



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery



Fourth Sunday of Lent —Year A

19th March 2023

Weekday Mass this week

Wednesday 22nd March, Thursday, 23rd March & Friday 24h March at 9.15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

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

Beyond Words and Appearances



We search for ways to speak about what life in Christ means. But it goes beyond words, so we turn to metaphors and stories.

That is why the gospel of John spends so much time with the story of the man born blind. It is, as John often calls Jesus' miracles, a "sign." It is a sign of what Christ brings to the world. Jesus opens us up to life in a new way. He brings a new dimension, a new depth. [For us], it is as radical a change as what this man experiences, seeing the world for the first time. Now we can see, not just as humans see, but as God sees. We see what is most real. We see beyond appearances. We see with the heart.

The light for this kind of seeing is all around us. And it changes the way we see. We see others differently. We stop judging people by the way they look, or what they have. We begin to respect others and learn from them in new ways, appreciating the mystery they carry within. We see ourselves differently, too. We stop judging ourselves according to what others think of us. We begin to see ourselves as God sees us, as we are, as we are loved. And so we become more loving toward ourselves and more free to change.

We see life differently. It's no longer about choosing sides, or using others, or hoarding things. It's not something we have to fight, or something we must endure. We see life as a gift. We savor it. We begin to use it differently. Life becomes an adventure. It offers one opportunity after another.

This way of seeing changes everything. It doesn't mean that life becomes easy. There may still be hardship, pain, and suffering; but because we are different, they will not defeat us. Even there we'll see the seeds of growth. And we'll know that we're not alone.

Fr Mark Villano, adapted from Journey to Jerusalem

Give Us This Day

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

OUR PARISH OFFICE

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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

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

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PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Jude's Primary

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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 Hagggett 9754 6611

St Joseph's College

Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

Serve the Lord with Joy

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1 6-7 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel: Jn 9:141

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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.*

A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament



*"If we don't leave an opening for God,
how will He enter our lives?"
Fr Boniface Endorf*

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



We welcome into the **Parish Family** through the **Sacrament of Baptism:**
Shiovonne Grace Cullen, Ayara Danielle Fernando, Edison Jayce Callas

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

James Guisepppe Pellegrino, Doris Hearn, Paul Wernert, Vincenza Marmora, Therese Leddin, Francis Leitao, Maria Lopes, Leo O'Reilly, Anna Montalban, Andrew Duncan, George Vella, Gino Rossi, Fruvall family.

Serve the Lord with Joy



The **Stations of the Cross** will be held every **Friday** at **7.30pm** during **Lent**.

Please join the **Salesian Sisters Community** for **Taizé Prayer** held on **Wednesday** evenings at **7pm-8pm** at the **Convent Hall**, 43 George St, Scoresby.

Volunteers for Holy Week Preparations

- **Preparing the Palms for Palm Sunday**—we need about **6 volunteers** on **Saturday, 1st April** in the morning (after 10am) for **1 to 2 hours**. Please bring your own gloves & secateurs.
- **Moving chairs from the Parish Hall to the Church**—calling for a few strong volunteers at midday (after Stations of the Cross) and again on **Easter Saturday** to help with moving chairs—many hands make light work!
- **Calling Altar Servers for Holy Week**—if you would like to serve during **Holy Week**, please let **Fr Samuel** or **Xavier David** know by emailing either at samuel.pearson@cam.org.au or scoresby@cam.org.au. There will be a training and an information session, as there are some specific roles and tasks for altar servers during Holy Week liturgies.

Please put your name and contact details on the clipboards at the back of the church or provide your details to either **Xavier David (0400 757 350)** or **Leon Raj** liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com

Liturgy Team

Project Compassion—A reminder to return your Project Compassion **boxes & envelopes** on **Holy Thursday**. It would assist us greatly if any coin donations are changed to notes.
You can also donate directly at the **Project Compassion website**:
<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/a-just-world-for-all/>
Don't forget that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

A special invitation to women (18+) yrs
"Women, the First Disciples" - Retreat Day for Ladies
as we reflect on special Women of the Gospel.
Saturday 25th March 10am-3pm, Salesian Sisters Convent Hall
BYO Lunch (Tea/Coffee & Biscuits provided)
RSVP Sr Rochelle by Thursday 23 March
rmlamb195@hotmail.com or txt message 0413 607 422
(See flyers in Church Foyer)



EASTER TIMETABLE 2023 AT ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM SERVICES

Holy Thursday – Thursday 6 April

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Good Friday – Friday 7 April

Stations of the Cross at 11am
Passion of the Lord at 3pm

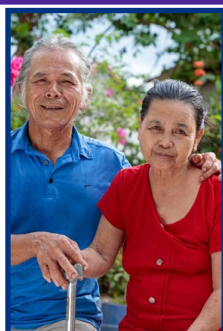
Holy Saturday – Saturday 8 April

There will be **no** liturgical services held on **Saturday**.

Easter Sunday—Sunday 9 April

Easter Vigil at 6am Sunday morning
(followed by a **Sausage Sizzle & Hot Cross Bun Breakfast**)

Sunday of the Resurrection, Masses at 8.30am & 10.30am



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an exploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development. For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.
Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through **Project**

Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available in the **Church Foyer**, scanning the **QR Code** by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling **1800 024 413**.



Serve the Lord with Joy

St Jude's Parish Sausage Sizzle 2023

As you would all be aware the **Aston-By-election** will be held on **Saturday 1st April** and we are planning to host another **Sausage Sizzle**.

We are looking for volunteers to assist from **7am -4.30pm**, ideally for **1 to 2 hour shifts** to help fundraise for our parish. This a great day and an opportunity to be part of the wonderful community spirit that exists at St Jude's Parish.

If you are able help out on the day please register your interest on the sign-up sheets located in the Church Foyer or contact Elisa at the Parish Office.



Many hands make light work!

**Cuppa and a Chat—
Change of Plans**



Unfortunately we have to postpone our **Card Creating** day until our **April** get together. Thank you to Carmel for being so accommodating. The Parish Centre is out of bounds from March 18 for a few weeks due to the Aston-By-Election. Therefore, our next **Cuppa and a Chat** on **Wednesday March 22nd** will take place in the **Narthex** after **9.15am Mass**.

All are welcome

Please contact **Ann Doyle (0402 904 678)** or **Robyn Pinches (0407 324 117)** for further information.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Every relationship is a journey and this weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. For further details please check the website.

28-30 April in Melbourne

Book early to avoid disappointment

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676

Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au website: wwme.org.au

**Türkiye-Syria Earthquake
Disaster**

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.

Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey

or call **1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.**



**Plant & Garage Sale on Saturday 25th March
from 8am-4pm.**

Venue: **St Joseph's Church,**
212 Boronia Rd, **Boronia**
held in the garage
underneath the Church.



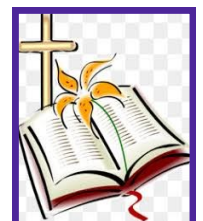
*Come along and bring a friend
to get a bargain.*

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ez 37:12-14, Second Reading Rom 8:8-11 & Gospel Jn 11:1-45

25 / 26 March	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Edwin Fasola Max Connors	Tony McCumstie Sharyl Ann Arulanandam	Frank McCulloch Adel Medel
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiararchi	Megan Pinto	Audrey/Isabelle Raj
Children's Liturgy	Leeana & Jacklin		
Altar Society	Cora Lijnders		
Church Cleaner	Jude Phillip		



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.