



# ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery



## First Sunday of Advent —Year A

27th November 2022

Weekday Mass this week

Wednesday 30 November & Thursday 1 December at 9.15am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

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

#### Within the Word—Happy New Year!

No, it's not January 1 yet, but that's not the only "New Year's Day" in our multicultural world. A new year begins on various days on the Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Chinese, Mayan, and so many other calendars. So it should not seem strange that the Christian New Year begins four Sundays before Christmas, which this year is already on November 27 (technically, at sunset that Saturday).

Ours is not the kind of "new year" celebrated by secular culture on January 1— full of festivity and good cheer, not to mention resolutions, alcohol, and fireworks! The tone of the Christian New Year and the Advent season is more akin to Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which begins a time for evaluating one's life before God that concludes on Yom Kippur, the day of atonement and repentance.

While our Advent season is not primarily penitential, it does include some wake-up calls! The Advent Scriptures challenge us to keep in mind that life on earth is not endless or perfect. The Lectionary readings call us to take an honest look at our lives and at our world and yet to continue living in joyful hope. Our beautiful rituals, like lighting the candles of our Advent wreath, gently remind us that we have reason to see, foster, and increase the hope-filled light that shines in the darkness. They also help us to long for the coming of Jesus, who is the true light of the world.

The word "Advent" comes from Latine *adveniens*, which means "coming" or "arrival." In ancient times it usually referred to the anticipated arrival of an emperor, king, or other important person, for which one had to prepare carefully. Our Christian New Year also begins with anticipation: someone important is coming for whom we must prepare! Although many think Advent is primarily the season for preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, it is also a time for us to prepare for the "Parousia," our Lord's promised return in glory at the end of time.

The Advent Scriptures speak about the various "comings" of our Lord in the past and future, but also in the present. At the beginning of Advent, Isaiah and other prophets call us to prepare for the (future) coming of the Day of the Lord. Near the end of Advent, the readings focus on the biblical events that happened just before the birth of Jesus. But in the middle of Advent, we hear the preaching of John the Baptist, the "forerunner" or "precursor" who prepared people of his time for the coming of the Lord. Meditating on the Baptist's words—calling the people to repent and to recognize the "one who is mightier" - is also a good way of preparing ourselves for his coming to us here and now. There's no need to wait until the end of our lives, or the end of time, to be alert to God's desire to come to us in the present. Advent can help us invite Jesus to come into our midst each and every day of our lives. Or, as the early Christians said, "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!"

- Fr Felix Just, SJ

Fr. Felix Just, SJ, is the Coordinator of Ongoing Formation for Clergy and of Theological/Liturgical/Formation of Deacons in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Give Us this Day—November 2022



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#### SERVICES & CONTACTS

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**Liturgy Group**

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**St. Vincent De Paul**

Helpline 1800 305 330

**Tennis Club**

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**Bible Study**

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

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#### PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

## Serve the Lord with Joy

### First Reading: Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel: Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

### ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

The Salesian Sisters Community invite those who wish, to join us for:  
**Evening Prayer** On the 4 Mondays of Advent from 5pm to 5.45pm  
Monday 28th November, Monday 5th December,  
Monday 12th December & Monday 19th December



We welcome into our Parish Family through the  
**Sacrament of Baptism: Bodhi Emmett Dunshore.**

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

**Sean Doyle, Robert Auld, Leopoldinha Coutinho, John Martin,  
Gail Fernandes, Andrew Prassinis, Frederick Rowbottom (Snr),  
Barbara Ashe, Emily Baré, Paul Blaha, Arnoldina Van Helmd,  
Graham Cooper, William Mahony, Jessie Tuckett, Rose Barnao.**

**Serve the Lord with Joy**

**First Sunday of Advent: Hope**

As we begin this season of Advent, we are invited to reflect and prepare for Christ's coming. Hope is the theme for this first Sunday of Advent. We pray for hope for those affected by the conflict in Ukraine and elsewhere in the world.

