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## ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery  
**23rd December, 2018**  
 4th Sunday of Advent



**MASS TIMES:**  
 Saturday 6.30pm, Reconciliation 6:00pm  
 Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm  
 Weekday Mass Times:  
 Monday - Tuesday: Christmas Services (Below)

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In a spirit of Pastoral Outreach of St. Jude's Parish, we, the people of the 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.

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Mi 5:1-4  
 Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10  
 Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

### ROSTERS

**ALTAR SOCIETY: 29 Dec 18**  
 Amy David

**BINGO: "Eyes Down"**  
 Restarts in February 2019

**CLEANING: 29 Dec 18**  
 Zammit Family & Filomena Uberti

**COUNTERS: 30 Dec 18**  
 Terry Doyle & John Lee

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**  
 Restarts after School Holidays

**READERS: 29/30 Dec 18**  
 6.30pm Ann Doyle & Terri Mckay  
 8.30am Rachel Cheng & Doris Teh  
 10.30am Mary King & Leon Raj  
 6.30pm Rhea Torres & Rhea Veigas

**MUSICIANS & COMPUTER SUPPORT:**  
**29/30 Dec 18**  
 6.30pm Margaret, Jayden & Dean  
 8.30am Therese, Rachel & Bill Ta  
 10.30am Molly, Maria, Sidney, Rick, Rishika  
 6.30pm Music

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL BREAD RUN:**  
 Dec 27 Thur Josie Camilleri  
 Jan 03 Thur Anna Tefillo  
 Jan 10 Thur Robert & Angela Koeoets  
 Jan 17 Thur Carmen Leitao  
 Thank you to all those who continually "Serve the Lord with joy" by participating on these rosters.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** Father Longinus Onyechesi 9763 7302  
**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Sr Mary Brady: Wednesday, Thursday 9753 2170  
**Parish Office:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 9am - 4pm 9763 7302  
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A Defibrillator for use in a cardiac emergency is located in the foyer of the Church



### CHRISTMAS DAY READINGS

First Reading: Is 52:7-10  
 Second Reading: Heb 1:1-6  
 Gospel: Jn 1:1-5. 9-14



### SERVICES & CONTACTS:

**BAPTISM:** 9763 7302  
 By Appointment. 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon. Welcoming: Sunday prior at 10.30am Parish Mass.  
**COMMUNITY CENTRE:**  
 Parish Office 9763 7302  
**FITNESS CLASS:**  
 Pam Jess 0419 555 694  
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 Leigh Fleming 9763 7323  
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**PARISH LEADERSHIP GROUP**  
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**PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS:**  
**St. Jude's School** 8761 9600  
 Mr Tim Mc Mullen, Principal  
**Holy Trinity School** 9801 8296  
 Mr John Downie, Principal  
**St Mary's College for Hearing Impaired Students** 9800 2733  
 Amanda Purcell, Principal

**PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS:**  
**Mater Christi College** 754 6611  
 Ms Mary Fitz Gerald, Principal  
**St. Joseph's College** 9758 2000  
 Ms Cathy Livingston, Principal  
 Rector Fr Martin Tanti 9758 2000

For all information on our Parish,  
 please check our website  
[pol.org.au/scoresby](http://pol.org.au/scoresby)

## Serve the Lord with Joy

### 1st Reading – Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

### 2nd Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

### Gospel – Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

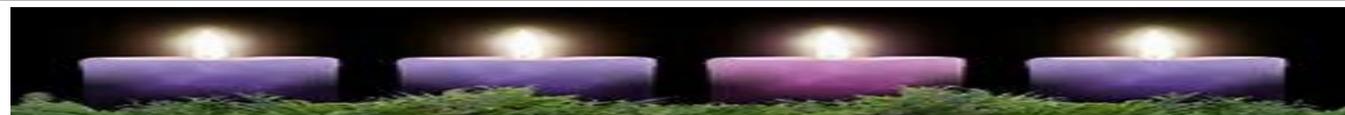
There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually reenact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.

### Living the Gospel

**Looking for Signs:** When Mary went to visit Elizabeth she was not looking for a sign that she had made the right decision. Rather, because she had accepted God's will the sign was given to her. Her acceptance and action came first. The sign came later as a confirmation. At times we look to God to provide us with a sign that our impending action is the right choice. However, faith acts in trust and confidence; it doesn't wait around for a green light from God. When we do act in faith, the flow on effects are the sign of confirmation.



## Serve the Lord with Joy



Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

— Pope Francis —

### NOTICE FOR HALL USERS

We request that those (groups) who use the hall on a regular basis, kindly send us your booking dates for 2019. This is to ensure we do not overlap with other bookings. Otherwise, we may not be able to guarantee the hall for you.

Please email the Parish Office at [scoresby@cam.org.au](mailto:scoresby@cam.org.au) by 28<sup>th</sup> of December.



### MUSICIAN & SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Be part of the Parish Community to celebrate this Mass at 9:00pm on 24<sup>th</sup> of December.

If you can play any instrument or sing and love to be involved in this celebration, please contact Rachel David on 0418 258 424.



### CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PLAY

24<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm at St Jude's Parish Church  
Any school age children who would like to participate in the 6pm Christmas Eve Nativity Play please contact Nerina Marotta on 0438 637 462.

Families will be advised of their child/ren's role via email with costume suggestions and parts to rehearse. There will be both speaking and non speaking parts available. Rehearsal for the Nativity play will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11:30am in the church. Please contact Nerina before Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December to participate.



### THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

Sincere Thanks to St Jude's, Holy Trinity, St Mary's Students, Teachers, Parents and Parishoners for their overwhelming support for the Christmas Appeal. Grade 5 & 6 at Holy Trinity have done a wonderful job. Well Done. There will be a lot of Families in the Community who will have a great Christmas because of everyone's effort. Also to Brumby's Studfield, Huey's Bakehouse Scoresby, Curves Gym in Rowville for their ongoing support.

To Fr Longinus Sr Mary and Salesian Sisters a big.... Thankyou.  
Without Volunteers Vinnies would not happen .... Thankyou  
The Committee have been a wonderful support To Everyone... We wish you a Happy, Holy Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year

*Carmel Quiney and Committee Members*



Many thanks to you and your parish community for your prayerful and ongoing financial support for the work of Catholic Mission. All of us at the Catholic Mission would like to wish you and your parish community every blessing this Christmas and a happy and peace-filled New Year.

**With Gratitude to your support,  
Kevin Meese & Staff of Catholic Mission - Melbourne**

### CHANGE IN MASS TIMINGS

Please note: from 2019 the weekend evening Mass timings will change from 6.30pm to **6.00pm**.

