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Member of Knox Deanery
3rd December, 2017
First Sunday of Advent



SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 6.30pm,
Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am and Youth Mass Sunday evening 6.30pm
**Weekday Mass Times: Communion Service: Monday - Mass: Tuesday 6.30pm,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9.00am**

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Father Longinus Onyechesi 9763 7302

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Sr Mary Brady: Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9753 2170

Parish Office: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am - 5pm 9763 7302

Finance Committee: Brian Mc Keogh 9801 1787

Parish Office Fax: 9753 3534

Email: scoresby@cam.org.au **Website:** pol.org.au/scoresby

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SERVICES & CONTACTS:

BAPTISM: 9763 7302
By Appointment 4th Sunday of the month at
12 noon. Welcoming: Sunday prior at
10.30am Parish Mass.

BIBLE STUDIES:
Xavier David (AH) 9763 0712

BLESSED SACRAMENT EXPOSITION:
1st Friday of the month after 9am Mass.

CENACLE OF PRAYER:
First Saturday of the month 9.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
Ruth Fidow 9752 9829

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS:
Leigh Fleming 0419 381 058
Thurs/Friday/Saturday 1-6 pm. or Email:
Leigh Fleming yahc@bigpond.com.au

FAIR:
Chris Shelly 0418 355 339

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Pam Jess 0419 555 694

KNOX DEANERY:
Leigh Fleming 9763 7323

LITURGY:
Sr Mary Brady 9753 2170

MARRIAGE:
By appointment 9763 7302

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP:
Thursday at 1pm
Carmen Leitao 9778 7764

RAFFLE
Brendon Considine 0403 187 848

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 6.00pm

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CONFERENCE**
Carmel Quiney 0400 485 874

TENNIS CLUB:
Vito Trifilo 0447 044 920

YOUTH GROUP:
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TO ALL PARISH GROUPS - Bookings 2018

Thank you to those groups who have let me know their requirements for
next year. **If you have not contacted me your groups dates are not in
the diary which is now open to all.**

Please email me at yahc@bigpond.com.au, details of any bookings
required for the community centre in 2018 immediately.

This means every occasion you, or your group wish to use
the community centre, including weekly meetings, or
specific dates. If no advice is received, it will be assumed
that your group does not require space next year.



Bookings will not automatically carry over from this year. To date the
2018 Fair and Easter dates are recorded. Thank you Leigh Fleming

Please Note: Friday and Saturday Evenings

Functions finish time 11pm - Cleaning finish time 11.45pm

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people per week and let them know about your
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advertisements and submit your ad for a 6 monthly or
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listing in this Directory does not mean that we guarantee the quality
of performance of those listed.*

Today's Readings
First Reading: Isaiah 63.16-17, 64:1, 3-8
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Next Week's Readings

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Gospel:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, make us turn to you,
Christ Jesus our Lord*

ROSTERS

ALTAR SOCIETY: 9th December, 2017
Filomena Uberti

BINGO: "Eyes Down" 8.00pm
Brendon Considine, Ross Clarke

CLEANING ROSTER: 9th December, 2017
Cora Lijnders, Lucille Everetts

COUNTERS TODAY:
Fred Martyn & Charles McCann

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK: 10th December, 2017,
Elaine & Richard Ashe

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Dec 03 Ruth Fidow
Dec 10 Marie Camillieri
Dec 17 Verona Bulloch

READERS NEXT WEEK

6.30pm Arina Healy, Filomena Uberti
8.30am Rachel Cheng, Dorothy Teh
10.30am Mary King, Trish Welti
6.30pm Dinelle Hetterachchi

MUSICIANS & COMPUTER SUPPORT

Next Week:

6.30pm Margaret, Jadyen & Dane
8.30am Therese & Bill Ta
10.30pm Sr Mary, Sydney & Molly Lai
6.30pm Youth Group

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BREAD RUN:

Dec 04 Monday Daryl Mendes, Rita Amato
Dec 07 Thursday Anna Teofilo
Dec 11 Monday Anthony & Anita Anthony
Dec 14 Thursday Terri McKay, Vicki Clarke
Nov 27 Monday
Nov 30 Thursday

