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17th June, 2018

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 6.30pm,
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday 6.30pm, Wednesday - Saturday 9.00am



PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Father Longinus Onyechesi 9763 7302
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Sr Mary Brady: Wednesday, Thursday 9763 7302
Parish Office: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. 9am - 5pm 9763 7302
Parish Office Fax: 9753 3534
Email: scoresby@cam.org.au **Website:** pol.org.au/scoresby
A Defibrillator for use in a cardiac emergency is located in the foyer of the Church

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: 9763 0712
Xavier David (AH)

BLESSED SACRAMENT EXPOSITION:
8.30am, Wednesday - Saturday

CENACLE OF PRAYER:
First Saturday of the month 9.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 0407 356 899
Leanna Raj

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

FAIR: 9763 7302
Parish Office

FITNESS CLASS: 0419 555 694
Pam Jess

KNOX DEANERY: 9763 7323
Leigh Fleming

LITURGY: 9753 2170
Sr Mary Brady

MARRIAGE: 9763 7302
By appointment

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

RAFFLE 0403 187 848
Brendon Considine

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 6.00pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE 0400 485 874
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Attention all Parish Groups

Community Centre Bookings for Parish Groups and Committees will be taken before dates will be accepted from the wider community.

If your group /committee is planning functions please advise Leigh Fleming 0419 381 058 as soon as your plans are confirmed.

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Functions finish time 11pm - Cleaning finish time 11.45pm

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ST JUDE'S PARISH - MISSION STATEMENT

In a spirit of Pastoral Outreach of St. Jude's Parish, we, the people of this parish, are called to "Serve the Lord with joy".

We respect diversity and welcome all who choose to belong to our community.

By sharing our gifts and resources generously, we support and encourage all people who come our way.

Let all our voices be heard in a spirit of openness that fosters ongoing communication across our Parish.

1st Reading – A Reading from Ezekiel
 The Lord says this:
 ‘From the top of the cedar,
 from the highest branch I will take a shoot
 and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
 I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
 It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
 and become a noble cedar.
 Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
 every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
 And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one
 who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
 who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
 I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

2nd Reading- A Reading 2nd Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
 We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel – A reading from the Gospel according to Mark
 Jesus said to the crowds, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’
 Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Symbols and Images
 The mystery of the kingdom of God is at the heart of this reading. Humans cannot understand how it will grow and spread, but, once planted, it will prosper as the seed does, taking root and growing to fullness. What begins as a tiny seed like the mustard seed, will grow into something much larger and offer shelter for all.

Stewardship Corner
 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.” – 2 Corinthians 5:10
 We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How ill you respond?

Thoughts on the Gospel
Secret Rhythms of Growth
 ‘When we move into mystery, into what is a meeting of the transcendent and the ordinary, we need words and images to express what is beyond expression. Sublime though these may be, they are experienced in very simple things.
 ‘Today’s Gospel uses two images about seeds to express the mystery of God’s kingdom, the “where God is experienced”. In the first parable once the seed is sown the farmer waits for harvest time. The cycle of growth follows its own secret rhythm; how it happens the farmer does not know. Even though nothing much seems to be happening, the miracle of growth is taking place. The farmer cannot improve the crop by staying awake at night and worrying: the seed is nurtured in its own silence.
 ‘This seed is a great image of meditation. In meditation we just rest in silence with our prayer-word and let the growth to harvest take place. We do not know where this gift, this seed, the desire for silence, has come from. The harvest or the kingdom of God cannot be achieved by restlessly seeking instant results. In prayer nothing may seem to be happening but God’s harvest comes in his own good time.’
 Excerpts from a reflection by Father Gerry Pierse, C.Ss.R.



Did you know?
 Parables are very short stories with a double meaning. They act like metaphors and can be interpreted very broadly. To understand the parables of Jesus we must be attentive to both the literal and metaphorical language used.
 The nearness of the kingdom (or reign) of God is the central plank of the teaching of Jesus in Mark’s Gospel.
 The term ‘kingdom of God’ occurs only in the New Testament but similar expressions are found in the Old Testament. It refers to a time when God’s will, would be done on earth.


