



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY
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 Member of Knox Deanery
 23rd August, 2020
 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY MASS
 can now be viewed online
 (details on page 3 of this bulletin)

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

During COVID Pope Francis is still holding his weekly audience. But like so many things during COVID, it is a 'virtual' audience. In recent weeks he has been addressing Church teaching around social justice and this week applied what he was saying to COVID and the search for a vaccine. In part he said: *"It is essential to find a cure for this small but terrible virus, which has brought the whole world to its knees. We must also cure a larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalisation and the lack of protection for the weakest."*

I think those words ring so true in Australia. We've all been horrified by what has emerged in the Aged Care sector. But this is not a result of COVID, rather COVID has highlighted what has been the reality for many, many years and it is a national disgrace. It is part of what Francis refers to as the 'larger virus' as is the reality of homelessness, the treatment of so many of the disabled, the plight of the abused and those who seek asylum. The vaccine for COVID has got the best minds around the world working day and night. Wouldn't it be great if the best hearts in the world, including ours, could work day and night to address the 'larger virus.'

Stay well and safe,
 Mark



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PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO GOVERN AND REPRESENT US

Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders called to serve us in our nation and its States. May they respond to the challenges of this affliction with prudence and sound judgement. With foresight, may their planning alleviate the economic burdens, compensate for losses, protect employment and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated.

Jude's Corner



Did you read Jude's Corner in last week's newsletter? Thank you to those who responded and took part in the quiz. Visit Jude's Corner on Page 4 & 5 to see who named us correctly. Please become involved with this community section and send good news stories, items of interest; gardening questions; recipes etc that you would like to share. To share with the community - email your article/photo to pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com or by contact the parish office by Wednesday each week.

Feedback gratefully received
 St Jude's Parish Pastoral Council

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Serve the Lord with Joy

1st Reading – Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

2nd Reading – Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

PARISH NEWS

St. Jude's YouTube Channel and Online Masses

Weekend Mass, celebrated by Fr Mark can be viewed online, each Saturday evening from 6pm onwards, via the [St Jude's YouTube Channel](#) or our Parish website <http://pol.org.au/scoresby>

Church Closed During Lockdown

Following the latest guidelines (see page 5) for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, all Masses and Liturgical services at St Jude's Parish have been suspended. The Church will remain closed until further notice.

For regular updates, please refer to the Diocese website: <http://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19> and the Parish website for the weekly newsletter: <http://pol.org.au/scoresby>

To receive regular Parish updates and weekly newsletters please advise us of your email address via scoresby@cam.org.au

Parish Office Closed During Lockdown

Following the latest guidelines of the Archdiocese, St Judes Parish Office will remain closed during stage 4 lockdown or until further notice. We can still be contacted via email at Scoresby@cam.org.au. 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.

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://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635855>

Father's Day is soon approaching!!

The St Jude's Youth Group – *'Lost and Found'* are holding a photo competition.

Take a photo of you and dad/grandfather/uncle/any male figures in your life doing an activity that you have enjoyed during iso.

Send all entries to stjudesyp@gmail.com by Friday 4th September. Anyone is welcome to send their photos through. Have some fun. Get creative. Winners will receive 1 of 5 Father's Day box of chocolates.

Keep updated with our  [St Jude's Lost and Found](#)



Vinnies Winter Appeal

Sincere Thanks to all who were able to contribute to the Winter Appeal on line. Your support under the circumstances is greatly appreciated.

The amount donated; \$1,565.00

Please remember our Friends in need in your Prayers.

Stay Safe and Take Care
Carmel and Vinnies Committee

We pray for those who died recently

Steven Nichols, Patricia (Trish) McMahon (sister of Mary O'Reilly)

And whose anniversaries occur at this time

Joseph Perera, Frank Nolan, Mildred Cooper, John Ahern, Loreta Uberti, Alvin Bruce, Paul Westgarth, Leanne Germano, Malcolm Cole



Serve the Lord with Joy

Jude's Corner

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of Jude's Corner and thank you to those who provided feedback. Congratulations to Sr. Maureen Irvine who is the winner of our Masked Competition. Your little prize will be waiting for you once we get out and about again. For those of you who struggled to identify the members of the Parish Pastoral Council – we have a named unmasked photograph below!!!

Many parishioners have received a phone call from members of the PPC over the past weeks and we have certainly enjoyed our conversations. Many of the phone numbers on the parish database are no longer in use and so we are unable to make contact. If you have changed your number, please update your details by sending to either the office or pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com. We are happy to report that most are taking the lockdown in their stride, missing the same things we are all missing – contact with family and friends and the freedom to come and go as we please, but we know this is for the good of all. Unfortunately, some have had to undergo surgery/time in hospital and we ask that you keep these people in your prayers – being in hospital at any time is difficult but to be unwell and undergo surgery and not have visitors is extremely sad.



Help with Daffodils

Thank you to Elaine who responded to my query regarding my daffodils. Apparently it was covered on 'Gardening Australia' last week. Three factors were mentioned:

1. Not allowing the plant to die-down naturally at the end of the season to return the nutrients back to the bulb.
2. Over-fertilising during the foliage phase in the second year.
3. If the bulbs are in a shady spot or too crowded, they can fail to flower in the second year and beyond.

Hope this helps others or maybe you might like to try your hand at miniature daffodils that I spotted on my walk this week – they are about 15 mm tall and seem to stand upright!!!.

