

## St. Jude the Apostle Parish

49 George St, Scoresby

"In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, we, the people of the Parish, are called to serve with joy.  
We respect diversity and welcome all who choose to belong to our community"



Second Sunday of Lent—25th February 2024

"Deepening One's Encounter"

### TIMES:

#### Week Days:

Wed, Thu, Fri 9.15am

#### Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

### RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald or Fr Joel at the Parish office

### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 3.30pm

Telephone: 9763 7302

#### Email:

scoresby@cam.org.au

#### Website:

pol.org.au/Scoresby

### OUR PARISH OFFICE

#### Parish Priest:

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jerald.mariadas@cam.org.au

#### Assistant Priest:

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#### Parish Leadership Team

Contact number:  
9763 7302

#### Parish Coordinator:

Ida Lancuba

#### Parish Bookkeeper:

Ema Rivera

#### Property Manager:

Xavier David

#### Child Safety Officer:

Kim Baxter

## *This is my beloved son Listen to him*

In Mark 9:2-10, the passage recounts the Transfiguration of Jesus, where he is revealed in his divine glory before Peter, James, and John. In moments of doubt or darkness, remember the transfiguration. Just as Jesus revealed his divine Glory to his disciples, he also offers us glimpses of his light in our lives. Like Peter, James, and John, we may not always understand or fully grasp the magnitude of what we witness, but we are called to trust in the transformative power of God's presence. In our journey of faith may we seek those moments of illumination allowing them to strengthen us and guide us through the valley and peaks of life. Here are some questions to ponder:

- What difference would it make to my life if I really knew I was God's **Beloved Son/Daughter**?
- How does the Transfiguration story resonate with my own spiritual journey?
- Are there areas of my life where I struggle to trust in God's transformative power, and how can I surrender those doubts or fears?

*Heavenly Father,  
Help us to trust in your transformative power and to reflect your light in our lives.  
Amen*

## Anointing Mass

5th March at 11am

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

*"Deepening one's encounter"*

### Reconciliation—14th March

7:30pm

### Palm Sunday

6pm-Saturday 23rd March

8:30am&10:30am-Sunday 24th March

### Holy Thursday—28th March

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday—29th March

11:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

### Easter Sunday—31st March

6:00am Dawn Service

8:30am & 10:30am Mass



### SERVICES

#### Community Centre

Parish Office: 9763 7302

#### Liturgy Group

Leon Raj

liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com

#### St. Vincent De Paul

Helpline 1800 305 330

#### St Simon's & St Jude's Youth Group

youthteam@stsimonsparish.com.au

#### Fitness Class-Pam Jess

0419555694

### 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

**First Reading:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**St Simon's & St Jude's combined**

During the season of Lent, Stations of the cross will be held every Friday 7.00 pm at  
**St Simon The Apostle Parish, Rowville.**

**LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM**  
**With Fr Joel**

Wednesday the 28th of February at 7pm  
**in the Meeting Room at the Parish Hall**

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our parish community! Please find a new set of envelopes available for collection in the Church Foyer. For those parishioners who contribute either by Credit Card or Direct Debit and who would like a statement please either email Ema on [scoresby.finance@cam.org.au](mailto:scoresby.finance@cam.org.au) or contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302. If you are unable to find your new set of envelopes please fill in the designated form provided and someone will be in touch.



**Prayer for Lent—Week 2**

**Teach us to pray**

One of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'  
Luke 11:1

Dear God

I'd like to talk to you,  
But I'm not sure I have the right words.  
I'd like to listen to you,  
But I'm not sure what you sound like.

I'd like to come to know you better,  
But I'm not sure if I would recognize you.

Please open my eyes,  
My ears,  
My heart,  
To whatever it is  
You want me to know about you.  
Be with me God,  
As I begin this journey of prayer.  
Amen.

**We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:** Harry Tooth, Rita Ephrauns, Manny Mercado, Abelardo Pemetillo, Jan Eaton, Anthony David, Damien Gerard McKeogh, John Hosier, Karen Woodyard, Regina Moirt, David Scott, Felice Peluso..



## Social Gathering

Parishioners are invited to stay and enjoy a light supper/social gathering in the foyer following the Saturday evening mass on **March 2nd**. Please bring a small plate to share and enjoy conversation and friendship with fellow parishioners.

