



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY
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 Member of Knox Deanery
 13th December, 2020
 3rd 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.

MESSAGE FROM FR. MARK

Last Sunday our Premier Daniel Andrews announced a further easing of COVID restrictions. This was welcome news for us all I am sure. But in the midst of what he said, gave a very specific and telling directive: "Victorians are to carry their masks at all times and wear them when appropriate social distancing is not possible." Such a statement is very telling for firstly it reminds us of where we have been for much of this year but also where we are now and will be into the future. This in fact is the new 'COVID normal' which simply means things will not return to the way they were. That is just as true for parishes as it is for any other part of society. So what do we do? Lament that we have lost what we had perhaps. Such an attitude and approach will take us nowhere. Rather I think we could use our new era of COVID normal to ask a question or two. What do I want my parish of St Jude's to look like into the future? What can I bring and what can I do to create anew our parish community? And very importantly, how do we as a community engage with ALL of those around us? We are blessed as we become more and more a multi-cultural community and this means we all have new ways to learn and celebrate one another. Each of us is a gift to our parish community whether we have been here for fifty years, five years or five months. Together we make our community a wonderful place to be. So as our new COVID normal begins to take shape our challenge is to let a new way of being parish take shape. I don't know what that will look like, but I'd love to hear your thoughts so why not drop me an email or give me a call.
 Mark



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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**.



ST JUDES PARISH PRESENTS

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

December 17th 6 - 7 pm

Bring your family and friends!
 Wear your festive clothes!

Register family names at event to be COVIDsafe.

PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St. Jude's Primary
 Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600
Holy Trinity Primary
 Mr John Downie 9801 8296
St. Mary's College for the Deaf
 Ms. Amanda Purcell 9800 2733
Mater Christi College
 Ms Mary Fitz-Gerald 9754 6611
St. Joseph's College
 Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

1st Reading – Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.
Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.
May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel – John 1:6-8. 19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

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.

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.

Mass at St Jude's



Please continue to register using trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BLWVV>) 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
- Christmas Eve Family Mass, 24 December 9:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, 24 December 11:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass, 25 December 8:30 am
- Christmas Day Mass, 25 December 10:30 am

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



We pray for those who have died recently and extend our support and care to their families

Stephen McMahon (Brother of Martin McMahon)

And also to those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Robert Lewis, Margaret Neary, William Storen, Stuart Ferguson, Jack Beard, Pamela Hall, Iva Thatcher, Lorrie Bubeck, Cecilia Clement, Edmund Thavapragam, Michael Hageman, Franas Miranda, Rose Wong, Shamanthi Jeyaseelan, Terry Eaton, Milton Gardiner, Reparata De Petra, Luigi Masciarelli

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

This year has been very challenging and we understand the issues facing our Parish Community and even more so our Friends in Need.

If you can help, please donate to Vinnies Christmas Appeal either online or by phone; details listed below. Cash donations can also be accepted and receipts will be issued. Envelopes are available in the church foyer, ensure that you include your name, address and the amount.

Again, this Christmas, we will be collecting Gift Card/Vouchers. These will be distributed to the Families to purchase gifts. This enables them to make suitable choices for their family. Suggested Vouchers: Coles, Myer, Kmart, Target, JB Hi-Fi, and Village Theatre. ***We will not be collecting Toys.***

To be part of this initiative please take a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer. Tags can then be attached to the gift card/voucher, placed in an envelope with 'Vinnies Christmas Vouchers' written on the envelope. Seal the envelope and place it in the collection boxes located in the church foyer. Gifts cards must be returned by **15th December**. This will enable them to be delivered in time for parents to purchase gifts.

Please contact me on 0400 485 874 if you have questions.

The St Jude's Vinnies Committee truly appreciates your ongoing support.

Thank you

Carmel



Donation Type	Procedure
Phone Donations	<p>Call 13 18 13 and donate by phone using a credit card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by giving the name of the conference when you call. • Receipts will be issued by the Fundraising Team.
Online Donations	<p>Please visit vinnies.org.au to make an online donation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by putting the conference name in the relative field. • Receipts will be automatically emailed to donors.

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SHUBI CHIKARA KARATE

Weekly Training Classes
 on Monday's
 at St. Jude's Community Centre.

Contact: Anthony on 0433 413 177