

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

49 George St, Scoresby

"In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, we, the people of the Parish, are called to serve with joy. We respect diversity and welcome all who choose to belong to our community"



Fourth Sunday of Lent—10th March 2024

The Ultimate Act of Love — Embracing Divine Love "Jesus loves you" John 3:14-21

Today we encounter a powerful message about the essence of love and its transformative power in our lives. At the heart of this passage lies the ultimate act of love - the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the redemption of humanity. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so too was Jesus lifted up on the cross, an embodiment of love offered freely for all. This act of love serves as a beacon of hope for those who believe. In the presence of such divine love, darkness fades, and light shines forth. Love becomes the guiding force, dispelling fear and offering a sense of peace and wholeness. It is through love that we find our true purpose and identity, as beloved children of God. As we reflect on this passage, let us be inspired by the boundless love of God, which knows no bounds and surpasses all understanding. May we, in turn, reflect this love in our lives, embracing one another with compassion, forgiveness, and kindness. Let us live as bearers of love, illuminating the world with the light of Christ, and spreading hope to all who are in need. For in love, we find the truest expression of our faith, and through love, we are transformed and renewed.

"Love is not just a feeling; it's an action, a choice, a way of life"
May The love of God continue to dwell richly within us, guiding our hearts and minds, now an forevermore. Amen

"DEEPENING ONE'S ENCOUNTER"

You are invited to celebrate Easter At
St Jude's The Apostle Parish
49 George St Scoresby

Holy Week and Mass Times:

RECONCILIATION -14th March

7:30PM

PALM SUNDAY

6:00PM—Saturday 23rd March

8:30am & 10:30am— Sunday 24th March

HOLY THURSDAY—28th March

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's supper

GOOD FRIDAY—29th March

11:00am Stations of the cross

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER SUNDAY- 31st March

6:00am Dawn Mass

8:30am & 10:30am Easter Sunday Mass



MASS TIMES:

Week Days:

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

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Ms Maria Haggett

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St Joseph's College

Ms Cathy Livingston

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Divine Mercy Sunday 7th of April 2024 at St Simon's Parish Rowville

- * 2:pm Rosary & Confession
- * 2:30pm Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet
- * 3:00pm Mass

"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" St Faustina's Diary,p.132

Join us for

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

LENT 2024



Week 4 Lent Prayer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Simon's & St Jude's combined

During the season of Lent, Stations of the cross will be held every Friday 7.00 pm at **St Simon The Apostle Parish, Rowville.**

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

With Fr Joel

Wednesday the 13th of March at 7pm **in the Meeting Room at the parish hall**

LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER

Join the Salesian Sisters Community

On Wednesdays 13th & 20th March,

7.00pm—8.00pm

At 43 George Street Scoresby

Contact the Salesian Sisters on 9763 7104

Being the best version of Me

The glory of God is the human person fully alive – St. Irenaeus.

Loving God

I so desire to be the very best version of me. But sometimes I find that very hard to do. It is so tempting, so easy, to give into negative ways of living. It is hard to break habits I have developed over the years. These habits, even though they aren't particularly good, are comfortable. I'm not sure I have the energy to change my ways. But when I think about it, I would love people to see me in a better light. Help me now, Lord, to acknowledge not only the things I might change, but also those areas where I am pleased with the way I have acted. [Take a few moments to reflect on the past day- where were you the best/not the best version of you?] Holy Spirit, help me not to ignore the stirrings of my heart. Help me to be conscious of my actions, and how I respond to those around me. Help me to be the very best version of me. *Amen*

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

especially: Kathryn O'Hagan, Sr Raquel Rosa CPS, Linda Bryans, Maria Teofilo, Eric Cooper, Leonie Brewty, Paul Hon Shing Un, Akhtar Akram, J.B Loi Pham, Patricia Scamell, David Merrick, Violet Dali

WORKING BEE



**JOIN US FOR OUR WORKING BEE
Clearance of all hard rubbish**

We are excited to announce our Working Bee day, scheduled for the **13th of April, 9am to 2pm** and we need your help! No special skills are required just a willingness to lend a hand. Together, we can ensure that our Parish remains a welcoming, beautiful and vibrant space for all. **Lunch will be provided!** If you can help please add your contact details on the **sign- up sheet in the church foyer.**

