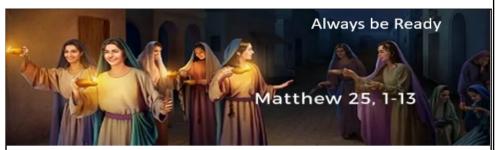


32nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A 12th November 2023



## **Reflection:**

"The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids" in Matthew 25:1-13 is a powerful and thought-provoking story shared by Jesus. He tells the story of ten bridesmaids who are waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. Five are wise and prepared with enough oil for their lamps, while five are foolish and have not brought extra oil. This parable serves as a poignant reminder of several important spiritual principles:

**Preparedness:** The wise bridesmaids are a representation of individuals who are spiritually prepared. They have taken the time and effort to ensure they have enough oil (faith & readiness) that may come in their journey.

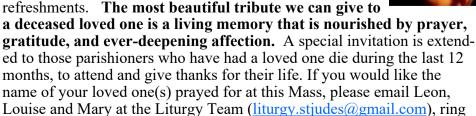
**Vigilance:** The bridesmaids falling asleep highlights the idea that while we wait for God's presence in our lives, we must remain watchful and vigilant. We can't afford to be spiritually complacent. **Readiness for the unexpected:** Life is full of uncertainties, and we cannot predict when God's divine moments will come our way. Being prepared and living with a sense of spiritual readiness helps us seize those moments.

**Accountability:** The parable underscores personal responsibility and accountability for our faith. It is not enough to rely on the faith of others; each persona must cultivate their own relationship with God

Father, help us be like the wise bridesmaids, prepared and vigilant in our faith. Keep our lamps burning brightly, ready for your presence at all times. Guide us to stay spiritually watchful and to understand the importance of our choices. May we cultivate a personal relationship with you and be ready to receive your blessings. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

#### Mass of Remembrance

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7:30 pm, followed by light refreshments. The most beautiful tribute we can give to



Ida on 9763-7302, or fill out the slip that can be found in the foyer.

## **MASS TIMES:**

### Week Davs:

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**

## **Parish Priest:**

Rev Jerald Mariadas jerald.mariadas@cam.org.au

#### **Assistant Priest:**

Rev Samuel Pearson samuel.pearson@cam.org.au

## **Pastoral Care Coordinator:**

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## **SERVICES**

Community Centre

Parish Office: 9763 7302

Liturgy Group Leon Raj

Leon Kaj

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

## 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: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

## Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

## 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 take care of 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
Be still and know I am here
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: Jannene Harvey, Haydo Walker, Ken Stout, Maria Nguyen Thi Lan, Maydo Walker, Stella Pasnin, Claude Madou, Edwin Duval, Germaine Duval, Martin Phillip, Nelvya Kelaart, Betty Callender, Jacques Spainelly, Laura De Angelis, Maria Santiago, Max Smith, Filomena Salvatore, Maria Faella, Rita Jayasuriya, Decima Miranda, Delima Miranda.

## **Evergreens Christmas Lunch 65+**

The Anointing Mass followed by the annual Evergreens Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday, December 5th.

To enjoy this lovely occasion, please add your name to the list in the foyer or contact Ann 0402 904 678 or Robyn 0407 324 117

We look forward to your company.





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.

## A Heartfelt Thank you to our Volunteers

## **Volunteers Acknowledgement Lunch**

On behalf of Fr Jerald and Fr 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.

Thank you, volunteers, for making a difference



# PIETY STORE ITEMS ON SALE

To Welcome New Year 2024 – Piety store will be stocked with new items. All stocks in store will be sold at discounted price until Christmas. Please feel free to drop by at the store after Mass or Contact Parish office on (03) 9763 7302 or email scoresby.conf.pres@svdpvic.org.au if you have any enquiries and we will be in touch.

## St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

## 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31 Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 18/19 Saturday 6pm Sunday 8.30am Sunday 10.30am

Celebrant Fr Jerald Maria Das Fr Jerald Maria Das

Readers: Anne Doyle Prema Pinto Frank McCulloch

Alfred Saldanha Mikhail Santosa Linda Lampa

Mass Projector Diven Hettiarachi Megan Pinto Audrey/Isabelle Raj

Children's Liturgy Jacklin & Molly

Altar Society Carmen Leitao

Church Cleaner Rosanna Kelaart

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



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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