



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

10 July 2022

Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday 13 July, Thursday 14 July & Friday 15 July at 9.15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Mark/Fr Samuel at Parish Office)

God's Presence Amid our Soul's Despair By Fr Samuel Pearson

"We have therefore made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic." Those words by World Health Organisation Director-General Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, seem a world away and yet so much has happened since he uttered them. Life, as we knew it, rapidly began to change. At first, the changes were hard to believe. Many scoffed at the implications of the new buzzword "social distancing". Now, however, not so much. The word has become as common as the morning takeaway coffee is for many commuters, in (now emptier) trains, office blocks and city streets. But now things were different, or so I thought. I had three vaccines, life after a couple of years of upheaval seemed relatively normal and COVID didn't seem so bad... apparently. However, recently, my complacency about things was rudely interrupted (well, actually, it was shaken to its core, uprooted and violently thrown about, before being plunged back into the soil!). I got COVID. Really bad. In what seemed a moment, my calendar went from full, to empty, while my throat and nose went from empty, to full. Though at home with family, I found myself alone, in my bed, too tired to say or do anything.

Illness does this to us. In different ways, we all have experienced its disruptive effects in our lives and some of us are experiencing this now. What's more, this painful disruption is not limited to our physical lives, but also impacts upon the spiritual. Perhaps you've heard the phrase "Dark Night of the Soul"? It comes from the thought and poetry of the Spaniard, John of the Cross, one of the great saints in the church and a sure guide in navigating the dynamics of the spiritual life. For St John, we live amidst a good and beautiful world, but we are meant finally for union with God. Therefore, the soul must become free from its attachments to finite things (however good in themselves), to be free for friendship with God. This purification involves, first, what John called "the night of the senses," that is to say, the letting go of physical and sensual pleasures, and it continues with the "night of the soul," which is a detachment from the thoughts, ideas, and mental images that one can use as a substitute for God. Like all purifications, this can be painful, especially if one's attachment to these finite things is particularly acute. It will often be experienced, he said, as dryness in prayer and a keen sense of the absence of God, even of God's active abandonment. In this process, God has not 'left the building'; rather, he is performing a kind of surgery upon our soul, cutting away unhelpful attachments, so that life might intensify. Whatever life throws at us, we can always take courage not only in the lives of 'our neighbour', especially the saints, but in God, despite his seeming absence. As our First Reading assures us today, the Law God gives to us "is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven...nor beyond the seas...No, [it] is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance." That Word is Jesus himself. He is with us even when we feel that we hang alone upon life's crosses. Animated by that faith, may we bring the 'light of Christ', to the 'dark souls' that the world's present ills foster around us.



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St Jude's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledge that child safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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First Reading: Dt 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Second Reading: Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'



We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for **Mary Azzopardi, Joyce Wallace** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

Fiona Johnstone, Charles Jackson, Luigi Di Bianco, Jack Dwyer, Hendrikus Van Der Peet, Giovanni Costabile, John Dwyer, Shirely White, Frank McCormack, John Leddin, Joseph Naudi, Phyllis Craig.

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VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, SCORESBY CONFERENCE WINTER APPEAL

In the shadow of coronavirus and this shivering winter your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated

Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need during winter by clicking the **Scoresby conference** link below:

<https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-appeal-2022/scoresby-conference> Or

Online www.vinnies.org.au and specifying **SCORESBY** in conference/comment field or scan the **QR CODE**

Or Calling **13 18 12** and specifying **Scoresby conference**.

Please help us to help others.

As always please leave cash/your details at parish office /leave your details **9763 7302** and one of our Conference members will be in touch with you.

Thank you for your generosity.



Soup and Soul Meeting: Tuesday 2nd August at 7pm

Guest Speaker: Sr Margaret Fields OP St Dominic's Parish Camberwell

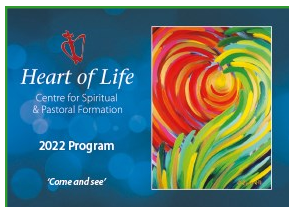
Venue: St Simon's Parish Community Centre

Topic: The courage & wisdom of St Catherine of Sienna

Come join us for supper and be inspired by the courage, patience and perseverance of St Catherine of Sienna who was God's instrument in a time of crisis in the Church.

St Catherine is one of 4 women titled as Doctor of the Church.

Please register your interest via email to Loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au



Heart of Life—'Spiritual Nourishment Days', Thursdays 21 July and 25 August, 1pm-4pm, attend via Zoom or in-person, according to personal circumstances. Those in caring roles live with profound beauty amidst the challenges of daily life. We offer these reflection/retreat days for those who frequently serve others, who may need support, a place of welcome and nurturing. Take some time out for yourself, if you are able, and join us for one or both of these reflection days. Each day is offered as an oasis. You will have space and time to be silent, reflect, with the opportunity to share if you wish. We invite you to re-energise your mind and

replenish your spirit. Cost \$30 per session.

Enquiries: *Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St Malvern,*

Email: office@heartoflife.melbourne or Phone: 9890 1101 or book and pay at www.heartoflife.melbourne

Prayer Group is back! It is held on the **first Friday** of the **month** and we gather in the **Parish Centre** at **10am**. You are most welcome to come along and share this time together. **Enquiries: Filomena on 9763 6047**

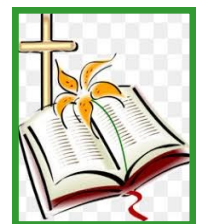


St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fist Reading: Gen 18:1-10, Second Reading Col 1:24-28 & Gospel Lk 10:38-42

16 / 17 July	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Edwin Fasola Lauren Pereira	Eska Ta Tony McCumstie	Roger Anthony Sybil Donohue
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachchi	Megan Pinto	Audrey/Isabelle Raj
Altar Society	Aneeta Anthony		
Church Cleaner	Robyn Pinches		



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

Please view the COVID Safe Plan for St Jude's displayed on the entry doors of the church or via the parish website pol.org.au/scoresby

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ST SIMON'S & ST JUDE'S YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Solve the Riddle Scavenger Night

A night of riddles, hidden clues and fish & chips!

When: 5.30pm, Sunday 10th July 2022

Where: St Simon's Parish Centre, Rowville

Who: Grades 5 - 10

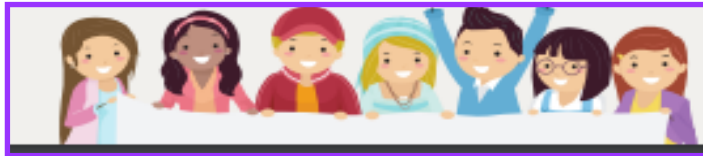
Entry \$2 donation kindly appreciated

In order to register your child, Operoo forms will be sent out first, please register your email at: <https://stsimonsparish.com.au/youth-groups> or scan QR code



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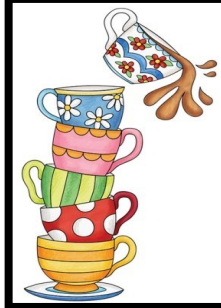
Any queries please email youthteam@stsimonsparish.com.au



Cuppa and a Chat - July 27th

A reminder that our next get together is on **Wednesday, July 27** from **9.30** in the **Parish Centre**. Please join us for a friendly cuppa and chat.

For your diary: at our August (24th) gathering we will have a guest speaker from *Bridges Connecting Communities*. Please contact **Ann Doyle (0402 904 678)** or **Robyn Pinches (0407 324 117)** for further information.



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