**COMPUTER OPERATORS NEEDED
(To operate the slide projector)**

We need two additional projectionists for Sunday 8:30am mass, and 10:30am mass. The tasks involved are straightforward, and we provide thorough training and supervision as needed. If you are interested, please contact Abigail on 0405725047. **Thank you!**



“Important announcement to our Parishioners”

Fr Jerald will be taking a sabbatical from May to August this year for a period of spiritual renewal. His time will be dedicated to spiritual retreats, pilgrimages, and a well-deserved holiday. During Fr Jerald’s absence, we are fortunate to have Fr Joel as part of our community. Additionally we extend a warm welcome to Fr Yoris Role Dosen from Indonesia. We are grateful for their presence and guidance during this time. Please keep Fr Jerald in your prayers for a fruitful and enriching sabbatical. **Thank you for your support.**



**MULTICULTURAL ROSARY,
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

On Wednesday, 15 May, 2024, our multicultural rosary, adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St Jude’s parish church from 7.30pm – 8.30 pm. The intention is to honour Jesus and Mary and pray

for our parish community and our world, so that all peoples may turn away from sin and turn back to God. We begin with a candle-lit procession accompanying Our Lady’s statue and the monstrance, followed by our multicultural rosary, adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. **Marian Team contact: Sr Maureen 0410 755 972**

Thank you & Farewell Kim



We sadly farewell Kim Baxter, who has dutifully served as our parish child safety officer for the past 5 years. Kim has been an integral part of our parish for 30 years, contributing her time and dedication to various roles within our church and schools. We are immensely grateful for her support and commitment to our parish community. As Kim embarks on a new chapter in her life, relocating closer to her children, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for her future endeavors. In light of this transition, I am pleased to announce that Princy Samuel has temporarily been appointed as our new child safety officer. We are looking for a permanent child safety officer, to serve both St Simon’s & St Jude’s Parish, one day per week. If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302. Thank you. **Fr Jerald**

**St Jude’s Parish—Liturgy Roster
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

First Reading [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) **Second Reading** [Hebrews 5:7-9](#) **Gospel** [John 12:20-33](#)

March 16/17	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Joel Peart	Fr Joel Peart	Fr Joel Peart
Readers:	Filomena Uberti	Prima Pinto	Frank McCulloch
	Thomas Chen	Sr Ljudmila Anzic	Robin Edwards
Mass Projector	Stephanie Smyth	Catherine Money	Giselle
Children’s Liturgy	Jacklin & Molly		
Altar Society	Amy David		
Church Cleaner	Jude Philip		

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

FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Classes 2024 for children attending non-Catholic Schools

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

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 on the 14th of September at 2pm & 4pm

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 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.

ST JUDE'S BUS TRIP

Thursday 18th April

Parishioners, join us for a fun-filled day out as we head to the lovely seaside town of Hastings



While there, we will visit the Dolphin Research Institute (entry fee \$12) to learn about Victoria's living Marine Treasures that live in our bays - <https://www.dolphinresearch.org.au>

Then enjoy free time to explore Hastings: have a coffee in one of the many cafes; maybe take a picnic to the foreshore and watch the Pelicans; or wander through the local shops.

The bus will depart from St Jude's at 9.30am and return to St Jude's at 3.00pm

For more information or to book, please contact **Ann 0402 904 678** or **Robyn 0407 324117** Seats are limited and bookings close on **25th March**.

visit to the Blessed Sacrament

His presence in the Eucharist teaches us how to love—not only how to love God but also how to love others and how to love ourselves. - Fr. Leo Agustina

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KNITTING GROUP

Will take place this **Wednesday 20th March** at the **Parish Reception Centre** at **9.30am-11am**.

A warm welcome awaits.

Enquiries: **Maureen** 0417 634 600



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL

Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in **The Holy Land**.

Donations can be made to:

Commissary of the Holy Land
47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024
Tel: (02) 9369 9300



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a

technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. **Please donate to Project Compassion.**

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 and envelopes available in the parish foyer, by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

SSJ YOUTH

Year 5 to Year 10 students

CELEBRATES EASTER

GAMES & AN EASTER EGG HUNT!

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

5:30 - 7:00PM

ST SIMON'S PARISH CENTRE



PLEASE CONTACT DENISE & DINELLE:
YOUTHTEAM@STSIMONSPARISH.COM.AU

EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS NEEDED

We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested, who plays 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**