*Seed in your world and in us your vision for shalom and refuge with you.*

*Heal those who are weary of body, mind, and soul. Heal the loss of identity that accompanies homelessness and statelessness.*

*Anticipate heaven in the hearts of warmongers and peacemakers, restoring innocence and blessing them with the capacity to love their enemies.*

*Reconcile relationships between peoples and your created order.*

*Enter into the world with prophetic expectation, so that those who are lost to themselves and others, might find their way into your light.*

*May hostilities cease in places of conflict and war and in homes where safety has been unknown.*

*May othering of the vulnerable be replaced by the yearning for respect and dignity for all.*

*May each of the stories we share in faith today call forth fruitful blessing in our lives and in the world.*

**First Sunday of Advent**



**Hope for families forced to flee their country**

Eugene and her family were forced to make the heartbreaking decision to flee their country Ukraine when the fighting escalated. They are just one of the millions of families who have been forced to flee their home in recent months. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help local partners, like HIA, respond immediately to emergencies, giving families like Eugene's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**



**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

Vigil Mass for World AIDS Day will be celebrated at St Francis Church (cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth St, Melbourne) on Wednesday 30 November at 5.30pm. All welcome

Due to the increase in the incidences of COVID and out of respect toward those who distribute communion at mass I would ask that the few who receive communion on the tongue refrain from doing so until further notice. With thanks, Fr Mark

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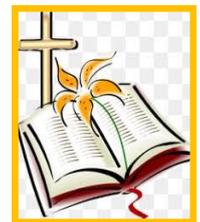
**Please remember in your prayers, particularly during the month of November, for the holy souls of family, friends, and relatives who are deceased.**

**St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*First Reading: Is 11:1-10, Second Reading Rom 15:4-9 & Gospel Mt 3:1-12*

<b>3 / 4 December</b>	<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8.30am</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Filomena Uberti Ann Doyle	Mikhail Santosa Kim Baxter	Leon Raj Stephanie Smyth
<b>Mass Projector</b>	Adina Atmadja	Catherine Money	Tino Vijendra
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Ingrid & Nerina		
<b>Altar Society</b>	Eve Buckeridge		
<b>Church Cleaner</b>	Rosanna Kelaart & John Britto		



**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.**

## Serve the Lord with Joy

### Christmas Choir

St Jude's Parish would like to invite the children of the Parish to join the Christmas Eve's Choir on:

#### Christmas Eve

Saturday, 24th December 2022

Carols at 5.30pm (please arrive at 5.15pm)

Followed by Mass at 6pm

Please contact Adina on 0410 779 258 or the Parish Office on 9763 7302 to register.



### St Jude's School Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 8th December 2022 at 6.30pm

St Jude's Primary School Oval  
Bring a blanket & pack a picnic  
LED candles available to buy for \$2

**Support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal**  
Please bring along a wrapped Christmas gift with a sticker to say boy or girl & age range.



To all who supported the St Jude's Fair by donating items; baking a cake; assisting with set up; helping on a stall or coming along to enjoy and support the event, we say a **Very Big Thank You**. All would agree the Fair was a very successful community occasion. It was wonderful to see so many people about the place enjoying themselves and reconnecting with parishioners and friends.

A special **thank you** and **congratulations** to St Jude's Principal, Tim McMullen, his staff and organising committee for their initiative and enthusiasm in getting the Fair up and running - a mighty task but one that was very well done.

St Jude's Parish Pastoral Council

### Evergreens Lunch 65+

Anointing Mass followed by the

Evergreens Christmas Lunch - Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

To make a booking, please add your name to the list in the foyer or contact Ann 0402 904 678 or Robyn 0407 324 117

We look forward to your company



**P.S. - if you put your name on the Evergreens list at the Bridges Morning Tea, can you please add your name again as the list is in a safe place, never to be found!!!!**

Bookings close Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### Social Gathering—1st Saturday each month

Parishioners are invited to stay and enjoy a social get together in the foyer following the Saturday evening Mass. Beer, wine, soft drink, tea & coffee will be provided. Please bring a small plate to share.



**Our next gather will be on Saturday 3 December.**

*We look forward to another enjoyable St Jude's gathering*

### St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall News

Available for purchase at the Piety Stall are packs of 10 Majellan Christmas Cards for \$8 and the beautifully illustrated Columban Calendar \$10 each.



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