



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY
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 Member of Knox Deanery
 20th December, 2020
 4th Sunday of Advent - Year B



MASS TIMES (Details on Page 3)
 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15am
 Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

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.

A PRAYER TO TAKE US TO CHRISTMAS

Lord, you split no sky when you came among us,
 and you rose not from the sea.
 A star was seen in the heavens – but only by those who looked.
 A choir of angels was heard – but only by those who listened.
 No thunder, no storm, no cataclysm announced you,
 just the cry of a lowly refugee,
 Turning to no one, turning to everyone,
 Saying, "Will you let me in?"
 And so, when every night is winter,
 and every town is Bethlehem,
 and every inn seems filled,
 and on every ear those words are heard,
 "Will you let me in?"
 May we have eyes to see the star,
 May we have ears to hear the choir,
 May we have hearts that finally speak:
 Yes, yes, by all means, come in.
 Come in and stay.
 Amen.
 (Taken from Catholic Relief Services)



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 Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

ADVENT

It's that time of **WAITING** in the midst of **BUSYNESS**.
 It's a time of **HOPE** in the midst of **TIREDDNESS**.
 It's that time of **NEW BEGINNING**
 in the midst of **CLOSING DOWN THE YEAR**.



1st Reading – 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

2nd Reading – Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel – Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

The world in which we live and the events of which we are a part are the stage upon which the drama of salvation is enacted. God works through real flesh and blood people, those like David, who occupy the seats of power and influence as well as those like Mary and us, who are unseen and unknown. All can be agents of salvation. God's future is in our hands. Human history is really the history of salvation. Each turn of God's revealing causes us to wonder at what might come next. In this tension, mystery is revealed. What was hidden is now made known. Jesus establishes a people of covenant promise. Still, the mystery is unknown, for it continues to come to us from the future, revealing more and more of itself in the junctures of history.

The waiting of Advent is over. In the face of the impossible, God works the possible. During Advent, we have been waiting for the realisation of the promise made to David. We have been waiting for Mary's yes. With this yes, hope is enlivened, and history is changed. There is an unimaginable future for all people, a future that comes from God. Salvation is created among us, and the fate of history is altered by a godly presence. This salvation resides in the hearts of those who believe in the gift, and who stay awake eagerly to know its coming. With David we await it, with the nations we long for it, with Mary we behold it

Mass at St Jude's

Please continue to register using trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BLWWV>) for our **weekend Masses only**. Register by 12:00 pm on Saturday for the Saturday 6:00 pm Mass and by 10:00 pm Saturday for the Sunday morning Masses. For our **weekday Masses only**, please ensure your name is recorded on the sheet provided as you enter the church and place a tick besides the Mass you are attending.

To comply with our on-going contact tracing requirements, we encourage you to arrive at Mass a little earlier to attend to these administrative tasks. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

For parishioners who are unable to register directly with trybooking, please email your booking to massrequest.stjudes@gmail.com or call the Parish Office (9763 7302) between 9:15 am to 2:30 pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please provide the Mass time you wish to attend, and the names and contact numbers of those attending.

Christmas Mass Times at St Jude's



As we countdown to Christmas, our Christmas Mass times are:

- Christmas Eve Children's Mass, 24 December 6:00 pm (Carols beginning at 5:30 pm)
- Christmas Eve Family Mass, 24 December 9:00 pm (Carols beginning at 8:30 pm)
- Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, 24 December 11:00 pm (Carols beginning at 10.30 pm)
- Christmas Day Mass, 25 December 8:30 am
- Christmas Day Mass, 25 December 10:30 am

We encourage you to arrive at Mass a little earlier to attend to the required administrative tasks. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Please register using trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BNLDF>) or by scanning this QR code (this is a secure QR code to the trybooking website):



If you know of friends and family who would typically attend our Christmas Masses, please let them know that pre-registration is strongly recommended to ensure we do not exceed our COVID Safe limit.

The Liturgy Team

Columban Calendars and Majellan Christmas Cards are available this year. The Calendars cost \$10.00 each. Christmas Cards cost \$6.00 for a packet of 10 cards. Delivery can be arranged by phoning Margaret or Frank McCulloch on 9763 1590.



We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and extend our love and support to them

Bernie Lewis , Maurice Piston , Anne Piston , Patricia Ellison , Gabor Nemeth , Bruno Volpi , Ian Duncan , Colleen Peters , Pamela Hargreaves , Vincenzo Abbatangelo , Sheila Hill , Carlos Morales



THANKYOU FROM VINNIES

On behalf of the Scoresby Conference of St Vincent De Paul, I would like to Thank Fr Mark for his support, also the Salesian Sisters.

As we are all aware of the challenges we have faced this year there are many Families in our Community that need support. Families struggling with Homelessness, Unemployment, Domestic Violence as well as a few New Babies meaning extra mouths to feed.

To The Parishioner's and Families of St Jude's Parish my Heartfelt ""Thanks"

To Students and Parents of St Jude's, Holy Trinity and St Mary's School for the Deaf, There were fundraisers and other various collections and the response has been overwhelming. It is very comforting to see the Students wanting to help those who are in need.

Credit to The Teachers at St Jude's and Holy Trinity and St Mary's for coordinating all the activities. (Not forgetting the Principals Mr Tim McMullen, Mr John Downie and Ms Purcell)

Many Thanks to Susan from Curves in Rowville for her ongoing support and Curves in Boronia who came on board this year. Thank you to Gary and Gail and Staff at Huey's Bake house in Scoresby who keep our needy Families in Bread and Rolls each week.

The many donated Vouchers have been distributed to enable the Families to have a Happier Christmas with good food and special treats on Christmas Day. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support which is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the Committee, Have a Very Happy Christmas, Blessed with Love, Laughter and Peace to All. Stay safe and enjoy the summer break with Family and Friends.

Carmel
President Scoresby Conference ST Vincent De Paul.

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