



## ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery



### Fourth Sunday of Advent —Year A

18th December 2022

Weekday Mass this week

Wednesday 21st December, Thursday 22nd December & Friday 23rd December at 9.15am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Mark or Fr Samuel at Parish Office)

### Joseph, do not be afraid

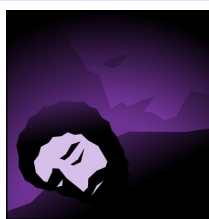
The birth of Jesus in Luke's Gospel focuses on Mary; in Matthew's Gospel the focus is on Joseph. It is through Joseph that Jesus comes into the House of David. It is

Joseph who receives an annunciation that the child has been conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Israel's past history there was a Joseph who had dreams, who looked after his family, and even went down into Egypt, which is where Joseph will later take Mary and Jesus. Here again we have Matthew shaping the birth narrative to bring out the connection between the story of Jesus and the story of Israel. The quotation from Isaiah makes this even more explicit – Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us, and he is the one to fulfil Israel's longings.

Jesus begins his life as do many children, in the midst of anxiety, hope and much that is unknown. The future lies hidden from Joseph, as the future of any child lies hidden from its parents. Joseph trusts this future into God's hands. Perhaps this is the image we adults need at Christmas. When we look at the crib scenes of the child resting peacefully in the arms of God? Adult and child are one in this divine birth of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

*May the Spirit of God bring life and peace to our homes this Christmas.*

Sundays under the Southern Cross  
Mary Coloe PBVM



### OUR PARISH OFFICE

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Tuesday—Friday 9am to 4pm

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### SERVICES & CONTACTS

**Community Centre**

Parish Office: 9763 7302

**Fitness Class**

Pam Jess 9763 7302

**Liturgy Group**

Leon Raj - [liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com](mailto:liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com)

**St. Vincent De Paul**

Helpline 1800 305 330

**Tennis Club**

Vito Trifilo 0447 044 920

**Bible Study**

Xavier David 0448 766 705

**Parish Pastoral Council**

[pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com](mailto:pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com)

### 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 Haggitt 9754 6611

St Joseph's College

Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

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

## Serve the Lord with Joy

### First Reading: Is 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:  
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men  
without trying the patience of my God, too?  
The Lord himself, therefore,  
will give you a sign.  
It is this: the maiden is with child  
and will soon give birth to a son  
whom she will call Immanuel,  
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

### Second Reading: Rom 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

### Gospel: Mt 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

### St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall News

Available for purchase at the **Piety Stall** are packs of **10 Majellan Christmas Cards** for **\$8** and the beautifully illustrated **Columban Calendar** **\$10** each.

### *A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament*

*Silent Eucharistic adoration as a chance to encounter Christ in a way that can "really change our lives".*

*- Cardinal Robert Sarah*

*We usually are open from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm*



We welcome into the Parish Family through the **Sacrament of Baptism: Kashmir Liam Singh, Kaden Murithi Mwaniki, Alice Sian Miller, Lorna Anne Miller.**

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for **Tara Elders-Tilley, Patricia King** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

**Francis Miranda, Franas Miranda, Rose Wong, Robert Lewis, Stuart Ferguson, Pamela Hall, Cecilia Clement, Edmund Thavaparagsam, Shamanthi Jeyaseelan, Terry Eaton, Milton Gardiner, Gabor Nemeth, Bruno Volpi, Pamela Hargreaves, Sheila Hill, Carlos Morales, Ian Duncan, Patricia Ellison, Vincent Abbatangelo, Bernie Lewis, Maurice Piston.**

## Serve the Lord with Joy

### Forth Sunday of Advent: Love

Does the opening paragraph of Paul's letter to the Romans have anything to say to a refugee in India in urgent need of medical care? Yes, it does. But only if we believe that the good news Paul proclaims is good news for everyone. With every act of kindness and every instance of compassion, the good news is infiltrating the world. You are called to be a saint of this movement of grace and peace. Will you help it spread?

