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ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

Phone 9763 7302 Email: scoresby@cam.org.au **Member of Knox Deanery** 15th September, 2019 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

MASS & DEVOTIONAL TIMES: Saturday 6.00pm, Reconciliation 5:30pm Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.00pm Tuesday - 6.30pm, Wednesday-Saturday 9.00am Friday - 6.30pm Rosary & Benediction

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WHO IS A SINNER?

The Jews at the time of Jesus had a particular view of sin and its consequences. Because of the multiple rules of purity and proper behaviour, it was almost impossible for an average person not to commit a sin at some time and sin was seen as making one impure. Sacrifice, worship and even baptism were means of restoring purity and removing sin. However, sin that was not acknowledged and rectified quickly would be punished by God. Those who suffered chronic illness, impairment or deformity were seen as being punished by God for their own or their parents' sin and Jesus challenged this

IMPORTANT DATES:

2.30pm HT School Mass - Grade 3&4 10.00am SJ School Mass - Grade 3&4W

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SERVICES & CONTACTS:

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By Appointment. 4th Sunday of the month	
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1st Reading – Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

2nd Reading – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel - Luke 15:1-10 (Shorter form)

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to reestablish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

Serve the Lord with Joy

Wheart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

What's coming up at Heart of Life...

As you are aware, Heart of Life holds regular seminars, retreats and workshops to assist people to deepen their relationship with God. Our next seminars are as below:

The Hero's Journey, Sat 21 Sep 2019, 10am-4pm. With heroic figures from both literature and film as our guides, we will map the Journey of the Hero: its spiritual significance and its power to inspire. You will be invited to question your own Journey, to discern the presence of the Hero within and to pursue it fearlessly. Facilitated by psychologist and spiritual director Simon Jenkinson. \$60

Spring's Return Creative Enrichment, Weds x 4, 9-30 Oct 2019, 1pm-3pm, journeying with a reflective and creative process, you are invited to touch the new growth, colour and gifts of Spring with your heart space. Come to one or all. \$105 or \$30 per session Contact Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, tel 03 9890 1101, email holsc@bigpond.com or book and pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne

1ST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep in prayer our Children who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucarist for the first time at the 2pm Mass on Sunday, 15th September

MULTICULTURAL ROSARY AND ADORATION

On FRIDAY, 11 October, from 7.30 - 8.30pm a multicultural rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St Jude's parish church to honour Jesus and Mary and pray for our parish community and our world, so that all peoples may turn away from sin and return to God.



Home Visits and Holy Communion to the **Homebound**

If you are sick, elderly or homebound or know of someone who is, and would like Fr. Longinus to visit for Pastoral Care, or to have Holy Communion brought to them, please contact the Parish Office during parish office hours (9763 7302).



The Alight Family Fiesta is on **Saturday 21 September**. We are all part of a family so everyone is welcome. If the faith of your family could benefit from some encouragement right now, come and join us! Registrations close on Wednesday 11 September. Fr Leo Patalinghug, chef and priest, will cook up a storm to feed us body, mind and soul. There will be rides, games, live music – don't miss out!

Register today at www.cam.org.au/alight19. For enquiries contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587. If the cost is a problem, we can help. See the "Subsidy" tab on the Alight website.



All those who attended the *Mass of Anointing* on Wednesday wish to express their appreciation to Fr. Longinus, for giving us the opportunity to receive this Sacrament. A big thank you also, to the parishioners who assisted in the preparation, celebration and provision of generous hospitality thank you for living out the spirit of Pastoral Outreach in our parish.

Thank you to those who attended the second training and information session for *Extraordinary* Ministers of Holy Communion last Tuesday. Further information will follow.

If you are a Reader, please note that a new *Reader's Roster* has been published. If you have not received a copy, please contact Rachel Cheng or alternatively please pick up a printed copy of the Roster from the sacristy. A reminder that if you are not able to attend your rostered time to please organise your replacement.

PARISH UPDATE

Fr. Longinus will be away on Clergy Conference from Monday 16th September to Thursday 19th September. There will be no Masses on these days. Friday and Saturday Masses will go ahead as usual.

Father will also be away during the **month of October**; and will be organising replacement Preists for celebrating Masses during this Month.