



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery

28 November, 2021



First Sunday of Advent—Year C

Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday, 1 December, Thursday, 2 December & Friday, 3 December at 9.15am

PLEASE BRING YOUR FULLY VACCINATED CERTIFICATE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

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Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Mark or Parish Office)

We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week's readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are, in fact, living in an 'in-between time'. From this week's first reading we are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a very long-standing hope for Israel. The coming of the Messiah would usher in a new prosperity and a divine reign of God. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus and they began to regard Jesus as the promised Messiah—the fulfilment of prophecy. However, Jesus also promised that he would come again, and the expectation of the first followers of Jesus was that his return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading from the letter to the Thessalonians, we can see the growing realisation that perhaps Jesus' return will not occur within the current generation. This realisation had a dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Imagine living with the belief that the end of time was going to occur not just in your lifetime but literally any day now. Slowly, they realised that Jesus' words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of readiness, a state of preparedness. This didn't mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven't really got the house in order.

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



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

St. Vincent De Paul

Helpline 1800 305 330

Tennis Club

Vito Trifilo 0447 044 920

Bible Study

Xavier David 0448 766 705

Parish Pastoral Council

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PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St. Jude's Primary

Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600

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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CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2021

Please bring your fully vaccinated certificate with you.

Advent Reconciliation: Wednesday, 15th December 2021 at 7.30pm

Friday, 24th December 2021 Christmas Eve Masses:

6pm Mass (Carols begin at 5.30pm)

9pm Mass (Carols begin at 8.30pm)

Unfortunately due to a lack of musicians the 11pm Mass will be unable to proceed.

Saturday, 25th December 2021 Christmas Day Masses:

8.30am & 10.30am Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Sunday, 26th December 2021—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8.30am & 10.30am Masses.

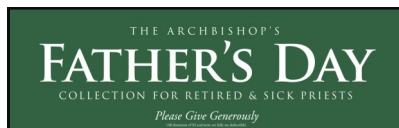
We invite you to **celebrate the New Year with Mass at 10am on Saturday 1 January 2022.**



Gospel — Luke 21:25-28 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



It would be gratefully appreciated if parishioners could collect a **Father's Day Appeal** envelope found in the Church foyer in support of our retired priests. Donations can also be made via the **Priests Retirement Foundation** website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.cam.org.au/foundation> Donations can be made via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued. Thank you



MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available and cost **\$6.00** for a **packet of 10 cards**.

Payment and Delivery can be arranged by phoning either **Margaret** or **Frank McCulloch** on **9763 1590**.

Christmas Catalogue of *That Catholic Shop* can be found on the tables in the Church foyer. All proceeds assist the *work* and *mission* of *Aid to the Church in Need*. You can also visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the range and order online.



We welcome into our Parish Family through the **Sacrament of Baptism: Tyler Bebend and Noah Fernandez.**

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

John Martin, Andrew Prassinis, Frederick Rowbottom (Snr) Barbara Ashe, Emily Baré, Paul Blaha, Arnoldina Van Helmond, Graham Cooper, William Mahony, Jessie Tuckett, Molly Nelson.

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St. Jude's Roadmap for Return to Masses

Important – TRYBOOKING NO LONGER REQUIRED.
Full Vaccination Certificate & Single QR Code COVID-19 Check-In System

PLEASE BRING YOUR FULLY VACCINATED CERTIFICATE

The check-in process is as follows:

- 1) On, arrival, please display your fully vaccinated certificate to one of the COVID marshals. For those who do not have a mobile phone please bring your paper copy of your certificate to be sighted.
- 2) Please scan the QR code. For those parishioners who are unable to scan the QR code could you please seek assistance as there will be someone to assist you.

PLEASE NOTE WEEKEND MASS RECORDING HAS NOW CEASED.



Blessed Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2021 booklet is available for purchase from the Church at weekend Masses or from the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday. This booklet is a series of daily reflections leading up to Christmas which you will find most prayerful and only costs **\$3.00**.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

On behalf St Vincent de Paul Society, Scoresby we thank Fr Mark and the parishioners for your generosity over the years. This year again we need your support to provide financial assistance to families spending Christmas in poverty.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Please quote **SCORESBY** as your conference for funds to be allocated to our Conference.

