

# ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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**Member of Knox Deanery** 



# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C 28th August 2022 Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday 31 August, Thursday 1 September & Friday 2 September at 9.15am

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Mark/Fr Samuel at Parish Office)

#### Gospel Reflection by Sr Veronica Lawson

In Luke's gospel, the Pharisees are generally presented as hostile to Jesus. This almost certainly reflects the situation at the time the gospels are being written rather than the time of Jesus' ministry when the Pharisees were a minority group of



well-respected experts in the Law. After the Romans destroyed the Jerusalem Temple some four decades after the death of Jesus, Sadduccean and Essene Judaism disappeared and there followed a sad parting of the ways between the Pharisaic Jewish leadership and the Christian Jews, i.e. those who accepted Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ of Messiah.

Today's gospel has Jesus under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. Despite the hostility, he is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God's realm where the first are last and the last first. This is consistent with Luke's theology expressed most powerfully in Mary's Magnificat. The reader of the gospel knows that God puts down the mighty from their thrones and raises up the lowly.

The advice for the Pharisee who is host at this meal is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is the advice for his guests: when you have a luncheon or dinner, invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return the hospitality. This is an outrageous suggestion, as outrageous and confronting and inclusive as is God's dream for all God's people.

Though we live in different, more egalitarian times, this teaching is confronting for us as well. It is easy to welcome like-minded people to our homes and our Eucharistic table. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us and have different sets of values, even if they have something to teach us about life and gospel living. At the very least, we are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility.

St Jude's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledge that child safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

#### **OUR PARISH OFFICE**

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#### Office Hours:

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 4pm
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Email: scoresby@cam.org.au
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#### **SERVICES & CONTACTS**

Community Centre
Parish Office: 9763 7302
Fitness Class

Pam Jess 9763 7302

#### **Liturgy Group**

Leon Raj - liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com **St. Vincent De Paul** 

Helpline 1800 305 330

Tennis Club Vito Trifilo 0447 044 920

Bible Study

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#### PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Jude's Primary
Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600
Holy Trinity Primary
Mr Adrian Scutt 9801 8296
St Mary's College for the Deaf
Ms Amanda Purcell 9800 2733
Mater Christi College
Ms Maria Haggett 9754 6611
St Joseph's College
Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

#### Serve the Lord with Joy

## First Reading: Sir 3:17-20 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

## Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

### Gospel: Lk 14:1- 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for **Richard Whitehead** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

Cynthia Norton, Elly Baré, John Ahern, Alvin Bruce, Christine Pinto, Don Etheridge, Heather D'Silva, Chit May Khoo, Henry Brown, Frank Rowe, Peter Swinkels, Kate Parkinson, William Haines, Ernest Parkinson.

#### 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 our voices be heard in a spirit of openness that fosters ongoing communication across our Parish.

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# Social Justice Statement 2022 - 23

The Church in Australia marks **Social Justice Sunday** on August 28. In their **Social Justice Statement**, **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**, the Australian bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence. They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.

Access the Statement and related resources at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or a copy of the Statement can be found in the Church foyer.

## Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Adults entering the Catholic Church or just thinking about it, follow a process called **RCIA** the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. **RCIA** is for:

Adults who are not baptised.
Adults baptised in another Christian church.
Non-practising Catholics wishing to renew faith.



New Sessions begin with an Information Night on Tuesday 4th October 2022 from 7.30pm in the Chapel at St Simon's Parish, 2 Taylor's Lane, Rowville.

Ring St Jude's Parish Office on 9763 7302 or Reg on 9790 5616 or just come along on the night.

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"Come and See."

## **Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly**

There will be an **Anointing Mass** to be held on **Tuesday 13 September** at **11am**.

For those requiring assistance with transport please contact Elisa Kelesidis at the parish Office on 9763 7302

#### Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

"I am here, silent and still, waiting for at least one soul to recognise My real presence and offer Me the consolation of a visit, of an expression of adoration and of love."

- In Sinu Jesu

An invitation is extended to those who love playing the piano and who may like to come and join a friendly group of musicians to play at our weekend masses.

If you think you would like to share your gift of playing please contact Xavier on

0448 766 705 or email the parish office

scoresby@cam.org.au for further information.



# St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fist Reading: Wis 9:13-18, Second Reading Phlm 9-10 12-17 & Gospel Lk 14:25-33

3 / 4 September Saturday 6pm Sunday 8.30am Sunday 10.30am

Readers Ann Doyle Millicent Miranda Leon Raj
Max Connors Eska Ta Anita Ray

Mass Projector Stephanie Smyth Bill Ta T.J/Victoria Bulloch

Altar Society Aneeta Anthony

**Church Cleaner** Rosanna Kelaart & John Britto



Thank you to all those who "Serve the Lord with Joy" by participating in these rosters.

Please view the COVID Safe Plan for St Jude's displayed on the entry doors of the church or via the parish website pol.org.au./scoresby

## Serve the Lord with Joy

# Social Gathering—1st Saturday each month

Parishioners are invited to stay and enjoy a social get together in the foyer following the Saturday evening Mass. Beer, wine, soft drink, tea & coffee will be provided. Please bring a small plate to share.



Our next gathering will be on Saturday 3rd September.

We look forward to another enjoyable St Jude's gathering.



# ART SHOW Friday, 28th October, 2022

Inner Healing & Forgiveness through Meditation on Jesus—September 16-17, 2022 At: 22 Woodvale Rd, Boronia Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD 0424 202 191 or email gilbertcarlo@gmail.com

## The Parish Reception

Centre is again available for parish social gatherings and for private hire. The venue offers great facilities including a commercial kitchen, wheelchair access and off street car parking - a great venue for any celebration/group meetings etc. The **Hospitality Team** is also back in operation and can assist families with light refreshments following a funeral mass/prayer service. Please make enquiries at the Parish Office on 9763 7302.



# The Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal

will be held next weekend 3 & 4 September.

Your generosity to this appeal will help provide support for our retired priests in the Archdiocese. All contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

# **Stewardship Tax Deductibility Change**

I wish to advise parishioners that your contribution to the Stewardship Program is much appreciated, however, these contributions are no longer tax deductible. As many would be aware governance arrangements for Catholic Parish Primary Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne changed on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. At this time a new company, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), was established and they have responsibility for all school buildings and capital works within schools. This change meant that school building funds would no longer operate hence contribution to the School Building Fund is no longer applicable and there is no tax deductibility. Again I thank you for your generous ongoing support. Fr Mark

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