

If the Pharisee had his way the Taxcollector would not have been allowed into the Temple at all. Some people believe that sinners should never go to church. They cry 'hypocrites' at those who do. According to them only saints should be admitted to church. But that would result in a very small church, and would make as little sense as a repair shop that accepted only sound things, or a hospital that accepted only healthy people. We go to church not because we are worthy, but because we need to. We are brave enough to admit our sinfulness, but are willing to strive for something better. We need the healing mercy of God, as well as the support of the community, if our efforts at self-improvement are to bear fruit.

IMPORTANT DATES: Wednesday, 13 November 2019 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Sunday, 17 November 2019 Multiculturalism Celebration at St Jude's Wednesday, 20 November 2019 3rd Wednesdays 'Cuppa & Chat' Tuesday, 26 November 2019 Memorial Mass at 7:30 pm Tuesday, 3 December 2019 Anointing Mass at 11:00 pm Evergreens' Lunch at 12:00 pm

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49 George Street, Scoresby 3179 Phone 9763 7302 Email: scoresby@cam.org.au **Member of Knox Deanery** 27th October, 2019 **30th 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

SINNERS IN CHURCH

SERVICES & CONTACTS:

BAPTISM:	9763 7302
By Appointment. 4 th Sunday of the month	
at 12 noon. Welcoming: Sunday prior at	
10.30am Parish Mass.	
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Serve the Lord with Joy

1st Reading – Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judgewho is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavors to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.



ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Tuesday 26th November 7.30pm - ALL WELCOME

November is the month in the church calender dedicated to pray for our deceased loved ones. With this in mind, any Parisioner who has experienced a bereavement because of the death of a family member or friend since end of September 2018, you are invited to provide the name of the deceased person so they can be mentioned in our special liturgy at this Mass.

It would assist our planning to have this information no later than Tuesday 19th November. Light refreshments will be served following Mass.

Please ring Preethi at the Parish office – 9763 7302 any Tues, Wed or Thur between 9.15am to 2.45pm or Mary King 0438 644 425 at other times. Thank You.

- Mary on behalf of the Liturgy Team



World Mission Appeal

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in India and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Eden Gardens Children's Home to provide the practical and spiritual support the children need to follow their dreams.

Right across the world, Catholic communities during the Extraordinary Missionary Month will join together in a range of actions that witness to an extraordinary work of mission in the world – thank you for being part of this mission through your generous support.

If you missed out, gift envelops are still available, or you may wish to donate directly by phone (1800 257 296) or at catholicmission.org.au.





SR MARY BRADY'S FAREWELL

To thank and farewell Sr. Mary Brady for her many years of service to our parishioners and our parish, a morning tea will be held in the Reception Room, after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, 24 November. Please mark this date in your calendar and join us to thank her and wish her well. We ask that you also extend this invitation to those who may not receive this notice.

As a memento of her time in our parish, a collection of quotes, messages and photos is being compiled and will be presented to her on the day. If you wish to contribute to this collection or in another form, please contact Leon Raj (liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com), Mary King (0438 644 425), Ann Doyle (0402 904 678) or the Preethi at the Parish Office. We will have some nice designer paper (available after Mass from next weekend, 2nd/3rd November) for your comments. You may wish to write the message out yourself or pass your message to us and it will then be written up by a calligrapher..



Celebrating our Multiculturalism On Sunday 17th November 2019 (11.30 am - 3.00pm)

St Jude's parish Scoresby will be celebrating our multicultural family day at the parish centre. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this fun filled annual event.

Catch up with friends and family or make it a family day. Bring a light lunch or enjoy the opportunity to enjoy some of the culinary delights prepared by parishioners who have made Scoresby community their home after migrating from such diverse countries as India, Italy, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Mauritius, Korea, China, Ireland, Philippines and many more. All the food will be freely available including tea and coffee.

For your entertainment there will be a live band performing and the renowned entertainer Derrick J will be performing throughout the event. There will also be a number of ethnic groups performing native and cultural dancing for your entertainment.

It's a free event, so put in your calendar not to miss this memorable event. Come along and enjoy one another's culture and companionship and experience the rich diversity multiculturalism has brought into our parish community.

> For further information email : scoresby@cam.org.au or Joe Fonseka - 040 200 5517



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).

PARISH UPDATE

Father Longinus will be away during the **month of October**; he has organised substitute Priests for celebrating the Weekend Masses for this Month. **Please note:**

There are no weekday Masses this month.