

Fourth SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 28 January 2024

Chank you! A Message From Fr Samuel

How quickly time goes! Two years have flown by! It seems like just the other week that I was in the sacristy of St Patrick's Cathedral, after my ordination, when I received a large white envelope which contained my 'letter of appointment'. I nervously, yet eagerly, opened it to discover that I would begin the New Year in a new parish in Scoresby and Rowville! My initial response was; "Where?!" I'd never heard of them! But over these past couple of years, I have come to relish Melbourne's outer eastern suburbs, especially the fact that our parishes are nestled among these leafy, tree-lined streets, with such beautiful views of the Dandenong's!

My mind has returned to that moment in the sacristy, as of late, when just a couple of days before Christmas I received an email from the Archbishop, asking me to continue as assistant priest at Good Shepherd parish, Gladstone Park. This time, however, there was no confusion as to where the parish is, because it's in my 'neck of the woods' where I grew up! In fact, just the other day, my primary school principal (whom I haven't seen in years!) emailed me to congratulate me and said; "Welcome back to the Northern suburbs!!" WOW!

While it will be good to return to familiar territory, it won't be without a palpable sense of loss. I have been overwhelmed, over the past month especially, with the outpouring of goodwill from so many of you through emails, texts, good wishes after masses and over coffees, lunches and (so many!) dinners! My sincerest and most heartfelt thankyou to you all! The genuine friendships and heartfelt relationships I have with so many of you, will not end and I promise to visit over the years (there you have it! It's in writing now! So you can hold me to account! I promise to visit! LOL!)

There are also many parishioners whom I have never really got to know, or even speak to! And yet in simple goodbyes after mass and in smiles of genuine warmth and affection, I've glimpsed behind it the wellspring of goodness and fondness you have our loving God and for me too because of such faith! To you all I express my heartfelt gratitude!

Shining through the letters of St Paul, there's a palpable sense of connection and affection for all those various communities he writes to across vast distances of the Mediterranean. No doubt, goodwill and genuine humanity are grounds for it. But there's something more. We know this 'something' as the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. It's with a deep sense of all three of these, that unites us and which makes us the Church, the body of Christ. May we all remain united then, in faith, in hope and in love, in Jesus Christ and so also, then, to each other.

God Bless! Fr Samuel

MASS TIMES:

Week Davs:

Wed, Thu, Fri 9.15am

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald or Fr Joel at the Parish office

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 3.30pm

Telephone: 9763 7302

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OUR PARISH OFFICE

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SERVICES

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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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.



"To Have Faith, it means, of course, trying to do all He says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus if you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey Him. But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to Heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of Heaven is already inside you."

C.S. Lewis

PIETY STORE NEWS

As we intend stocking up the Piety Store - Parishioners are encouraged to provide information of stock they would like to be displayed in our Piety Store. Please contact parish office on (03) 9763 7302 or email scoresby.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au with your recommendations. Thank you



Children's Liturgy resumes the 4th of February

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

"True faith is not a matter of mere intellectual assent. It is a living, breathing reality that transforms our lives."- Fr. Marcellino Iasenzaniro

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: Jack Ernest Sandry, Maureen Lionnet, Norma Joan Hindmarsh, Sydney Rayeroux, Ronald Benton Johnson, Salvatore Speranza, Francesca Demarte, Larry Lim, Mavis Lewis, Joseph Gibbins, Louis Aliphon, Manuel Lopes, Yenny Santoso, Frederick de Zilwa, Johan Smoors



Our first Saturday Social Gathering for 2024

Parishioners are invited to stay and enjoy a light supper/social gathering in the foyer following the Saturday evening Mass on February 3rd. Please bring a

small plate to share and enjoy conversation and friendship with fellow parishioners.

As always - we look forward to your company.

THANK YOU FR SAMUEL AND WELCOME FR JOEL!

Thank you, Fr Samuel, for your unwavering dedication to our faith. Your countless hours spent imparting the wisdom of God's word have drawn us closer to Him, enriching our spiritual journey through prayer. Your teachings, words of wisdom, and steadfast spirit have served as an immense source of strength for all of us and have been a guiding light in our lives, offering strength and hope during difficult and challenging times. Your absence will be deeply felt, but may God grant you all the joys of life in your future journey. Thank you for being a pillar of our community and may your journey ahead be filled with blessings and fulfillment!



As we say goodbye to Fr Samuel, let's extend a warm welcome to our new assistant priest, Fr Joel Peart. Let's embrace him with open hearts as we embark on the next chapter of our spiritual journey together.



OLD PALMS

If anyone has Palms from last year please bring them to the church. We need them for Ash Wednesday. Thank you!

MASS MORNING CUPPA

A big thank you to all who have helped serve "cuppas" after mass during the Year! The Mass Morning Cuppa will resume Sunday Feb 4th.

Anyone who would be happy to serve on our roster in 2024 please contact Kath Murphy on 9763 7384

Please Note:

Only Communion Service on Friday the 2nd of February

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!). If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer reguired, could vou consider aifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation". a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time—Year B

First Reading Job 7:1-4. 6-7 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23 Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Feb 3/4 Saturday 6pm Sunday 8.30am Sunday 10.30am Celebrant Fr Joel Peart Fr Joel Peart Fr Joel Peart Readers: Thomas Chan Sharlynn Arulanandam Stephanie Smyth Susan Lim Kim Baxter Anita Kay Taylor **Mass Projector** Stephanie Smyth Bill Ta Tino Vijendra

Children's Liturgy Leeana & Molly

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



Sacramental Program 2024 for children attending non-Catholic Schools

The following classes will commence at **9.30am** at the **Parish Reception Centre**.

First Reconciliation Classes:

Sundays 11th, 18th, 25th February and 3rd March

Parent/Child Workshop on 29th February at 6pm and the Reconciliation Commitment Masses:

6pm and 10.30am Weekend 2nd and 3rd March

Reconciliation to be celebrated on:

Thursday 21st March at 6pm

First Eucharist Classes:

March 10, 17, 24th and 21st April.

Parent/Child Workshop on 25th July at 6pm First Eucharist Commitment Masses at 6pm and 10.30am on Weekend 27 /28 July.

Sacrament of First Eucharist will be at 6pm and 10.30am Masses on Weekends 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25 August.

Confirmation Classes:

28th April, 5, 19, 26 May. 12th May is Mother's Day so no Classes.

Parent/Child Workshop 13th June 6pm.
Commitment Masses 15/16 June at 6pm and 10.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation will be on 1st August at 5.30pm and 7pm.

If you would like to register your son/daughter in these classes please contact the **Parish Office** on **9763 7302** or email **scoresby@cam.org.au** for an **enrolment form**.

The cost of the program is \$30 per Sacrament which includes workbooks and other supplies required.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office if you have any further queries.

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PARISH SUPPORT

If you wish to support our **Parish** via **TAP** and **GO** please use the terminal in the **Church Foyer**. All you need to do is choose the donation amount and tap or insert your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch your contribution will go straight into the **Church Account**. If you would like to contribute to the support of our **Priests** please see bank details below:

Account Name: St Jude's Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347

Account No. 648765671

Many thanks for your support.





St Jude's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledge that child safeguarding is

MUSICIANS NEEDED

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



The Knitting Group
will take place this
Wednesday 7th February
at the Parish Reception Centre
at 9.30am-11am.

Columban Calendar 2024

now available at the piety store \$12 each. Please visit store after mass or con-



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