Sharing the Tradition
 The mystery of the kingdom of God is echoed in the mystery of the Church.
 ‘It was the Son’s task to accomplish the Father’s plan of salvation in the fullness of time. Its accomplishment was the reason for his being sent. “The Lord Jesus inaugurate his Church by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Reign of God, promised over the ages in the scriptures.” To fulfil the Father’s will, Christ ushered in the Kingdom of heaven on earth. The Church “is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery.”
 This Kingdom shines out before men in the world, in the works and in the presence of Christ.” To welcome Jesus’ word is to welcome “the kingdom itself”. The seed and beginning of the Kingdom are the ‘little flock’ of those whom Jesus came to gather around him, the flock whose shepherd he is ... To those who he thus gathered around him, he taught a ‘new way of acting’ and a prayer of their own.” (CCC 763, 764)

Words of Wisdom
 “Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbours that all his pictures are crooked.”

Prayers of the Faithful
 If you would like your loved ones remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend, please call the Parish office on 9763 7302 by Thursday morning of the week prior to their Anniversary.

PARISH DINNER DANCE
Saturday 23rd June
7.00pm
 Please advise Robyn Pinches of any dietary requirements on 0407 324 117
 Reminder to BYO Drinks and Glasses

MASS TIME CHANGE:
Evening Mass on Saturday 23rd June, 2018 will be held at 6.00pm as the Dinner Dance starts at 7.00pm.
PLEASE NOTE: This is for Saturday 23rd only.

CEO SLEEPOUT – Thursday 21st June, 2018
 Each night in Melbourne there are thousands of homeless young, middle aged and older people who have little less than a cardboard box or bench to sleep on.

Brendon Considine and his team at Secon are participating in the annual CEO sleepout to raise funds for St Vincent de Paul to help break the homelessness cycle and assist people to get back on their feet by providing access to basic essential services.
 If you would like to support this cause you can go online and donate by clicking on the below link.
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‘3rd Wednesday Cuppa & Chat’
 Wednesday 20th June, 2018 at 9.30 am in the Community Centre. All Welcome.



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 Having commenced in Geelong in 2013, “Lifeboat’s” first Melbourne-based fundraising function will be held on **Friday July 6, 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m at Tosaria Restaurant, Henderson Rd. Rowville.**
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READER’S TRAINING NIGHT
Date: Thursday June 28th 7 till 9pm
Venue: St Simon’s Parish
2 Taylors Lane Rowville
The Reader of God’s Word formation opportunity
 This workshop will focus on the role of the Reader of God’s Word at mass and is ideal for those on existing rosters and new lectors/readers.
 The session comprises an overview of the theological underpinnings of this vital ministry and an exploration and practice of the skills needed to support best practice.
 When well executed this ministry can have a profound impact on the celebration of the liturgy and on all those participating.
 Presented by Mary Ryan, Co-ordinator Adult Faith Formation from the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation



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 Thank you to the Parishioners who volunteered to help on this roster.
 We are still in **desperate** need of additional parishioners to volunteer on the Church Cleaning Roster.
 Due to illness, or relocation a number of long time faithful parishioners have had to retire from this ministry and we only have **10** parishioners still assisting. Due to the lower numbers those still helping are required to clean every six weeks.
This is too often.
 Please give serious consideration to helping with this vital ministry and share the load. All training provided. If you can help please call the Parish Office on 9763 7302. *Thankyou*



Annual Anniversary Mass
 Are you celebrating your **25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th** wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday 29th July at 11am. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificate.
 To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5587/ lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations close Friday 13th July



NEW PARISHIONERS
 If you are new to the Parish please contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302, or put your details in the New Parishioners book so that we can add you to our Census base.
STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
 If you would like to join our Thanksgiving/Stewardship program please phone the Parish Office on 9763 7302.