

ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



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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.

MESSAGE FROM FR. MARK

A comment that appeared on Twitter on Thursday morning about the US election said: "No matter who wins the election the task ahead is to heal the wounds and move toward reconciliation and forgiveness. The next President will need to be a 'Healer-in-Chief."

As we know the US President is the Commander in Chief of the American military, so it's a bit of a play on words, and a good one. But no single person can bring the healing that is required in the US or anywhere in the world including Australia. We too are a divided society. We have many for whom life is a daily desperate struggle because of health, abuse, broken relationships, unemployment or under employment, addiction, racism, lack of education and opportunity that comes with that. No one person can heal any of that. The hope however is that everyone wants to fix it. That is very much our mission as people of Christian faith. The dignity of each and every person is a responsibility in which we all share.

I wonder if all too often we think the responsibility just sits with those in power or position. The more we keep thinking that way the longer the problem will last.

Stay well, Mark



From November 8th NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. For more information see https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week



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Mr John Downie 9801 8296

St Mary's College for the Deaf

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Ms Mary Fitz-Gerald St. Joseph's College

Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

1st Reading - Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. How it will happen, we do not know. When it will happen, we do not know. That it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Office Closed: St Jude's Parish Office will remain closed until further notice.

Please contact us via email at <u>Scoresby@cam.org.au</u>. We will endeavour to respond to you as soon as we can. For emergencies and urgent Pastoral matters, please contact Fr Mark on 0438 644 196.

Please send us an email if you would like to receive regular Parish updates and the weekly newsletter.

Thanksgiving Contributions to Our Parish: You can make contributions towards your Thanksgiving payments easily online using a Credit or Visa Debit Card where you can setup a recurring payment or a one-off offering to the Parish and/or the Presbytery. Please click on the link below and follow directions - https://bit.ly/CDFpayScoresby. **Kindly indicate your thanksgiving number in the comments box when making payment.**

Resumption of Mass

With the revised Step 2 restrictions, we are able to celebrate Mass in the church with 10 participants plus the celebrant.

The schedule of Masses will continue to be flexible from week to week – please refer to the latest newsletter or website for the current schedule. For the week beginning Monday, 9th November, the schedule as follows:

Wednesday 11th November: 9:15am
 Thursday 12th November: 9:15am

Friday 13th November: 9:15 am and 10 am
Saturday 14th November: 5:15 pm and 6:00 pm

• Sunday 15th November: 8:30 am, 9:30 am and 10:30 am

We ask that you attend Mass no more than once a fortnight to allow as many parishioners as possible to attend. Readers will not be rostered, so you may wish to take this opportunity to read at the Mass you attend. A face mask must be worn during Mass (unless you have a medical exemption), and physical distancing maintained. Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only, as per Archdiocese Guidelines.

To adhere to contact tracing requirements, attendees will be required to register via TryBooking: https://www.trybooking.com/BLWWV

Please register by 10pm the night before the Mass you wish to attend. For parishioners who are unable to register directly, please email your booking to massrequest.stjudes@gmail.com with the Mass you wish to attend, and the names and contact numbers of those attending or call 0408 989 843 between 9am to 4pm (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Online Mass will continue to be recorded on Thursday at 10:30 am for those who are unable to physically attend Mass – please note, that this is not a public Mass celebration. The recorded Mass can be viewed online, each Saturday from 6pm onwards, via the St Judes YouTube Channel or our Parish website http://pol.org.au/scoresby.

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.

On Monday 2 November, **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** celebrated All Souls' Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Before celebrating Mass, he recorded a brief video message for the Melbourne Catholic community, inviting us to pray for all our faithful departed in this month of remembrance. He also gave a brief update on a number of key works that have taken place recently in our local church, and how each generation of believers seeks to bring the Gospel to life in their own time and place. https://melbournecatholic.org/news/remembering-those-who-have-gone-before-us



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

Edwin Duval, Germaine Duval, Claude Madou, Martin Phillip, Maria Nesci, Daisy Jackson, Jannene Harvey, Nelvya Kelaart, Dorothy Pickles, Haydo Walker, Gary Stewart, Mary Mulcahy, Ken Stout, Carmel Ashby

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This week was a real turning of the corner as we were allowed into our church to celebrate Mass – it was like coming home, a very warm and comfortable feeling.

