



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY
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Member of Knox Deanery
5 December, 2021



Second Sunday of Advent—Year C

Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday, 8 December at 9am Thursday, 9 December & Friday, 10 December at 9.15am

PLEASE BRING YOUR FULLY VACCINATED CERTIFICATE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

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Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Mark or Parish Office)

“JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO GO BACK IN THE WATER”

Some of you may remember the above line which was popularised around the film Jaws 2, which I must admit I didn't really like because I really enjoy swimming in the sea! But it was the first line that came to my mind this week when I heard of the new COVID variant, Omicron. We have all been through some very tough and challenging times over the past twenty months and the last thing any of us want to think about is more tough times.

We have done well, eventually, in Australia with our vaccination rate with over 86% of the population having received two doses and over 92% having received one dose. But remember these figures are of those aged 16 years and above. Currently there is a strong push for those aged between 12 and 15 to also be double vaccinated. It is beyond question that the higher the vaccination rate the more protected people are from COVID. It is also beyond question that we have a growing number of conspiracy theorists and amateur epidemiologists in our community too!

We live these days in a 'global village' and we as Christians have a responsibility to promote the common good of all people in our 'global village.' So the plight of those in countries like Nigeria (1.7), Ethiopia (1.3%), Afghanistan (9%), Uganda (2%), Sudan (1.3%), Zambia (3.7%), PNG (2.0%), Solomon Islands (6.3%), the figures in brackets are percentage of the population vaccinated, should indeed be a concern for us. If we want all borders open, if we want to travel overseas, then we as a nation must do our bit to help vaccinate the world.

In an article I read this week, Tim Bierley of the UK based Global Justice Now said in a statement: "mutation is an entirely avoidable consequence of deliberate policy decisions by rich countries, which have hoarded vaccine doses and refused to force pharmaceutical giants to share technology with developing countries." And from a letter to the Editor in Thursday's Age newspaper: "We should be taking immediate advantage of the current Omicron scare to ensure that poorer countries are properly vaccinated against COVID-19. That should at least be an equal, if not higher, priority than delivering booster shots in wealthy countries. Western leaders have had plenty to say about directly protecting their own people but very little about improving vaccine coverage in poorer countries. This is a self-defeating exercise in short term selfishness." Meanwhile, Australia is planning to cease its production of AstraZeneca vaccines in Melbourne. Whilst it is certainly true that a good percentage of what has been produced has been sent into the Pacific region and South East Asia, clearly so much more is required. And this at a time when Australia's foreign aid budget sits at 1% of budget expenditure, the lowest it has been since such data has been recorded. So don't we care? If we want to be back in the water then we will all have to help to make it safe again.



OUR PARISH OFFICE

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Mr John Downie 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

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

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CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2021

Please bring your fully vaccinated certificate with you.

Advent Reconciliation: Wednesday, 15th December 2021 at 7.30pm

Friday, 24th December 2021 Christmas Eve Masses:

6pm Mass (Carols begin at 5.30pm)

9pm Mass (Carols begin at 8.30pm)

Unfortunately due to a lack of musicians the 11pm Mass will be unable to proceed.

Saturday, 25th December 2021 Christmas Day Masses:

8.30am & 10.30am Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Sunday, 26th December 2021—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8.30am & 10.30am Masses.

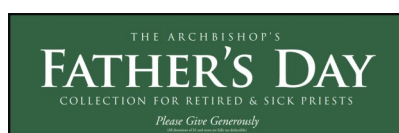
We invite you to **celebrate the New Year with Mass at 10am on Saturday 1 January 2022.**



Gospel — Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



It would be gratefully appreciated if parishioners could collect a **Father's Day Appeal** envelope found in the Church foyer in support of our retired priests. Donations can also be made via the **Priests Retirement Foundation** website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.cam.org.au/foundation> Donations can be made via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued. Thank you



MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available and cost **\$6.00** for a packet of 10 cards.

Payment and Delivery can be arranged by phoning either **Margaret** or **Frank McCulloch** on **9763 1590**.

Blessed Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2021 booklet is available for purchase from the Church at weekend Masses or from the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday. This booklet is a series of daily reflections leading up to Christmas which you will find most prayerful and only costs **\$3.00**.



We welcome into our Parish Family through the **Sacrament of Baptism:**
Oliver Turner, Hunter Cole, Sophia & Olivia Avedian.

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for **Gail Fernandes, Roman Syrek** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

John Hill, Eustacchio Uberti, Oliver Buckle, John Martinuo, Wilfred Amarant, Guiseppe Corizzo, Martin Boek, Kim Eng Teh Chuah.

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St. Jude's Roadmap for Return to Masses

Important – TRYBOOKING NO LONGER REQUIRED.
Full Vaccination Certificate & Single QR Code COVID-19 Check-In System

PLEASE BRING YOUR FULLY VACCINATED CERTIFICATE

The check-in process is as follows:

- 1) On, arrival, please display your fully vaccinated certificate to one of the COVID marshals. For those who do not have a mobile phone please bring your paper copy of your certificate to be sighted.
- 2) Please scan the QR code. For those parishioners who are unable to scan the QR code could you please seek assistance as there will be someone to assist you.

