



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery

19 December, 2021



Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year C

Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday, 22 December, Thursday, 23 December & Friday, 24 December at 9.15am

Christmas Masses—see Christmas Timetable p.2

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Mark or Parish Office)

Taking the Way of the Gospel

In one of Pope Francis' Pastoral Letter he says: "The Christian community must make a determined missionary decision capable of transforming everything so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." It is a quote that so typifies the constant challenge that Pope Francis is forever placing before the Church.

Many in our Archdiocese, which is the largest in the country, have known for a fair while now that significant re-structure is needed and in little ways it has been going on for 20 years or so as parishes amalgamated/partner/share a priest. Over the past couple of years considerable work has been done around how parishes might be better arranged to firstly, serve the needs of the people and secondly, operate with fewer and fewer priests. This project has been entitled 'Taking the Way of the Gospel' and in one way or another will impact on the life of every parish in the Archdiocese, including, obviously, ourselves here at St Jude's. Sometimes people are frightened of change. I think we should rather see that what's before us will be some great opportunities to be more effective as a community of faith as we engage with one another and the world around us.

I imagine there will be a number of opportunities for us to talk about all of this and what the implications and opportunities might be. What ever happens will in the main be gradual. One thing that does however happen sometimes a little quicker is how parishes can still enjoy priestly ministry which is vital as Eucharist is at the centre of the life of every parish. In a sense then let's watch this space with open hearts and minds.

Mark

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



OUR PARISH OFFICE

Parish Priest: Rev Mark Reynolds EV
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Parish Coordinator: Elisa Kelesidis
Parish Bookkeeper: Ema Rivera
Property Manager: Xavier David

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 9am to 4pm

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Email: scoresby@cam.org.au

Website: pol.org.au/scoresby

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

pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com

PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St. Jude's Primary

Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600

Holy Trinity Primary

Mr John Downie 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

Serve the Lord with Joy

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2021

Friday, 24th December 2021 Christmas Eve Masses:

6pm Mass (Carols begin at 5.30pm)

9pm Mass (Carols begin at 8.30pm)

Saturday, 25th December 2021 Christmas Day Masses:

8.30am & 10.30am Please note **there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

Sunday, 26th December 2021—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8.30am & 10.30am Masses

We invite you to **celebrate the New Year with Mass at 10am on Saturday 1 January 2022.**



Christmas Offering Envelopes are available on the tables in the Church foyer. These offerings provide invaluable support not only to me but all priests in the Archdiocese and your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Gospel—Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'



MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available and cost **\$6.00** for a **packet of 10 cards**. Payment and Delivery can be arranged by phoning either **Margaret** or **Frank McCulloch** on **9763 1590**.

Blessed Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2021 booklet is available for purchase from the Church at weekend Masses or from the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday. This booklet is a series of daily reflections leading up to Christmas which you will find most prayerful and only costs **\$3.00**.

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.*

Serve the Lord with Joy

St. Jude's Roadmap for Return to Masses

The check-in process is as follows:

- 1) On arrival please scan the QR code. For those parishioners who are unable to scan the QR code could you please seek assistance as there will be someone to assist you.
- 2) Mask wearing is optional.



Pope Francis has said he believes "that morally everyone must take the vaccine....it is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others. He has described taking the vaccine as an 'act of love'.



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

Francis Miranda, Rose Wong, Robert Lewis, Stuart Ferguson, Pamela Hall, Cecilia Clement, Edmund Thavapragam, Shamanthi Jeyaseelan, Terry Eaton, Milton Gardiner, Gabor Nemeth, Bruno Volpi, Pamela Hargreaves, Sheila Hill, Carolos Morales, Ian Duncan, Patricia Ellison, Vincent Abbatangelo, Bernie Lewis, Maurice Piston, Ann Piston, Walton Peters, Cecilia Khoo.

VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

On behalf St Vincent de Paul Society, Scoresby we thank Fr Mark and the parishioners for your generosity over the years. This year again we need your support to provide financial assistance to families spending Christmas in poverty.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Please quote **SCORESBY** as your conference for funds to be allocated to our Conference.

PHONE DONATIONS:

Please donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12.

ONLINE DONATIONS: to make an online donation, please go to vinnies.org.au website. Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors.

CASH or CHEQUE: Envelopes can be found on the back table in the Church Foyer and can be handed into the Parish Office. **Thank you, Vincent de Paul Scoresby Committee**



St Jude's Parish invites children of the Parish to join the Choir to celebrate Christmas Eve Children's Carols & Mass on Saturday 24 December 2021 at 5.30pm.

Rehearsals will take place from **11.30am-12.30pm** at St Jude's Parish, Scoresby on

Sunday 19th December—held at the Church

Further enquiries can be made by contacting Joel on 0418 168 432

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

Special Arrangements for Christmas Masses

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Fist Reading: Sir 3:2-6 12-14, Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 & Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

December 26 2021

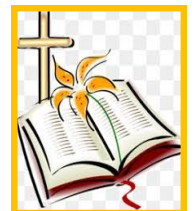
Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.30am

**Readers
Mass Projector**

Eska Ta
Bill Ta

Louise Cooper
T.J/Victoria Bulloch



Thank you to all those who "Serve the Lord with Joy" by participating in these rosters.

WELCOME FR SAMUEL PEARSON

Archbishop Peter has appointed Fr Samuel Pearson as Assistant Priest to St Jude's and he will commence with us on **Wednesday January 19th 2022**. I know everybody will make him feel very welcome. He is one of our 5 newly ordained priests so we are very fortunate to have someone amongst us young and rearing to go. I remember well, and with great fondness, my first appointment. The people of Blackburn taught me what it was to be a priest in a way that no seminary could and to this day I'm so very grateful for their formation of me. We now have a wonderful opportunity to play a key role in guiding Samuel as he begins his ministry as priest. Now that we have 2 priests does that mean we will double the number of masses etc? Watch this space as there is a little more news to follow!!

Mark

Dear parents and children of St Jude's Parish



Due to the high number of COVID cases in the community at the present time and insufficient ventilation in the current location where Children's Liturgy is held, I regret to inform you all that we cannot continue to safely provide the program. We hope to be able to resume Children's Liturgy in the new school term, dependent upon the COVID situation then.

Please note that attached to the online parish newsletter, are some children's activity sheets (relevant to the particular Sunday of the year) in a printable pdf format.

On behalf of the Children's Liturgy Team, we would like to wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year!

Sacramental Program 2022 for children attending non-Catholic Schools

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

Classes for Confirmation

Sundays 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th February

Confirmation to be celebrated on **Thursday, 26th May, 2022**

Classes for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sundays 6th, 20th, 27th March & 3rd April



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 \$25 which includes work books and other supplies required. Please feel free to contact the parish office if you have any further queries.



Stewardship Giving Envelopes—Bridging Set of Envelopes

As you are aware due to the challenging year experienced the **Parish Renewal Program** has been suspended till next year and as a result a bridging set of envelopes have been prepared. Please ensure you **date** your envelope against your **Envelope Number** to ensure it is recorded against your name. Please also find a **statement** prepared for everyone who contributes to the Stewardship Program.

It would be appreciated if you could collect your set of envelopes/statement after mass as this would save greatly on postage costs.

Thank you for your patience and for your continued generous contribution and support of our parish community.