



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY
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 Member of Knox Deanery
 6th December, 2020
 2nd 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

Every year on the Second Sunday of Advent John the Baptist enters the story...He is a fascinating character, a bit of an ascetic and a bit eccentric too but nevertheless someone with a real passion for change. John was a person who looked at the world around him and was horrified by the sin that abounded in the world of his time. We struggle with sin. It's part of our lives but we Catholics at any rate, for the most part, tend to come at it with a 'list mentality'. The formula so many of us were taught..."Bless me Father for I have sinned and these are my sins." I think John the Baptist would have said..."Bless me Father, for I am horrified by the sin in the world."

It's a very different emphasis. Are we horrified by the sin in our world? Or have we, perhaps unintentionally, come to accept it as 'part of life'? And do we see the violence around us on our streets and in our homes as sin; or the bullying in the school playground or the local park or in the workplace or online as sin? And we might have confessed at some stage..."I have told lies." Isn't the lack of truth in society today, in politics, in industry, in the banks, in the law, all sin? And what of the nations that wage war for the sake of peace, kill for the sake of security? And behind it all, the millions who die each year from hunger and related diseases, locked into oppressive poverty to ensure the standard of living of the privileged few. This is sin. John the Baptist cried out for change and we must too. John the Baptist knew he didn't have the answer, so he pointed to Jesus. We don't have the answer either, so we too need not only to point to Jesus but follow him and live as he did. Then, and only then, will we begin to address the reality of sin that abounds.

Mark

ADVENT

It's that time of **WAITING** in the midst of **BUSYNESS**.

It's a time of **HOPE** in the midst of **TIREDNESS**.

It's that time of **NEW BEGINNING**

in the midst of **CLOSING DOWN THE YEAR**.



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1st Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

2nd Reading – 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in Christianity. What is future is made present. The prophetic oracle announces the future as if it is already happening. This sense of the future-present prompts new ways of living. As the future takes root in human lives, the present is transformed into a new creation and the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a broken-hearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive. The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

Mass at St Jude's



Now that we are in the Last Step of restrictions, Mass can be celebrated in the church with 150 participants.

- For our **weekend Masses only**, please continue to pre-register using trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BLWWV>. 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.

A face mask must still 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. You can also assist us by helping to sanitise/wipe down the pews after Mass with the spray bottles provided.

Christmas Mass Times at St Jude's



As we countdown to Christmas, please also note our Christmas Mass times:

- Christmas Eve, 24 December 6:00 pm
- Christmas Eve, 24 December 9:00 pm
- Christmas Eve, 24 December 11:00 pm
- Christmas Day, 25 December 8:30 am
- Christmas Day, 25 December 10:30 am

Subject to Victoria government restrictions, we may still need to be compliant with contact tracing requirements, so please stay tuned for details. If you know of friends and family who would typically attend our Christmas Masses, please let them know that we will likely have restrictions on the numbers that can attend and that pre-registration may be necessary.

The Liturgy Team



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

*Daniel Pagano , Kim Eng Teh Chuah , Kenneth D'Silva , Teng Khoon Khoo ,
Oliver Buckle , Guisepe Corizzo , John Martinuo , Wilfred Amarant ,
Martin Boek , Philomena Fernandez*

Oh, Come all ye Faithful to our Evergreen's Christmas Morning Tea

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites all St Jude's Evergreens (65+ years) to a celebratory *Christmas Morning Tea* on **Thursday, 10th December** and to receive a Christmas Blessing from Fr Mark. To allow for as many as possible to attend and to adhere to COVID regulations we are proposing two sittings: 9.45 - 10.45am and 11.15 am - 12.15pm,
Bookings are via TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BNFFX>) and must close on Monday December 7th. Those unable to book online can contact Ann on 0402 904 678 any evening between 6 & 8pm to make a booking.



We look forward to your company - Parish Pastoral Council

Multicultural ROSARY and Adoration of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come and celebrate the feast of Mary Immaculate on **8 December, 2020 from 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm** at St Jude's parish church. There will be the multicultural rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Since the allowed number of attendees have now increased to 150, you are welcome to walk in and register yourself at the entrance. Or, book your place online via TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BLWWV>. Please wear your face mask and follow the recommended COVID guidelines in the Church.

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

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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.

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.

General Guidelines for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Information Updated: Tuesday 24 November 12.00pm

In response to the latest directives announced by Government as part of its Roadmap for the reopening of the State of Victoria, the following is operational from 11:59pm on 22 November, 2020.

Information is now to be understood as Statewide and we are in “Last Step.”

Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings: Indoors: Allowed for up to a cap of 150 people plus one faith leader with a density quotient of 1 per 4sq.m. Infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap. Contact recording and a COVIDsafe plan still required. Group arrangements within the cap are no longer required.

Outdoors: Allowed near the place of worship for up to a cap of 300 people, plus one faith leader with a density quotient of 1 per 4sq.m. Infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap. Group arrangements within the cap are no longer required. Ceremonial participants are otherwise included in cap, held proximate to a place of worship.

Private worship: Places of worship are open for private worship, for example individual prayer.

Weddings: A wedding indoors or outdoors at a place of worship can have up to a cap of 150 people. This cap includes the couple but not the celebrant or photographer/s. Infants under 12 months of age are also not included in this cap. Group arrangements within the cap are no longer required.

Funerals: A funeral held indoors or outdoors can have the up to a cap of 150 people. The Celebrant, those persons necessary to conduct the funeral and infants under 12 months of age are not included in this cap.

Baptisms: May be celebrated under the latest outdoor and indoor religious gathering limits.

Public Gatherings in Public Spaces: Permitted up to 50 people from across multiple households, friends and/or family, outdoors. Infants under 12 months not included in the cap. A public place means an area that everyone can access, for example a local park or the beach.

Visitors to the Home: Each day, a household can receive up to 15 different visitors per day, including dependents, either together or separately.

For more details visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

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(Postponed until Further Notice)

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