International Cuisine

Parishioners have enjoyed the Multicultural Day held in November over the past few years. Like many things this will be a non-event in 2020. We thought that each week we would include a fairly simple recipe from the country of origin of our parishioners. If you would like to contribute a recipe please email details to pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com

Sri Lankan Coconut Rock

Thank you to *Joe and Corinne Fonseka* for this week's recipe (requested with very little notice)!!



Ingredients:

Desiccated Coconut - 250g
Sugar - 250g
Water - 1 1/4 cup
Salt - 1/4 tsp
Vanilla - 1 tsp
Colouring (green/pink) - 1/3 tsp
Butter - 50g



Method:

1. Heat sugar and water until boiling point.
2. Add salt, vanilla and colouring. Stir continuously.
3. Add desiccated coconut and butter.
4. When the mixture gets thick, pour into a greased tray.
5. Keep for 12-20 minutes and cut into desired shape

Alf's Corner in the Corner

Father, I spent an hour this morning just looking in the mirror and thinking how beautiful I was, a woman confessed to her priest. Will I have to do penance? she asked "No". You only have to do penance for a sin, not a mistake".

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Parish Pastoral Council

Joe Fonseka, Mary King, Robyn Pinches, Xavier David

Peter Madden, Leon Raj, Fr Mark, Ann Doyle

Very helpful and useful info from John Hopkins Hospital regarding COVID,

- This virus is not a living organism. It is a protein molecule (RNA or DNA) covered by a protective layer of lipid (fat), which, when absorbed by the cells of the ocular (eyes), nasal (nose) or buccal mucosa (mouth), changes their genetic code (mutates) and converts into aggressor and multiplier cells.
- Since the virus is not a living organism, but is a protein molecule, it cannot be killed. It has to decay on its own. The disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.
- The virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat, and that is the reason why soap or detergent is the best weapon. The foam CUTS THE FAT (that is why you have to scrub for 20 seconds or more, to create lots of foam). By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down.
- HEAT melts fat; this is why it is necessary to use water above 77 degrees for washing laundry and cleaning surfaces. In addition, hot water makes more foam, making it more effective. Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% DISSOLVES ALL FAT, especially the external lipid layer of the virus.
- Any solution with 1-part bleach and 5 parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaking it down from the inside.
- Oxygenated water increases the effectiveness of soap, alcohol and chlorine, because peroxide dissolves the virus protein. However, because you have to use it in its pure form, it can damage your skin.
- NO BACTERICIDE OR ANTIBIOTIC WILL WORK because the virus is not a living organism like bacteria; antibodies cannot kill what is not alive.
- The virus molecules remain very stable at colder temperatures, including air conditioning in houses and cars. They also need moisture and darkness to stay stable. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade the virus faster.
- UV LIGHT on any object that may contain the virus breaks down the protein. Be careful, it also breaks down collagen (which is protein) in the skin.
- The virus CANNOT go through healthy skin.
- Vinegar is NOT useful because it does not break down the protective layer of fat.
- NO SPIRITS, NOR VODKA, serve. The strongest vodka is only 40% alcohol, and you need a minimum of 65%. LISTERINE is 65% alcohol.
- The more confined the space, the higher the concentration of the virus there can be. The more open or naturally ventilated, the less.
- You have to wash your hands before and after touching any commonly used surfaces such as: mucosa (mouth area), food, locks, knobs, switches, remotes, cell phones, watches, computers, desks etc...and don't forget when you use the bathroom.
- You have to MOISTURIZE YOUR HANDS due to frequent washing. Dry hands have cracks and the molecules can hide in the micro cracks. The thicker the moisturizer, the better.
- Also keep your NAILS SHORT so that the virus does not hide there.

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(Postponed until Further Notice)

Contact: Anthony on 0433 413 177

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General Guidelines for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Information Updated: Tuesday 4 August 5.00pm

Stage 4 – Metropolitan Melbourne

'Metropolitan Melbourne' is made up of 31 local government areas. Stage 4 restrictions have been put in place for these areas and Parishes should check which Council area they come under. Please use the following link with your address to assist in determining your location:

<https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/councils> MAP: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies.

As of 11.59pm Sunday 2 August, 2020 and for a period of 6 weeks unless otherwise directed:

- All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services are to be closed.
- **WEDDINGS:** No weddings are permitted unless an application is made to the DHHS for an exemption on compassionate grounds. If compassionate reasons permit a marriage ceremony to proceed, then only 5 people are allowed, comprising of the couple, the two witnesses and the celebrant.
- **FUNERALS:** will be limited to 10 mourners plus the minimum number required to conduct the funeral.
- **BAPTISMS:** are to be postponed, unless there is an urgent and grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860).
- **LIVESTREAMING:** a limit of 5 in total may be present, including the celebrant.
- **VISITATIONS:** home visitations are not permitted unless for grave reasons. Only Clergy (Priests and Deacons) may visit. All hygiene precautions must be adhered including the wearing of face coverings. Holy Communion is not to be given to anyone in their homes or care facilities, including the sick and homebound, except as Viaticum for the dying, which may be administered only by Priests and Deacons, and complying with all hygiene precautions and the protocols of the relevant hospitals or aged-care facilities (washing hands, etc.) as appropriate.
- **CURFEW:** A Curfew is in place from 8pm until 5am each day. You may leave home for the purposes of essential work only.
- **If you can work from home, you must do so.** All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details.