

ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY 49 George Street, Scoresby 3179

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Member of Knox Deanery

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C 30th October 2022 Weekday Mass this week

Wednesday 2nd November, Wednesday 3rd November & Friday 4 November at 9.15am

## Weekend Masses

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

#### The Enduring Need for Prayer - Fr Samuel Pearson

The other day I came across an interesting article on one of my favourite authors; J.R.R Tolkien. I love his *Lord of the Rings* trilogy (and the movies!) and admire his deep faith which animates them, not to mention his influence in bringing C.S Lewis to Christian faith. So I was surprised to read that Tolkien almost lost his faith! In a letter to his son he wrote:

"I brought you all up ill and talked to you too little. Out of wickedness and sloth I almost ceased to practise my religion...I regret those days bitterly; most of all because I failed as a father."

Commenting on the letter, the article then opines:

'The letter is a tender one, reflecting on how faith can grow and thrive, even in a broken Church. For Tolkien, faith, is 'an act of will, inspired by love'. He concedes that 'love may be chilled and our will eroded by the spectacle of the shortcomings, folly, and even sins of the Church.' However, faith is not a single moment or decision, but requires perseverance. We need to decide on faith every single day; it requires constant attention and renewal.'

We all know this to be true in different ways personal to us. This is why prayer is so important in the nurturing of our spiritual lives, no matter how dull or feeble we may think our faith is. It was through prayer that Tolkien returned to deeper faith. As he described it: 'that never-ceasing silent appeal of Tabernacle, and the sense of starving hunger.'

For Tolkien, 'I fell in love with the Blessed Sacrament from the beginning—and by the mercy of God never have fallen out again: but alas! I indeed did not live up to it.' To loose faith was to 'deny the Blessed Sacrament, that is: to call Our Lord a fraud to His face.' It was Tolkien's enduring love of the Eucharist that pulled him back from the brink of faithlessness. As the living presence of Jesus, the Bread of Life, only the Eucharist could feed the starving hunger that he carried deep inside—a hunger we can all resonate with at times.

# Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Friday evening at St Simon's from 6pm to 7pm and both St Jude's, Scoresby and St Simon's, Rowville churches are open all day till early evening, for those wishing to make a private visit in peace and quite.

I've found that the tranquillity of a quiet church is far from boring, but a real oasis for spiritual communion and resting for a wearied soul. As well as personal devotions and familiar prayers, there are a host of prayer and meditation apps freely available online. Why not plug your ear plugs/pods in and spend time, with the author of time. As we emerge from winter and the colder weather, the local park and the warm sunshine, are another option for prayer and a walk with Christ. Let's resolve, commit and recommit to prayer and the faith it strengthens.

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 Telephone: 9763 7302 Email: scoresby@cam.org.au Website: pol.org.au/scoresby

#### SERVICES & CONTACTS

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#### PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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

### Serve the Lord with Joy

## First Reading: Wis 11:22 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,

like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things

and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,

for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,

how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,

you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

## Second Reading: 2 Thes 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

## Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

### 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.



A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

Weekday Mass at St Simon's Parish, will be held on Tuesday 1st November at 9.15am, Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm & Friday 4th November at 9.15am. "The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need, and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him.' - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen We usually are open from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm



We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Justin Edwards, Hendrix Loos, Awariki Kavamoungaone, Kaizyn Kavamoungaone.

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

Oliver Plunkett, Helena Verouden, Patrick Mackay, Carmel Baker, Sylvia Gianforte, Gavin McInerney, Radcliffe Nelson, Maria Nguyen, Gina Vallanti. Noreen Elvev.

## Serve the Lord with Joy

Mass of Remembrance In keeping with the tradition of the Catholic Church, November is the month we pray for our loved ones who have died.



A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Wednesday 23rd November, and a special invitation is extended to those parishioners who have had a loved one die during the last 12 months, to attend and give thanks for their life.

If you would like the name of your loved one(s) prayed for at this Mass, please email Leon and Mary at the Liturgy Team (liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com) or ring Elisa on 9763-7302, to provide:

- Name of person(s) to be remembered
- Date of death

Contact person, their postal address, phone number and email address, so that an invitation letter can be sent to you.

This Mass will be celebrated at St Jude's at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd November.

#### All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

In the Church Foyer you can find pale blue slips that can be filled in and handed into the Sacristy or to the Parish Office.