PLEASE NOTE WEEKEND MASS RECORDING HAS NOW CEASED.



A gentle reminder that **Mass** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 7th December at 11am** followed by a **Christmas Luncheon** for those who have registered in the **Parish Centre**.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

On behalf St Vincent de Paul Society, Scoresby we thank Fr Mark and the parishioners for your generosity over the years. This year again we need your support to provide financial assistance to families spending Christmas in poverty.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Please quote **SCORESBY** as your conference for funds to be allocated to our Conference.

PHONE DONATIONS:

Please donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12.

ONLINE DONATIONS: to make an online donation, please go to vinnies.org.au website. Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors.

CASH or CHEQUE: Envelopes can be found on the back table in the Church Foyer and can be handed into the Parish Office. **Thank you, Vinnies Scoresby Committee**

MULTICULTURAL ROSARY, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

On **Wednesday, 8 December**, feast of the Immaculate Conception of our mother, Mary, we will have our Multicultural Rosary, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **7.30pm** in our lovely parish church of St Jude the Apostle, Scoresby.

As you enter, via the side entrance, could you please show your double vaccination certificate and check in via the QR code displayed in the Church foyer.

Thank you Enquiries contact Sr Maureen 9763 7104 or 9763 7012



The **Vinnies Shop** in **Ferntree Gully** is looking for volunteers.

If you have a spare few hours and would like to join our friendly team, please contact **Sandra** on **9758 8501**.

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

Fist Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18, Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 & Gospel: Luke 3:18-18

**December 11/ 12
Readers**

Saturday 6pm

Ann Doyle

Max Connors

Sunday 8.30am

Kim Baxter

Doris Teh

Sunday 10.30am

Amanda Mantel

Adel Medel

Mass Projector

Diyen Hettiarchchi

Catherine Money

Katherina Smith-Williams

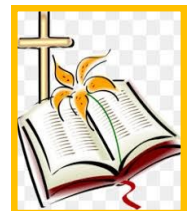
Altar Society

Eve Buckeridge

Church Cleaning

Filomena Uberti

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



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As always, we will be collecting Gift cards & Gift Vouchers. These will be distributed to families which creates the pleasure of buying suitable gifts for their family. Suggested gift vouchers—Big W, Kmart, Target, JB-HiFi, Village cinema etc. Due to ongoing COVID issues Vinnies will continue with the contactless approach so *please note we will not be collecting toys.*

Please take a gift card from the **Christmas Tree** in the **Church Foyer** and attach it to the envelope or wrapping for the gift card. Please write **Vinnies Christmas Vouchers** and seal it. Collection boxes will be located in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, please leave it at the Parish Office. Please note Gift cards need to be returned by **Wednesday 15th December** enabling us time to deliver the same to disadvantaged families before Christmas.

For further information please contact the Parish Office who will direct you to one of the Vinnies members. As always, the Vinnies Scoresby Conference appreciate your generosity and efforts at this time of the year.

Thank you, Vinnies Scoresby Committee



We are delighted to announce the new **Principal** appointed to **Holy Trinity Primary School** commencing next year is **Mr Adrian Scutt**. Mr Scutt is currently Principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood and he is looking forward to joining our parish community. I am sure he will be made to feel most welcome by you all.



St Jude's Parish invites children of the Parish to join the Choir to celebrate Christmas Eve Children's Carols & Mass on Saturday 24 December 2021 at 5.30pm.

Rehearsals will take place from **11.30am-12.30pm** at St Jude's Parish, Scoresby on

Sunday 5th December—held at the Parish Reception Centre

Sunday 12th December—held at the Church

Sunday 19th December—held at the Parish Reception Centre

Please note that children over the age of 12 years will need to be fully vaccinated as per the Victorian Government's Phase D (24th November 2021).

Further enquiries can be made by contacting Joel on 0418 168 432



Can you Assist? - We are hoping to have a photo gallery of past Parish Priests who have served at St Jude's Parish, displayed in the Parish Office. If you can assist with providing some photos we would be most grateful. Fr Mark

ST LUKE'S, WANTIRNA BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE (SLOSH)

COORDINATOR POSITION

St Luke's Outside School Hours Care Program (SLOSH) is looking to employ a qualified Program Coordinator for the before and after school care, and the school holiday program. This is a full-time position. Your honesty, commitment and dedication are the most important qualifications. Any previous experience will also be an added qualification. The successful applicant will be required to start asap, December 2021 or January 2022.

Position Objective:

To work cooperatively and professionally as a Coordinator of a team, which will provide a high quality program for the children. To promote excellent relationships with staff, parents and the Parish Priest, to ensure that the business continues to grow in a caring environment, upholding the quality and good name of the SLOSH program. The job description can be found on www.stlukeswantirna.net
Applications and resume are to be sent to Joseph.Amal@cam.org.au or wantirna@cam.org.au
Fr Joseph Amal, Parish Priest & SLOSH in charge