We are very lucky in our parish that we have so many people who put their hand up to help and as Xavier often remarks, he couldn't accomplish all he does without the help of others. To all those who have kept the church in good order, organised rosters, assisted with the marquee, delivered notices, etc., Thank You very much. As you read this newsletter please send up a quiet prayer of thanks for those who give so generously of their time.

Child Safety Committee

Some weeks ago, we brought to your attention the need for a Child Safety Committee to be established in our parish. Now that the parish is opening up again that need is more urgent.

The parish must ensure that our policies and practices meet the requirements of both the Victorian Government and the Catholic Church. We are seeking volunteers who have an interest in this area and would like to be part of this very important committee. For further information please contact the PPC – pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com

Teddy Bear's Picnic



This week's photos were taken as we enjoyed a walk along the Dandenong Creek, beginning at Wantirna Road. Imagine our surprise as we rounded a corner and all these teddies confronted us. It brought to mind, the Teddy Bear's Picnic song that most of us would have sung to our children in their younger years. I found myself humming the tune for the remainder of our walk. Definitely worth a visit.



Out and About

Who/where have you visited now that we can go out and about? We'd love to hear your stories. Please email through to pastoral.st.judes@gmail.com or contact Ann on 0402 904 678.

Jude's Kitchen

This week, thanks goes to Maureen for sharing her Meringue recipe. Looks v easy, I will have to give it a go.

Maureen's Meringues

2 egg whites

- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 teaspoon cornflour
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 4 tablespoons boiling water.

Beat all together until thick & glossy. Pre heat oven then turn down to 100°. Spoon teaspoons full onto large oven tray lined with baking paper. Cook 1 hr, turn oven off & leave them in the oven to cool.



Last week's recipe Barm Brack was a winner

Alf's Corner in the Corner

When God Sends You Help, Don't Ask Questions

She hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside. The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said, to herself "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within 5 minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a scruffy, bearded man wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked if he could help. "Yes" she said "my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?" "Sure" he said and walked over to the car. In less than a minute, the car door was open. She hugged the man and through tears, spoke softly, "Thank you, God, for sending me such a very nice man."

The man heard her little prayer and replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft." The woman hugged the man again sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional."



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SHUBI CHIKARA KARATE

Weekly Training Classes on Monday's at St. Jude's Community Centre. (*Postponed until Further Notice*)

Contact: Anthony on 0433 413 177

The information provided has been accepted in good faith, and a listing in this Directory does not mean that we guarantee the quality of performance of those listed.

General Guidelines for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Information Updated: Thursday 29 October 12.00pm

The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the latest directives announced by Government as part of the proposed Roadmaps for the reopening of the Metropolitan and Regional areas of Victoria, the following will become operational for Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne from 11:59pm on 27 October, 2020.

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE STEP TWO Summary with new additions as of 11.59pm Tuesday 27 October

Curfew: no longer in place.

Travel: Up to 25km (but not into regional Vic for recreation)

Religious Ceremonies: Outdoor religious ceremonies: permitted with up to 20 people plus a faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship.

Indoor religious ceremonies: permitted with up to 10 people plus a faith leader.

Note: Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is only one group permitted at a time. Plus, Parish needs to have prepared a COVID-safe plan outlining how they will manage gatherings.

Private worship: allowed for a household, and two adults, and any of their children or dependents, plus a faith leader.

Weddings: may be held indoors or outdoors with up to ten people (including two witnesses) plus the couple, the celebrant and a photographer. Infants under 12 months of age are not included in this cap.

Funerals: allowed with up to 20 mourners. Infants under 12 months and people required to conduct the funeral not included in the cap. A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church.

Baptisms: may be celebrated under the latest outdoor and indoor religious gathering limits, Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water.

Public Gatherings in Public Spaces: up to 10 people from across multiple households, friends and/or family outdoors (infants under 12 months not included in cap, but other children must be included in number limit).

Visitors to the Home: Two adults and children that cannot be left unsupervised can gather in a household within the 25km radius once a day. Visitor records must be kept. If you have visitors, you cannot visit someone else's home that day. Visitors to households must wear masks. Single bubbles remain in place.

Work: If you can't work from home, you can go to work, and you do not need to carry a permit. However, you still need a permit to travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria for work or study. If you can work from home, you must continue to work from home.

At all times consideration must be given to:

NUMBERS - DENSITY - HYGIENE