*Thank you to all those who continually
"Serve the Lord with joy"
by participating on these rosters.*

SOME IMPORTANT - DATES 2017

Dec 05 Anointing Mass 11.00am
Dec 05 "Evergreens" Lunch
Dec 9/10 Special Collection for the Missions
Dec 12 St Vincent De Paul Meeting
Dec 15 St Jude's Gratitude Mass 9.00am
Dec 15 Holy Trinity Gratitude Mass 10.00am
Dec 21 Penitential Service 7.30pm
Dec 25 Christmas Day



Advent

*It's that time of WAITING
In the midst of BUSYNESS.*

*It's a time of HOPING
In the midst of TIREDNESS.*

*It's that time of NEW BEGINNING
In the midst of CLOSING DOWN THE
YEAR*

PARISH SCHOOLS: PRIMARY
St. Jude's School Principal Mr Tim Mc Mullen 8761 9600
Holy Trinity School Principal Mr David Mutimer 9801 8296
St Mary's College for Hearing Impaired Students 9800 2733

PARISH SCHOOLS: SECONDARY
Mater Christi College Principal
Ms Mary Fitz Gerald 9754 6611
St. Joseph's College Principal Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000
Rector Fr Martin Tanti 9758 2000

Low Gluten Hosts are available in this Parish; a supply of
consecrated hosts is available at each Mass. The Ciborium will
be on the Altar. Anyone who is a Coeliac, or wheat and gluten
intolerant, these hosts are suitable for you.
(They have been passed by the Coeliac Society as safe.)

Serve the Lord with Joy

First Reading– A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come
down - - at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Second Reading - A reading from St Paul to the Corinthians
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you
grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have
received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have
been enriched in so many ways, especially in your
teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed
been strong among you so that you will not be without
any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you
steady and without blame until the last day, the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel – A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake,
because you never know when the time will come. It is
like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and
left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake,
because you do not know when the master of the house
is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he
comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And
what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Stewardship Corner

“Take heed, watch and pray: for you do not know when the time
will come.” – Mark 13:33
We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for
granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our
time – our days, weeks, months, even years in advance.
Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how
long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for
each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen
to what God is saying to you.

Reconciliation for Christmas:
Saturdays at 9.30am & 6.00pm.
Penitential Service: Thursday 21st December at 7.30pm
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
CHRISTMAS EVE: 6.30pm
(Children’s Mass –please be seated by 6.15pm)
10.00 pm MASS
(Carols begin at 9.30 pm)
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES: 8.30am & 10.30am
THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
**We invite you to celebrate the New Year with Mass
at 9.00am on January 1st**



Exploring the Word

During Advent, in each year of the three-year cycle, the theme of
the first week looks to the end times – the eschaton – with an
emphasis on the second coming of Jesus and the need to be ready.
In the early Church, there was an expectation that Jesus would
return quickly. In their post-Easter faith, believers knew that
Jesus had been taken up to heaven at the Ascension (a man
travelling abroad as mentioned in this Gospel) and that he was
remaining with God until the time came for him to return in
triumph. For Mark, it is now the Church that waits and must
remain always ready to greet the master on his return.

The ‘waiting’ theme of Advent is established: we await the birth of
the child and we await the fulfilment of human history at the end
times when Jesus comes again.

Did you know

Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During
this time, we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a
small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time, and the coming of
Christ into our own lives each day. Thus, Advent has a past, present
and future dimension.
The season of Advent is the beginning of the Church’s liturgical year.
The Church’s liturgical year follows a three-year cycle and we move
today in the second of those, Year B. The Gospel readings for this
year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.

Symbols and Images

Waiting is the dominant symbolic activity of Advent. It is difficult
for modern humans to spend time waiting. We are so used to
technology making things happening almost instantly and tend to
become frustrated at being made to wait. But the waiting of Advent
is an active waiting, not a frittering away of time. It is a waiting
spent in preparation and reflection.

