

31st SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A 5th November 2023

Reflection:

In Matthew 23:1-12, Jesus reminds us of the value of humility and genuine service. He teaches us that the greatest among us are those who humbly serve without seeking recognition or titles. This passage reminds us that greatness is not measured by the titles we hold, the applause we receive, or the positions



we attain. True greatness, according to Jesus, is found in a humble heart that serves others with love and selflessness. It's about putting the needs of others before our own and not seeking validation or prestige in return. In our world, where success and recognition often take centre stage, this message remains as relevant as ever. We are called to examine our motivations and actions, asking ourselves whether they are rooted in a desire for personal glory or a genuine desire to serve and uplift others. When we choose the path of humility and servitude, we honour the teachings of Christ and become beacons of light in a world that sometimes values self-promotion over selflessness. Let this message be a guiding light, reminding us that the most meaningful impact we can make in this world is through acts of kindness, compassion, and genuine service, without seeking accolades or positions of honour. In embracing this message, we find true greatness and live out the principles of love and humility that Jesus exemplified throughout his life.

Heavenly Father,

Grant us the wisdom to recognise the pitfalls of pride and self-seeking recognition, as exemplified by the Pharisees. Instead, may our hearts be filled with humility, and may we be driven by a sincere desire to serve others and reflect your love. Lord inspire us to be meek and compassionate, always considering the needs of those around us. As we walk in this world, may we be beacons of your light, showing others the way of humility and love. Use us as instruments of your peace, and help us make a positive impact on the lives of those we encounter.

We offer this prayer in the name of your son Jesus Christ—Amen

MASS TIMES:

Week Days:

Wed. Thu . Fri 9.15am

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald or Fr Samuel 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

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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 0491 176 149

Fitness Class

Pam Jess 0419555694

A Heartfelt Thank you to our Volunteers Volunteers Acknowledgement Lunch



On behalf of Father Jerald and Father Samuel, we warmly invite all our tremendous volunteers who contribute so willingly to our vibrant parish, to join us for lunch on: Sunday 3 December following 10.30am Mass in the St Judes Parish Community Centre, where we will acknowledge your unwavering commitment, dedication, and service to our Parish community.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm, especially remembering those who have died in the last 12 months. **All parishioners are welcome**



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: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Second Reading: Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Stewardship Administrator Role- St Simon's Parish Rowville

St Simon's Parish is seeking to hire a Stewardship Administrator. The purpose of the Stewardship Administrator is to actively steward the Parish, take responsibility for the day to day financial, asset management tasks and the management of the payroll for the Parish. **For a position description and to apply visit:**

https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/stewardship-administrator-st-simons-parish Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hradmin@cam.org.au

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

"And, what crosses have you, My dear child?
LAY YOUR HEAD UPON MY BREAST AND TELL ME HOW YOU HAVE SUFFERED."

We usually are open from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3.30pm

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially: Noreen Elvey, Biagio Riccardi, Dede Patterson, Andrew Coffman, Carmel Ashby, Daisy Jackson, Dorothy Pickles, Gary Stewart, Maria Nesci, Mary Mulcahy





An Anointing Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 5th, followed by the annual Evergreens Christmas Lunch (for those 65+) in the Parish Centre - save the date now.

Rocking details to follow

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ST SIMON'S FETE - 2 TAYLORS LN, ROWVILLE

FETE DAY 11th Nov 2023 Get Your EARLY BIRD Discount!!

Pre-purchase a wristband ticket for rides and save.
Unlimited rides for 5hrs. Wristbands are great value.
Ticket to be exchanged for a wristband on fete day @ the ticket booth.
Wristbands are not transferable.

Purchase between 14/10 & 8/11 (\$30) Purchase after 8/11 (\$40) https://www.trybooking.com/CKXDZ

Individual Ride tickets available on the day: \$10 for Bad Boys (must be 130cm tall to ride)

\$10 for Cha Cha
(must be 130cm tall to ride on your own or 110cm to ride with an adult)

\$6 for Cup & Saucer Ride \$6 for Chair-O-Plane







Fancy a cuppa?



We're getting crafty again!! Join us for a fun couple of hours creating Christmas Cards

Following on from the very enjoyable card making and shared lunch event in April we



are planning a Christmas Card making morning. Please join us from 9.45am on Wednesday 22nd in the Parish Centre when Carmel will again show us how to make some beautiful Christmas cards. Everything is supplied and ready to be assembled. You will have some lovely personal cards to take home, enjoyed a fun filled morning and a shared lunch. There is something lovely about giving a card, made especially for a family member or dear friend. Join us even if you are not feeling crafty!!! Everyone is welcome.

Please bring a plate to share

Contact Ann (0402 904 678) or Robyn (0407 324 117) for information.

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

Nov 11/12Saturday 6pmSunday 8.30amSunday 10.30amCelebrantFr Samuel PearsonFr Samuel PearsonFr Samuel PearsonReaders:Susan LimRosanna KelaartNerina Marotta

Lauren Pereira Tony McCumstie Alessandra Masciarelli

Mass Projector Adina Atmadja Catherine Money Tino Vijendra

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16 Second Reading Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Children's Liturgy Leena & Verona

Altar Society Frankie Belda & Filippa Palumbieri

Church Cleaner Jude Philip



Mary Waited for the birth of Jesus

Advent is HOPE in WAITING "Dare to Pause"

Join us for a day of Reflection on Advent, Celebration of the Eucharist & Taize Prayer.

Families, Teenagers, Youth, Young adults, Adults.

On Saturday 25th November at 10.30am—3.00pm. At the Salesian Sisters Covent hall, 43 George St Scoresby. Coffee, tea and water provided.

BYO snacks, drinks, a cut lunch and a picnic rug!

Cost: Gold coin donation

RSVP: Monday Nov 20th, call the Salesian sisters on 97637104 or SMS to 0413 607 422 (name, email & Number of participants)



WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We thank those who have volunteered last week! We need another 2-3 people to welcome parishioners to the church with a warm smile and distribute the bulletin, for the

Sunday 8.30am Mass

To sign up enter your contact details on the "Welcome Committee" spreadsheet on the table in the foyer or contact Sr Ljudmila on 0410949056



Proclaim 2023—Over three days (16-18 November)

join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into your local community. Hear from inspiring local and international people including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Fr Rob Galea, Kym Keady, Karen Doyle, Ron Huntley and more. Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register:

https://proclaim.melbournecatholic.org. Use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au.



ALTAR SERVER

We are looking for people to be Altar Servers! This is also a wonderful way for those who have had their first communion to get involved in St Jude's community. To sign up enter your contact details on the "Alter Server" spreadsheet on the table in the foyer or contact Fr Samuel via email

Samuel.pearson@cam.org.au or Fr Jerald email jerald.mariadas@cam.org.au



We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested who loves playing either 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 or email Scoresby@cam.org

Knitting and Crochet Group is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15 November at 9.30am-11am in the Parish Reception Centre.



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