PHONE DONATIONS:

Please donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12.

ONLINE DONATIONS: to make an online donation, please go to vinnies.org.au website. Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors.

CASH or CHEQUE: Envelopes can be found on the back table in the Church Foyer and can be handed into the Parish Office. **Thank you, Vinnies Scoresby Committee**

MULTICULTURAL ROSARY, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

On **Wednesday, 8 December**, feast of the Immaculate Conception of our mother, Mary, we will have our Multicultural Rosary, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **7.30pm** in our lovely parish church of St Jude the Apostle, Scoresby.

As you enter, via the side entrance, could you please show your double vaccination certificate and check in via the QR code displayed in the Church foyer.

Thank you Enquiries contact Sr Maureen 9763 7104 or 9763 7012



The **Vinnies Shop** in **Ferntree Gully** is looking for volunteers.

If you have a spare few hours and would like to join our friendly team, please contact **Sandra** on **9758 8501**.

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9, Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6 8-11 & Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

**December 4 / 5
Readers**

Saturday 6pm

Rosary Pereira

Edwin Fasola

Adina Atmadja

Sunday 8.30am

Mikhail Santosa

Bill Ta

Sunday 10.30am

Mary King

Melanie Van Esch

Audrey/Isabelle Raj

Mass Projector

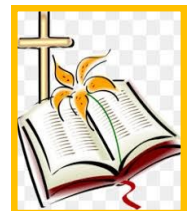
Altar Society

Carmen Leitao, Anita Anthony, Frankie, Marlene Kodituwakku, Thilani Hetti

Church Cleaning

Rosanna Jumonong

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



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As always, we will be collecting Gift cards & Gift Vouchers. These will be distributed to families which creates the pleasure of buying suitable gifts for their family. Suggested gift vouchers—Big W, Kmart, Target, JB-HiFi, Village cinema etc. Due to ongoing COVID issues Vinnies will continue with the contactless approach so *please note we will not be collecting toys.*



From this weekend you will be able to take a gift card from the **Christmas Tree** in the **Church Foyer** and attach it to the envelope or wrapping for the gift card. Please write *Vinnies Christmas Vouchers* and seal it. Collection boxes will be located in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, please leave it at the Parish Office. Please note Gift cards need to be returned by **Wednesday 15th December** enabling us time to deliver the same to disadvantaged families before Christmas.

For further information please contact the Parish Office who will direct you to one of the Vinnies members. As always, the Vinnies Scoresby Conference appreciate your generosity and efforts at this time of the year.

Thank you, Vinnies Scoresby Committee

Can you Assist? - We are hoping to have a photo gallery of past Parish Priests who have served at St Jude's Parish, displayed in the Parish Office. If you can assist with providing some photos we would be most grateful. Fr Mark

St Jude's Parish invites children of the Parish to join the Choir to celebrate Christmas Eve Children's Carols & Mass on Saturday 24 December 2021 at 5.30pm.

Rehearsals will take place from **11.30am-12.30pm** at St Jude's Parish, Scoresby on

Sunday 5th December—held at the Parish Reception Centre

Sunday 12th December—held at the Church

Sunday 19th December—held at the Parish Reception Centre

Please note that children over the age of 12 years will need to be fully vaccinated as per the Victorian Government's Phase D (24th November 2021).

Further enquiries can be made by contacting Joel on 0418 168 432



Evergreens Christmas Lunch

It's time to catch up with friends and celebrate

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites all St Jude's Evergreens (those 65+) to a celebratory **Christmas Lunch** in the **Parish Centre** on **Tuesday, December 7th**. Prior to lunch, Fr Mark will celebrate **Mass** beginning at **11.00am**.

This year, to adhere to Covid regulations and keep everyone safe, we will be having a finger food style lunch instead of the usual Christmas Dinner. To attend you must be fully vaccinated and proof will be required.

Bookings will be via TryBooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVHOO>

and will close on **Wednesday December 1st**. Those unable to book online can contact **Ann** on **0402 904 678** or **Robyn** on **0407 324 117** between **6 & 8pm** to make a booking. Alternatively, you can fill in the sheet located in the church foyer. If you have dietary requirements please indicate this when you book.

We are looking forward to your company.