HEART OF LIFE

Would you like to become a Spiritual Director? The 'Siloam' Program for the
Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied on Mondays (9am-5pm) over
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The program fosters a discerning, contemplative approach whereby spiritual
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Heart Of Life Spirituality Centre,
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Serve the Lord with Joy

**CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE READY
FOR DELIVERY**
The cards are in sector order which means they
will be grouped together with houses nearby.
This is a huge task but a very pastoral one as we outreach to all
our parishioners, especially to those who don't participate in
parish life - it reassures them that they still “belong” and are
always welcome to join in any activity.
It is also very useful for updating our census records so any
information re people moved etc can be noted on the envelope
and returned to the parish office.
If you are not able to deliver by hand, please place a stamp on
the envelope and post as it would cost the Parish in excess of
\$1,000 to post them. Thank you.



EVERGREENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH with a TWIST
HELPERS NEEDED
If you are under 65 and are available to
help out on the day (setting-up, cleaning
up etc) please contact Leigh on 0419 381 058.

READERS ROSTER
The new readers roster is being prepared this weekend for the
period December 2017 – to March 2018.
Please let Loretta know of any changes immediately on 0409 001 378
or goldsmith.loretta.lg@edumail.vic.gov.au

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:
Attention all groups: Fair, Raffle, Parish Groups, Schools etc.,
over the next couple of weeks the January Sunday newsletters will
be printed.
If you or your group would like to include notices for these weeks
please submit them to the parish office a.s.a.p. Thankyou

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES are available from the
foyer table. Easter and Christmas offerings form the bulk of the
priests’ income

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED: Deserving single man in early
40's is seeking accommodation in this area at \$200 per week or
less. Granny flat would be ideal. References available. Further
information from Fr. Kevin Dillon –
St. Simon’s, Rowville – 0421 777 360 or
frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au

Reflection
It is said that while there is life there is hope.
This has an even deeper meaning in reverse:
While there is hope there is life.
Hope is strength.
Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.
It inspires the will to live.
It is the doctor’s most powerful ally.
It is a shield against defeat and failure.
It revives ideals and renews dreams.
As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.
Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope
For the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
In the final analysis, he is our hope.

We light the first candle
that it may shine around us
reminding us to stay awake
and to expect the coming of the Christ,
the love at the heart of all our longings.



SPECIAL COLLECTION – NEXT WEEK END
Melbourne Overseas Mission
Envelopes will be on the seats
Please be generous

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL GIFT TAGS
Tags will be available from the Advent
tree in the church foyer from this week
end. Please take one and return with a
gift for a needy child this Christmas by
the 10th December.
This will give St. Vincent de Paul members time to deliver
gifts prior to Christmas. Thank you.



Christmas is coming.
The Piety Stall has Columban Calendars for sale at
\$9.00 each, proceeds from which go to the
missions.
Majellan Christmas Cards are available at \$6.00
for a pack of 10. Please support the SVdP Piety



**Withdraw a little from the celebrations of Christmas cheer
and concentrate instead on waiting and preparing**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION PAMPHLET RACK
Have you seen our pamphlet on..
“Fines, the law, your options”
Victoria Legal Aid



Please be aware that **St Jude’s Primary School** phone
number has changed to **8761 9600**

Thought for the Week
We spend a lot of our lives waiting for something or
someone. Waiting cannot be rushed – sometimes all we
can do is be still and wait.
Wait with quiet, gentle, hope –filled hearts.

ASSIST A STUDENT
A St Vincent de Paul education
sponsorship program aimed at breaking
the cycle of poverty.
Just **\$70** can assist an overseas student
for one year, offering hope, an education and a better
future. Forms available on the Foyer tables.



2018 BIG RAFFLE – DISTRIBUTORS
The 2018 “**BIG RAFFLE**” is fast approaching. Several of
our faithful distributors are no longer able to assist us
due to moving, illness etc. We are therefore in need of
new distributors for the 2018 Raffle. This is not a difficult
task, just requires more volunteers.
If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office on
9763 7302, or Brendan Considine on 0403 187 848.
Thank you