

33rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A 19th November 2023



### Reflection:

The Parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 encourages us to use our God-given abilities wisely and productively. It reminds us that we are entrusted with unique gifts, and by investing them purposefully, we contribute to the greater good and fulfill our divine potential. Embrace your talents, nurture them, and share the positive impact they can have on the world around you.

Gracious Father, we come before you with hearts open to understanding and embracing the gifts you have given each of us. May we be inspired to use these talents not with fear or hesitation but with courage and purpose. Grant us the wisdom to recognise the unique abilities you have entrusted to us and the strength to invest them for the greater good. May our actions reflect diligence. faithfulness, and a deep desire to contribute positively to the world around us. Lord, help us overcome any fear or doubt that may hold us back from fully utilizing the gifts you have given. In moments of uncertainty, guide us to trust in you and step out in faith, knowing that you are with us. In Jesus's name Amen

### CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2023

Parish Advent Reconciliation: Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm

**Christmas Eve:** 6pm Children's Mass (Carols begin at 5.30pm)

9pm Mass (Carols begin at 8.30pm)

Christmas Day: 8.30am & 10.30am Masses

### **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 a deceased loved one is a living memory that is nourished by prayer, gratitude, and ever-deepening affection. 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, Louise and Mary at the Liturgy Team (liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com), ring Ida on 9763-7302, or fill out the slip that can be found in the foyer. All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

### 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**

#### Parish Priest:

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

#### **Assistant Priest:**

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

### **Pastoral Care Coordinator:**

Sr Liudmila Anzic 0410 949 056 judecarescoresby@gmail.com Parish Leadership Team Contact number: 9763 7302

Parish Coordinator: Ida Lancuba Parish Bookkeeper: Ema Rivera Property Manager: Xavier David Child Safety Officer: Kim Baxter

### **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

### 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

### First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

### Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things. I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant: you have shown you can be faithful in small things. I will trust you with greater: come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

### Finance Administrator- St Simon's Parish Rowville

St Simon's Parish is seeking to employ a Finance Administrator. 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 <a href="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 <a href="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 <a href="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 <a href="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 <a href="https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/stewardship-administrator-st-simons-parish blue to contact Human Resources at <a href="https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/st-simons-parish blue to contact Human Resources at <a href="https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/st-simons-parish blue to contact Human Resources at <a href="https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/st-simons-parish blue to contact Human Resources at <a href="https://melbournecatholic.org/

### A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

My providence shall comfort you; never abandon you. 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: Franc Domantay, Jessie D. Eade, Agnese M. Baron, Monica Wong, Jean-Pierre Latoie, Bernard Kennedy, Joseph Giorgio, Jeffrey Collander, Peter Henry James.



### **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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—Year A

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Nov 25/26Saturday 6pmSunday 8.30amSunday 10.30amCelebrantFr Samuel PearsonFr Samuel PearsonFr Samuel Pearson

Readers: Filomena Uberti Sr Ljudmila Leon Raj Thomas Chan Sharlynn Arulanandam Anita Ray

Mass Projector Stephanie Smyth Bill Ta T.J/Victoria Bulloch

Children's Liturgy Verona & Melanie

Altar Society Rosanna Kelaart

**Church Cleaner** 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



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## 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)



### **ALTAR SERVER'S TRAINING INFORMATION**

### For new and existing volunteers

Training session is on the 3rd of December 4pm -5pm.
We hope to see you all there!

For any enquiries please contact Fr Samuel Samuel.pearson@cam.org.au or Fr Jerald email jerald.mariadas@cam.org.au or call Ida on 97637302

### Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Cards

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au





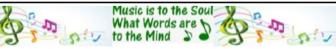


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We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested who loves playing either the **piano** or the **drums** to come and join a friendly group of musicians to play at our weekend masses. We are hoping to organise a roster 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

### Columban Calendar 2024

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