The Knights of the Southern Cross will conduct the next in its "God and Beer" series on Monday 14 November at the Notting Hill Hotel. The speaker Dr Colin Patterson, scholar and former psychologist will speak on the "Light of the Human Heart": Where Faith and Psychology Meet". The talk starts at 7.30pm there is no charge but spaces are limited. Enquiries John Smyth at itsmyth@gmail.com Bookings may be made through GodandBeer.com.au Meals are available for purchase from 6pm This invitation is extended to all parishioners.



Prayer Group is held on the first Friday of the month and we gather in the Reception Centre at 10am. All welcome. Enquiries Filomena 9763 6047

"Dare to Pause"

A day of Reflection & Prayer on The Wonder

of Advent



On Saturday 26th November 10am-3.30pm @43 George St, Scoresby Open to all ages A light lunch will be provided This is a free event, but for catering purposes please register by clicking on the following link:

https://forms.gle/XuL93FCvTcvAazge9

Or Phone Sr Rochelle on 0413 607 422 \*\*\*\*

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER The Salesian Sisters Community invite those who wish,

to join us for:

**Evening** Praver On the 4 Mondays of Advent from 5pm to 5.45pm

Monday 28th November, Monday 5th December, Monday 12th December & Monday 19th December (See flyers in Church Foyer & Noticeboard)

Please help support the Society of St Vincent de Paul—Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12 •
  - Visit https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022
- Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
- Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

THANKYOU! - A big thank you to Terry Doyle for designing and making our new processional candles! In the liturgy, candles are an ancient symbol of the light that is Christ, who illumines a world that is dark in sin. Terry has done an absolutely superb job, designing candle sticks in keeping with the theme and aesthetic of our church. Many thanks Terry! The new candles will be blessed at our 6pm mass this weekend. - Fr Samuel

The new Readers Roster has been emailed, for those who would like a hard copy you can collect a copy from the Sacristy.

## St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: 2 Mc 7:1-2 9-14, Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16 - 3:5 & Gospel Lk 20:27-38

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Mass Projector Children's Liturgy Altar Society Church Cleaner

Saturday 6pm Thomas Chan Susan Lim Stephanie Smyth Jacklin & Inggrid Cora Lijnders Rosanna Kelaart & John Britto

Sunday 8.30am Millicent Miranda Bill Ta

Sunday 10.30am Louise Cooper Sharlynn Arulanandam Sr Sialei Lagaai T.J/Victoria Bulloch



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.

## Serve the Lord with Joy



Reminder the **Parish Office** will be **closed** on **Tuesday 1st November** for **Melbourne Cup Day**.

#### 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,

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tea & coffee will be provided. Please bring a small plate to share.

Our next gather will be on Saturday 5th November

We look forward to another enjoyable St Jude's gathering



The next Knitting Group gathering will take place on Wednesday 2nd November at the Parish Reception Centre at 9.30am-11am.

All enquiries to **Maureen** by contacting the Parish Office on **9763 7302**.

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## ST JUDES FAIR 2022

# To ensure the success of the Fair your help is required.

### THE CAFÉ KATH'S CORNER BADGE MAKING

We are in need of volunteers to help on the stalls on Fair Day, especially in the café which will be open from noon until 7.00pm. We have hired a coffee machine so *if there is a Barista who could help get us started that would be a real bonus!!* 

*If you* are not available to help, a donation of a cake/slice/scones would be much appreciated. A **sign-up sheet** has been placed at the back of the church or you can contact Robyn or Ann on the numbers below.

Thank you to those who have donated items for Kath's Corner,
please keep them coming. We are seeking items, in excellent
condition, such as craft, jewellery, small household goods,
toiletries, candles, preserves etc. If you have items for Kath's
Corner, please drop them off at church (box provided) or at the
parish office <u>during opening hours.</u>

Ann Doyle: 0402 904 678 or Robyn Pinches: 0407324117

We are all looking forward to this wonderful community event.

#### Church Working Bee to be held on Saturday 5th November at 9am

We are looking for **volunteers** to give their time and energy to help us to sort and remove items from the Church Shed. We will meet in the Church Carpark with a quick "safety" talk to kick off proceedings. If you are unable to arrive at 9am please come when you are able. We are hoping to have many jobs done by 1pm which will be followed by a light lunch for all your hard work.

Please bring with you, gloves, safety glasses, ear muffs and face masks as there will be some heavy lifting involved including grinding. If you could please bring with you any power tools such as saws and grinders that would be terrific. Volunteers with knowledge on the use of these tools would be most beneficial. If you would like to help out there is a

sign-up sheet in the **Church Foyer** please fill in your details and Xavier will be in contact with you or alternatively you can call **0448 766 705** or the Parish Office on 9763 7302.



