



# ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery

## First Sunday of Lent — Year C

6 March 2022

### Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday 9 March, Thursday 10 March & Friday 11 March at 9.15am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

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

It's already been a little over a month into my time here at Scoresby and Rowville and I'm surprised how quickly it's gone! The days seem to fly by between Masses, office administration, school (we have three of them!) and nursing home visits, meetings and gatherings with staff and parishioners among other odds and ends, with the often slow flow of traffic between these many and varied engagements. Not to mention the time spent in personal prayer and reflection.

The quotidian ebb and flow of suburban parish life here, is a long way from the quiet, north-western suburb of Glenroy where I grew up. When I was first informed I was coming to Scoresby and then later Rowville, my response was; "Where?!" All I knew of the area was the Dandenongs! I've since come to relish Melbourne's outer eastern suburbs, especially the fact that our parishes are nestled in these leafy, tree-lined avenues, with such beautiful views of the Dandenongs!

Just before the lockdowns began, my family moved to the outer northern suburbs, which, like here, are also tree-lined...it's just that those trees are too young to give much shade! My dad's a gardener, and I'd like to think I've inherited something of his green thumb, which is probably why, when I first saw both St Jude's and St Simon's, my first thought was how well kept the gardens are!

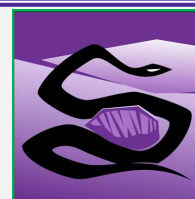
I come from a pretty ordinary Catholic family, though we went to Mass on Sundays, my dad is not Catholic, but mum is. It's really her faith that has sustained my own and those of my younger sister and two brothers. I never really thought of priesthood when I was younger, I actually wanted to be a journalist, like Ray Martin and travel the world, meeting interesting people! Some years ago, during my undergrad and master's studies in humanities at Melbourne Uni, I questioned my faith and doubted God's existence at times, in the face of a militantly godless campus culture.

But through God's amazing grace, here I am! A priest! (And, by the way, it still feels weird to put on the vestments and hear people call me 'father'!) All I can say is that, slowly and gently over time, God led me on an interior journey, so that, as G.K Chesterton said, my religion became 'less a theory and more of a love affair'. I began to realise that being Catholic is not merely passively believing a 'disjointed multitude of doctrines', as Pope Francis once said, but is a personal connection with our Lord, in communion with others.

In the context of this relationship of faith, I became aware that Christ was 'whispering' in my heart, as he has done before to many others: 'Come, follow me!' 'Do not be afraid'. There grew over time, a clear sense that this was not some idea of my own. Christ is calling me to be another worker in his vineyard garden to cultivate the faith and to call others into relationship with him, as he himself has done and continues to do with me...of all people!

I'm still settling in and getting my bearings here (thank God for Google maps!) and I'm looking forward to continuing getting to know all of you and the particular and varied ways we are each incarnation's of God's grace to each other.

God bless!



### OUR PARISH OFFICE

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### SERVICES & CONTACTS

**Community Centre**  
Parish Office 9763 7302  
**Fitness Class**  
Pam Jess 9763 7302  
**Liturgy Group**  
Leon Raj [liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com](mailto:liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com)  
**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

**St. Jude's Primary**  
Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600  
**Holy Trinity Primary**  
Mr Adrian Scutt 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

## *Serve the Lord with Joy*

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

### **Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### **Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**Virtual Lent Series 2022**—You are invited to participate in a **Virtual Lent Series** offered by **Yarra Theological Union** and **Garrett Publishing**. The series has a **1 hour Zoom session every Tuesday at 7-8pm during Lent**.

Each week, four biblical scholars give a brief and accessible presentation of the four Scripture readings of the following Sunday (OT reading, Psalm, NT reading, Gospel), followed by some conversation/Q&A.

The following link will lead to some further information and registration portal

<https://garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-lent-series/>

**Remember—Lenten Program 2022** is a booklet offering daily reflections for Lent and Easter and is available for purchase for **\$10** and can be purchased either at **weekend masses** or from the **Parish Office**.

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

*Please view the COVID Safe Plan for St Jude's displayed on the entry doors to the church or via the parish website [pol.org.au/scoresby](http://pol.org.au/scoresby)*

**Serve the Lord with Joy**

**The Lenten Season**

**Lenten Reflection Week 1 – Under the hammer**

People used to talk about “falling into sin”. When we truly sin, it really is not an accident, but a deliberate action. We have to know deep down that this is a deliberate option to turn away from God’s loving presence in our lives.