*As always—we look forward to your company*

## COMPUTER OPERATORS NEEDED (To operate the slide projector)

We need two additional projectionists for Sunday 8:30 AM mass, and 10:30 AM mass. The tasks involved are straightforward, and we provide thorough training and supervision as needed. If you are interested, please contact Abigail on 0405725047.

**Thank you!**

## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelope available in the church foyer, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## LENTEN TAIZE' PRAYER

Join the Salesian Sisters Community for  
**Taizé Prayer**

A Prayer experience with  
Candlelight—Music—Chants  
Contemplation and reflective reading  
Scriptures

On 5 Wednesdays during Lent  
7.00pm—8.00pm

@43 George Street Scoresby  
21st Feb— 28th Feb—6th March  
13th March & 20th March  
All are Welcome



Taizé Prayer is a form of Christian prayer originating from the ecumenical Christian Community of Taizé in France. It is a simple, meditative form of prayer, calling us to dwell deeply on **Christ's presence around and within us**. Mantra chants (like Jesus, remember me), prayerful silence, and short readings guide. The focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

**For more information contact the Salesian Sisters on 97637104**

## A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

When you sense fear rising up within you, choose to love: to love God in prayer, to love others in some act of mercy, to love yourself by choosing to be grateful, acknowledging the many signs of God's love for you. - **Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA**  
*We usually are open from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3.30pm*

## St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

### Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading **Exodus 20:1-17** Second Reading **Corinthians 1:22-25** Gospel **John 2:13-25**

March 2/3	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr Jerald Maria Das	Fr Jerald Maria Das	Fr Jerald Maria Das
<b>Readers:</b>	Susan Lim Lauren Pereira	Sr Ljudmila Anzic Sharlynn Arulanandam	Linda Lampa Adel Medel
<b>Mass Projector</b>	Diyen Hettiarachi	Bill Ta	Tino Vijendra
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Verona & Molly		
<b>Altar Society</b>	Filomena Uberti		
<b>Church Cleaner</b>	Filomena Uberti & Lucille Everetts		

*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](http://pol.org.au/Scoresby)*



## First Reconciliation Program 2024 for children attending non-Catholic Schools



The following classes will commence at **9.30am** at the **Parish Reception Centre**.

### First Reconciliation Classes :

Sundays 11th, 18th, 25th February and 3rd of March

### Parent/Child Workshop

29th February at 6pm

### Reconciliation Commitment Masses:

6pm Saturday 2nd of March  
10.30am Sunday 3rd of March

### Reconciliation to be celebrated on:

Thursday 21st March at 6pm

## Ignatian Lenten Retreat

SAT, 2 Mar 10 am—3 pm

at

### St Simon's Rowville Parish Centre

A renewing and reflective day of sacred listening, to grow in spiritual wisdom and Compassion.

**Cost:** \$25 includes lunch & morning tea.

**Facilitators:** Anita Davine,

**Co-Facilitators:** Ann-Maree Sutton and Frances Cassidy as Regional Team Member of JISA's First Spiritual Exercises Ministry.

Please email Loretta to register

[Loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au](mailto:Loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au)

Fancy a cuppa?



We look forward to your company on Wednesday 28th at 9.30AM in the Parish Centre, at our monthly Cuppa and A Chat.

All are very welcome.

Any questions, please contact Ann (0402 904 678) or Robyn (0407 324 117).

## A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Weekend for YOU...

**"Live Your Best Married Life in Love"**

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details**

**Date: 12-14 April, 2024** in Melbourne

**BOOK NOW**

**Information/Bookings:**

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

## PIETY STORE NEWS

*The piety store will be open every fortnight and we now have some new products :*

First Communion Gifts

Risen Christ Statue

Our Lady of Health Statues

St Joan Arch Statue

Palm in Hand Statue

Votive Candle Sacred Heart

God Bless Home Plaque

Rosaries



**Clearance Sale**

Columban Calendars \$5

## EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS NEEDED

We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested, who plays the **piano** or the **drums** to come and join a friendly group of musicians to play at our weekend masses. We are hoping to organise a roster to play on monthly basis. **If you would like to share your gift of music, please contact: Xavier on 0448 766 705 or contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302**



The **Knitting Group** will take place this **Wednesday 6th March** at the **Parish Reception Centre** at **9.30am-11am**.

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