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ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

Phone 9763 7302 Email: scoresby@cam.org.au **Member of Knox Deanery** 16th December. 2018 3rd 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

Lord with Joy". We respect diversity and welcome all who choose to belong to our community. By sharing



Thursday 20th December at 7.00pm

6.00pm (Children's Mass –please be

Children welcome to wear Christmas

9.00 pm (Carols begin at 8.30 pm) 11.00 pm (Carols begin at 10.30 pm)

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

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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. 4 th Sunday of the month	
at 12 noon. Welcoming: Sunday prior at	
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Rector Fr Martin Tanti

Serve the Lord with Joy

1st Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

2nd Reading – Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel – Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the Lord is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birthpangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

Have you Thought? A Change of heart

The baptism that John Preached and practiced was a baptism of repentance. What he called on people to do was to recognise the areas of their lives that were unbalancing their relationship with God. There was a strong recognition that unless they were in right relationship with one another they could not be in right relationship with God. In recognising the need for change in their lives, John challenged them to also make a change of heart: to approach their lives differently. This is why they were questioning him about practical ways of living out their new commitment.





Serve the Lord with Joy

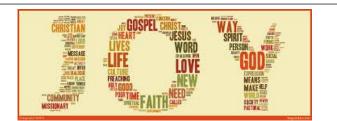
Please collect your evelopes from the table in the foyer. They include a special message from Fr Longinus. Also for those in our thanksgiving program, the receipts for Jul17 to Jun18 have also been included.

Thank vou. Parish Office (97637302)





There will be Carols by 'Mystic band' in the hall after the 6:30pm Mass on Saturday, 22nd December. BYO food. Santa will be giving gifts to all children. ALL WELCOME.



REFLECTION

There is a clear note of joy in today's lityrgy. Joy is a blend of laughter and tears. It consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life. It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages, Knowing that big packages are few and far between. It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now. Joy is love bubbling over into life. And it can coexist with pain, joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace, has taken up residence in our hearts.

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

CHANGE IN MASS TIMINGS

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