*God, whose name is LOVE,*

*Send your Spirit of compassion upon the earth.*

*Give double measures to people who work in the caring professions.*

*Bless those who put themselves in harms way, to protect the defenceless.*

*Hear the cries of your people, O God.*

*Hear the silent accusations of the forgotten and bring them comfort.*

*Hear the confessions of the guilty and shamed and restore them.*

*Advocate on our behalf, O Jesus – help us to know and be known in our humanity.*

*Give us voices to stand in solidarity with those who are mute.*

*Rescue our loving, when it fails or fades. Bring back our passion for life and love.*

*Enter the places of hate and conflict and impose your amazing love.*

*Offer us opportunities to show love and be loved.*

*Vanish hatred by your presence.*

*Emmanuel – come – we need you!*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** **Waiting to return home**



Many Sri Lankan refugees living in exile in India are finally ready to make the journey home to the country they love. But the current economic crisis and food shortages mean it's not safe for them to return.

Through the Christmas Bowl you are helping our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), continue to provide lifesaving medical care for refugees while they wait for Sri Lanka to be safe again. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



### ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

The Salesian Sisters Community invite those who wish, to join us for:  
**Evening Prayer on: Monday 19th December from 5pm-5.45pm.**

### CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2022

#### Christmas Eve Masses—Saturday 24th December 2022

**6pm Mass (Carols begin at 5.30pm)**

**9pm Mass (Carols begin at 8.30pm)**

#### Christmas Day Masses—Sunday 25th December 2022

**8.30am & 10.30am Masses**



### Children's Liturgy



Last weekend was the final **Children's Liturgy** session for this year. We have enjoyed being able to share God's Word with your children each weekend during the school term, and thankful that there were no disruptions due to lockdowns. We look forward to resuming these sessions in the new year. From all of us in the team (Leeana, Verona, Ingrid, Jacklin and Nerina), we would like to wish you and your loved ones, a joyful and peaceful festive season, and a safe and restful holiday break.



## Serve the Lord with Joy

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

Help families in need this Christmas.  
Donate what you can to the Scoresby St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:**

Over the phone- call 13 18 12 and quote 'Scoresby'  
Online- scan the QR code to donate online.  
Direct Deposit-  
Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund  
BSB: 063 000  
Account No: 106 07556  
Reference: X22 + 4308C  
Cash or Cheque

As always cash and cheque are welcome and can be left in the red box on the table in the Foyer.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.



### Sacramental Program 2023 for children attending non-Catholic Schools

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

Classes for **First Reconciliation** will be held on the following Sundays:

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th February

**Parent/Child Workshop on Wednesday 1st March at 6pm** and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 16th March at 6pm**.

Please check the parish newsletter or website as dates become available for **Classes for First Eucharist & Confirmation**.

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](mailto:scoresby@cam.org.au) for an **enrolment form**.

The cost of the program is **\$30** which includes workbooks and other supplies required. Please feel free to contact the Parish Office if you have any further queries.



### Join our Heart of Life Team:

**Is Social Media Your Thing?** Applications are invited for an individual to look after our social media content and assist in sharing news about Heart of Life and its programs. We seek a person who enjoys social media and can help to engage with our community to spark what may begin or continue the 'opening' process of being on earth the heart of God. The role is part-time – approx. one day per week - and is a volunteer role, at least initially. Please apply by 31/12/22 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

**General Admin Assistant** Applications are invited to support the growing team at Heart of Life where we are dedicated to supporting those who wish to deepen their spiritual journey. The position is part-time - one day per week (Mondays) during school terms - involving general office duties and providing some support with Zoom. It is a volunteer role with petrol/transport expenses paid. Please apply by 6/1/23 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

Position descriptions for the above and more information available from [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel 9890 1101. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual &

### 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.*

### St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

#### Christmas Day

*First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7, Second Reading St Paul to Titus 2:11-14 & Gospel Luke 2:1-14*

**24 / 25 December      Saturday 6pm & 9pm      Sunday 8.30am      Sunday 10.30am**

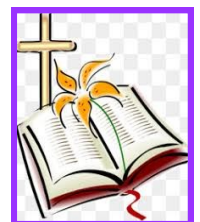
**Readers      Special Arrangements for Christmas Masses**

**Mass Projector      Adina Atmadja      Catherine Money      Tino Vijendra**

**No Children's Liturgy during the School Holidays**

**Altar Society      Roster will resume in January 2023**

**Church Cleaner      Roster will resume in January 2023**



**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](http://pol.org.au/scoresby)**