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ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery
02nd December, 2018
1st Sunday of Advent



MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6.30pm, Reconciliation 6:00pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm
Weekday Mass Times:
Tuesday 6.30pm, Wednesday - Saturday 9.00am

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: Bar 5:1-9
Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6. 8-11
Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

ROSTERS

ALTAR SOCIETY: 15 Dec 18
Cora Lijnders

BINGO: "Eyes Down" 13 Dec 18
Neethin Thottan & Don Uberti

CLEANING: 15 Dec 18
Cora Lijnders, Lucille Everetts & Christine H.

COUNTERS: 16 Dec 18
Rosary Pereira & Cora Lijnders

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 16 Dec 18
Ruth & Leeana

READERS: 15/16 Dec 18
6.30pm Ellen & Lachlan Casey
8.30am Frank & Margaret McCulloch
10.30am Stephen Cavanagh & Linda Lampa
6.30pm Dinelle H.

MUSICIANS & COMPUTER SUPPORT:
15/16 Dec 18
6.30pm Margaret, Jayden & Dean
8.30am Therese, Rachel & Bill Ta
10.30am Molly, Maria, Sidney, Rick, Audrey
6.30pm Music

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BREAD RUN:
Dec 13 Thur Terri Mckay
Dec 20 Thur Anita D'Mello
Dec 27 Thur Josie Camilleri
Jan 03 Thur Anna Tefillo
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
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



PENITENTIAL SERVICE/ RECONCILIATION:

Thursday 20th December at 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:
6.00pm (Children's Mass - please be seated by 5.45pm)
Children welcome to wear Christmas costumes
9.00 pm (Carols begin at 8.30 pm)
11.00 pm (Carols begin at 10.30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES:
8.30am & 10.30am

THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON
CHRISTMAS DAY

NEW YEAR MASS:
10.00am on Tuesday, January 1st

For all information on our Parish,
please check our website
pol.org.au/scoresby

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, 19 December
3rd Wednesdays 'Cuppa & Chat'
Friday, 21 December
Term 4 Finishes
Saturday, 22 December
Carols in the Hall after 6.30pm Mass

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 9302
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pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com

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

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1st Reading – Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

2nd Reading – Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel – Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.



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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 by 28th of December.



MUSICIAN & SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Be part of the Parish Community to celebrate this Mass at 9:30pm on 24th 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 SPIRIT - EVERGREENS LUNCH

Thank you to all who attended the annual Evergreens Christmas lunch on Tuesday - this is truly one of the loveliest events that has been a tradition at St Jude's for many years. It gives parishioners a chance to reconnect with those, who due to a variety of reasons, they may not have seen through the year.

A highlight was the Christmas Carols sung by St Jude's Grade 5/6 students. One of the students was heard to comment afterwards that "they felt warm in their heart for being able to put a smile on someone's face at Christmas time" - the Spirit of Christmas is surely alive and well at St Jude's.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Martinus (Martin) Boek – passed away on 29th Nov. Funeral was last Thursday



VINNIES CHRISTMAS

Gift Tags will be on the tree this weekend. If you wish to donate please consider a Gift Card/Voucher this Christmas.

We wish to encourage our friends in need to purchase their own Gifts. This will enhance self esteem and promote decision making.

Gift cards can be Target, Kmart, Coles Myer, Woolworths, Westfield or even Village Theatres or J B Hi Fi. Toys for young children can still be donated. There is no set amount. It is what you feel comfortable with and can afford.

Cards can be placed in the box provided or in the baskets. All Gift cards and gifts need to be left no later than weekend 15th/16th December to enable deliveries to be completed.

If you have any enquiries please feel free to call Carmel 0400 485 874.

Sincere Thanks,
Vinnies Committee,
Scoresby Conference



CAROLS IN THE HALL

There will be Carols by 'Mistic band' in the hall after the 6:30pm Mass on Saturday, 22nd December. BYO food. **ALL WELCOME.**

CHANGE IN MASS TIMINGS

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

LOURDES DAY MASS

All Parishioners are cordially invited to the 2018 Lourdes Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10.30am on Saturday 1 December.

This is an occasion to come together in prayer with those who are sick, infirm or elderly, and their carers. As many are unlikely to ever visit Lourdes, it's like Lourdes coming to them.