

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

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Member of Knox Deanery

# 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C 13th November 2022 Weekday Mass this week

Thursday 17th November & Friday 18th November at 9.15am

# Weekend Masses

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

# For Heaven's Sake

### - Fr Samuel Pearson

During this month of November we continue to remember and pray for the souls of the 'faithful departed'; all those whose lives, once enmeshed in our own, who are present now, it seems, only in our memory.



Except this is not quite what we believe, or indeed want to believe and is something which our deep Christian convictions want to prevent us from believing (however appealing to our more secular sensibilities). Deep down, we know that they live on in heaven (or at least we hope they are!).

But I must confess, I've always struggled a little with the idea of heaven. I mean it can't really be all fluffy clouds, or some kind of holiday resort up there somewhere, where the streets are paved with gold. And dare I say that the biblical vision of some kind of never-ending liturgical extravaganza featuring all the favourite tunes of the choirs of heaven, doesn't quite do it for me either!

As I've offered mass after mass for various souls, remembered all those millions who gave their lives in war on Remembrance Day, helped families plan their funerals and watched coffins descend into the earth, these thoughts (doubts?) have come back to me.

So I want to share with you some intellectual (and soulful) consolation I have received from the thought of the former Pope Benedict XVI. Writing once on heaven, he remarks (and I paraphrase): 'heaven must be understood in terms of the person of Jesus. It is not an extra-historical place into which one goes. Heaven's existence depends upon the fact that Jesus Christ, as God, is human, and makes space for human existence in the existence of God himself. One is in heaven when, and to a degree, that one is in Christ. In relationship with Jesus cultivated through prayer and good works for others, we find the true location of our existence as human beings in God. Heaven is then primarily a personal reality, and one that remains forever shaped by its historical origin in the paschal mystery of death and resurrection.'

So, only in and with and through Jesus do we become fully ourselves and who we are; God's people created and loved in his image. When our identity is centred around Jesus, we come to experience heaven in the here and now with that ache for its fullest expression within that new life with him after death. Only then, I think, can the pain and horror of death become that "eternal rest" in peace that we pray God will grant all those souls we remember at this time.

### **OUR PARISH OFFICE**

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### 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

## First Reading: Mal 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

## Second Reading: 2 Thes 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

# Gospel: Lk 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

> 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.

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Weekday Mass at St Simon's Parish, will be held on Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th November at 9.15am. A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

"He calls all of us by divine inspiration, and communicates with us by means of His grace. How many times has He invited us, too? And how readily have we responded?" - St Padre Pio We usually are open from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm



We ask for the peace and grace of Ete**r**nal Life for **Maria Nguyen Thi Lan** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

Maydo Walker, Ken Stout, Edwin Duval, Germaine Duval, Claude Madou, Martin Phillip, Nelvya Kelaart, Max Smith, Maria Santiago, Jacques Sapinelly, Laura De Angelis, Betty Callander, Rita Jayasuriya, Asunta Faella, Filomena Salvatore, Malcolm McDonald, Decima Miranda, Jessie Eade, Franc Domantay.

## 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 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The tradition of praying the Psalms is a very long one. From the time of the foundation of the early monastic communities, then the development of monasticism, the psalms have been a rich and vital part of the prayer life of the Church. The praying of psalms at Mass really emerged after the reform of the liturgy at Vatican II.

It is actually the whole Psalm that is the response to the First Reading, not the line that we currently say. To give the Psalm it's due position as a response the Liturgy Team have decided that we should all pray the Psalm together. This will commence on the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year and it will be explained again at each Mass that weekend. Fr Mark

### "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

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ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

The Salesian Sisters Community invite those who wish, to join us for:

**Evening** Prayer 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)

Heart of Life—Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern

Heart of Life—'Advent Anticipation' reflection day (in person event), Saturday 26 November from 10am-3pm. This reflection day is an invitation to prayer and time to make space for anticipation and hope. A time to pay attention to yourself in the midst of many demands. Led by spiritual directors Gail Crisp & Cathy Beaton.

Book and & pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or phone 9890 1101

You are invited to a Red Wednesday Prayer Vigil, 23 November at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. St Patrick's will be floodlit in red in recognition of Red Wednesday an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a day to stand up for faith & freedom. www.aidtochurch.or/RedWednesday

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Please remember in your prayers, particularly during the month of November, for the holy souls of family, friends, and relatives who are deceased.

### St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3, Second Reading Col 1:12-20 & Gospel Lk 23:35-43

19 / 20 November Readers

Mass Projector Children's Liturgy Altar Society Church Cleaner

Saturday 6pm Lauren Pereira Rosary Pereira Diyen Hettiarachchi Jacklin & Inggrid Frankie Belda & Marlene Kodituwakku

Rosanna Jumonong & Juliet

Sunday 8.30am Prema Pinto Marcel Koper Megan Pinto

Sunday 10.30am Anita Kay-Taylor Adel Medel Audrey/Isabelle Raj



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



Again many thanks, Xavier



#### St Jude's Parish Sausage Sizzle, Saturday 26 November 2022



We are looking for volunteers to assist on Election Day, Saturday 26 November from 7am-4.30pm for 1 to 2 hours shifts to help fundraise for our parish. In the past these fundraising events have been very successful and this is due to the wonderful community spirit at St Jude's.

If you can help out on the day could you please either fill in your contact details on the **Sign-Up Sheet** in the **Church Foyer** or contact **Elisa** at the **Parish Office** on **9763 7302** or email scoresby@cam.org.au Someone will be in touch regarding a Roster for the day.

Many hands make light work and your involvement would be greatly appreciated.