April at 11am**  
**Good Friday—Passion of the Lord— 2 April at 3pm**
- **Holy Saturday—3 April—No service**
- **Easter Sunday Vigil—Sunday 4th April at 5.30am**  
**Easter Sunday—Sunday 4th April at 8.30am & 10.30am**

**Important - Registering for Masses**

A reminder that the parish must still meet the government’s contact tracing requirements for religious gathering. Registration is required for each Mass attended. **You can assist us greatly by pre-registering for the weekend Mass you wish to attend using one of the methods below:**



Directly at trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BNTBP> or the link on the Parish website this is the preferred method, or

Emailing your booking request to [massrequest.stjudes@gmail.com](mailto:massrequest.stjudes@gmail.com), or

Calling the Parish Office (9763 7302) between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Tuesday through to Friday. Let Elisa or Preethi know if you want to be pre-registered every week.

—Liturgy Team—

**St Jude’s Parish—Liturgy Roster**

*1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34, 2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9, Gospel John 12:20-33*



**March 20 / 21  
Readers**

1st Reading  
2nd Reading

**Children’s Liturgy**

**Saturday 6pm**

Thomas Chan  
Rosary Pereira

**Sunday 8.30am**

Doris Teh  
Dorothy Teh

**Sunday 10.30am**

Adel Medel  
Amanda Mantel

**Sun 10.30am**  
Nerina Marotta  
Verona Bulloch

*Thank you to all those who “Serve the Lord with Joy” by participating in these rosters.*

## Serve the Lord with Joy

**We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for all those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially**

Eric Cooper, Paul Hon Shing Un, Patricia Scamell, David Merrick, Paul Azzopardi, Guiseppe Demarte, John Doudle, Patricia O'Reilly, James Broadley, Guiseppe Pellegrino, Doris Hearn, Paul Wernert, Vincenza Marmora, Therese Leddin, Francis Leitao, Henry Costa, Matilda Costa.



### Stewardship Renewal

Shortly our parish community will undertake the renewal of stewardship. This renewal is somewhat overdue as the last one was conducted in 2014. To assist in the process I need to form a small steering group of about 6-7 people. A broad range of experiences would be valuable perhaps an Accountant or two, some people who have been here for a short time and some who have been here a long time. In terms of commitment, this will be "short and sharp". The first meeting is on 5 May and then 3 or 4 meetings after that and then all over by the middle of June. If you would like to assist please email Fr Mark on [mark.reynolds@cam.org.au](mailto:mark.reynolds@cam.org.au)



#### ST JUDE'S PLAYGROUP

All welcome to bring a snack & a drink for your child.

Every **2nd Thursday** morning during **Term 2** in the **Red Room** @ 9am.

Any queries please contact the School Office 8761 9600

Beginning Week 1: Thursday 22nd April, 6th & 20th May, 3rd & 17th June

You are required to sign in at the office before entering the group.

#### HARMONY DAY MORNING TEA

Join us at **St Jude's Parish Centre** on **Sunday 21st March** at **11.30am** for a special **Morning Tea** to support fair options for refugees and Amnesty International Australia's My New Neighbour Campaign.

This will be a COVID safe event. Victorian guidelines will be strictly followed.



Anyone wanting supplies from the **Piety Stall** please call **Carmel** on **0400 485 874** or **Margaret & Frank McCulloch** on **0447 112 075**.

#### A catch up with Sr Mary Brady

A reminder that if you would like to catch up with **Sr Mary** at her **Farewell Morning Tea**, you need to respond to one of the contacts below by **Wednesday 17th March**. Thank you to all those who have indicated they will be there and we look forward to your company on **Wednesday 24th March** at **10.30am** in the **Parish Reception Room**.

**All are very welcome**

For catering purposes and to adhere to COVID Guidelines, please **RSVP** by **Wednesday 17th March** by email to [pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com](mailto:pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com) or by phoning **Ann Doyle (0402 904 678)**, **Mary King (0438 644 425)** or the **Parish Office (9763 7302)** - please also indicate any dietary requirements.

St Jude's Parish Pastoral Council



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