We need to constantly take time out, to step back from a frenetic pace of life, and quietly examine the quality of our lives. As we pause to recognise the special time of Lent, may we be honest with ourselves and be open to being inspired once again by your Holy Spirit.

**Lenten Reconciliation**

A **Lenten Reconciliation** service will be held on **Wednesday, 23 March** at **7.30pm**.

**Anointing Mass for the Sick & Elderly**

There will be an **Anointing Mass** to be held on **Tuesday 8th March** at **11am**. For those requiring assistance with transport please contact Elisa Kelesidis at the Parish Office on 9763 7302.

*Liturgy Team*



We welcome into our Parish Family through the **Sacrament of Baptism**:  
**Beatrix McKenzie, Bridget McKenzie, Jalen Miranda, Willem Van Rheenen,  
 Hazel Vellin & Ella Cramer.**

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for **Manny Mercado, Jan Eaton** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

**Marie Cordeiro, Denzil Fernando, Angelina Speranza, Barbara Dickinson, Noreen Kelly, Delphine Saldanha,  
 Ellen Hayes, Kathryn O’Hagan, Sr Raquel Rosa, Linda Bryans, Maria Teofilo.**



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA—PROJECT COMPASSION 2022**



**Anatercia 12**, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through **Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes** available in the **Church foyer**, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling **1800 024 413**.



**St Jude’s Parish—Liturgy Roster**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

*Fist Reading: Gen 15:5-12 17-18, Second Reading Phil 3:17—4:1, & Gospel: Lk 9:28-36*

12 / 13 March	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Readers</b>	Ann Doyle Dinelle Hettiarachchi	Kim Baxter Prema Pinto	Irene Wallis Adel Medel
<b>Mass Projector</b>	Diyen Hettiarachchi	Megan Pinto	Audrey/Isabelle Raj
<b>Altar Society</b>	Filomena Uberti		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Filomena Uberti		



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

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## APPEAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

### EMERGENCY RELIEF TO AID REFUGEES

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an **Emergency Appeal** to aid our Salesians of Don Bosc (SDB's) in Ukraine and surrounding communities to bring aid to refugees.

In the Ukraine SDB's are working tirelessly, caring for orphans as well as providing shelter and relief to those in need. Salesian Communities in Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic are actively working with local agencies to protect and take care of as many Ukraine refugees as they can, arranging transport and emergency shelter; providing food, baby formula, clean water and generators for heat and cooking; procuring and distributing medical supplies blankets and personal hygiene items; and so much more.

To help support refugees you may wish to **donate** to the **Salesian Missions Australia**

**Mail: Salesian Missions Australia, PO Box 264, Ascot Vale, Vic. 3032**

**Website: <https://salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au/donate/ukrainian-refugee-crisis>  
or phone 9377 6060 Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm**



### PIETY STALL

St Vincent de Paul, Scoresby are pleased to announce the **PIETY STALL** will be open after mass every **FORTNIGHT** from this weekend. If you have any specific/special items you require please contact **GLORY BRITTO** on **0432 195 205** or email [scoresby.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:scoresby.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au) alternatively please leave your details on 9763 7302 and we can contact you.

It is intended in a couple of weeks time to recommence the tradition of having a **Cuppa** after the **8.30am & 10.30am Sunday Masses**. For this to be a success we are calling for **volunteers** to help and assist on a monthly Roster. If you would like to be apart and share in this parish family activity please contact the **Parish Office** on **9763 7302**.



**Bumble Bee Baby and Children's Markets**—this Sunday, 6th March, 2022 at 9am—12pm at St Jude's Primary School, Scoresby in conjunction with the school's Open Day. Entry Fee \$2 for adults children < 12 years old free) and plenty of free parking.

## St. Jude's Primary School—50th Birthday Party

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a family fun Birthday Party to celebrate 50 years of St. Jude's School.

**Melbourne Zoo - 19th March 5:30-9:30pm.**  
**Come for the whole time or just part of the time.**

We will have exclusive use of the zoo for our party! Your immediate family group will only pay \$10 and then an additional \$3 for friends and extended family.

**Tickets will be available in the coming weeks before/after Mass and from the parish office.**

Here is a glimpse of the fun to be had:

- \* **Animal Viewing until 7.30pm**
- \* **DJ Entertainment on the lawn from 7pm**
- \* **Unlimited Carousel Rides 5.30pm-8.30pm**
- \* **Face painting from 5.30pm-7.30pm**
- \* **3 Scheduled Keeper talks**
- \* **Free Parking**