

MASS TIMES:

Week Days:
Wed, Thu, Fri 9.15am

Weekends:
Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

**FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B
4TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Reflecting on today's Gospel, Jesus reveals his constant prayer and outreach to those who are least, last, and lost. The essence of Jesus' heart is directed towards those in need of salvation; His goodness attracts the broken, tortured by daily cruelty, and those left and forgotten. The healing he imparts extends beyond physical relief to address doubt, anxiety, guilt, and the burdens that weigh us down. He serves as a cure, fortifying us to conquer each day. His purpose of healing and enlightenment persist in our time. The church, as an instrument of peace, embodies a community of healers. The tranquility of heart, mind, and soul found in prayer and church teachings is the ministry of Jesus. Consequently, lifting the soul through deep human sympathy shares in the ministry of Christ. In the complexities of daily life, how can we serve as instruments of God's healing?



RECONCILIATION
Contact Fr Jerald or Fr Joel at the Parish office

OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday—Friday 9am to 3.30pm

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OUR PARISH OFFICE

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Property Manager: Xavier David
Child Safety Officer: Kim Baxter



Lent 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY TIMES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Wednesday 14th February 9:15 AM (School children will join the Mass) and 7:30 PM evening Mass

The Rite for Burning Palms— *The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt and blessed palms of the previous year Palm Sunday.*

We need your assistance in returning your previous year's Palms and place them in the collection box placed in the Narthex for burning. Thank you!

SERVICES

Community Centre
Parish Office: 9763 7302

Liturgy Group
Leon Raj
liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul
Helpline 1800 305 330

St Simon's & St Jude's Youth Group
youthteam@stsimonsparish.com.au
0491 176 149

Fitness Class
Pam Jess 0419555694

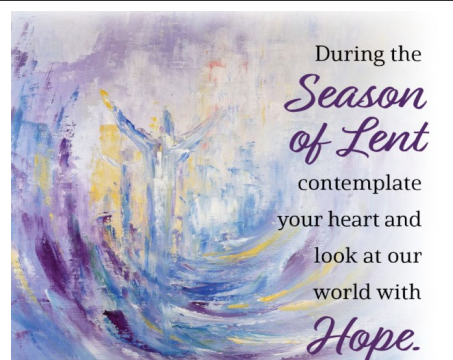
WELCOME FR JOEL

This week we warmly welcome to our Community Fr Joel. Fr Joel it is great to have you at St Jude's Parish and we hope you will be very happy here. We thank God for the gift of your faith and your dedicated service. We pray that the holy spirit will sustain and strengthen you as you serve our Parish. May God enrich our lives together as we worship and serve Him.



During the lent season, starting on the 21st of February, Fr Joel is leading the Lenten Gospel Reflection Program.

If you are interested in attending please add your name to the Sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you!



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 Hagggett 9754 6611

St Joseph's College
Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

First Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Trivia Night Saturday, February 10, 2024 (Doors open 6:30pm for a 7pm start)



In honour for Adrian Klep and MSA Australia.
Come along with family and friends.
Tickets \$35pp or \$300 for table of 10.
BYO Alcohol and Food

Multiple system atrophy (MSA) is a rare, degenerative neurological disorder affecting your body's involuntary (autonomic) functions, including blood pressure, and motor control

For more information, please see poster in foyer of Church.
Please help us raise awareness for this disease. Enquiries, please see
Patty Klep or email us at msa.trivia@outlook.com
www.msadownunder.org.au

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

"There are saints in heaven who have the faults you have. They came to me lovingly... they prayed earnestly to me... and My grace has made them good and holy in my sight."

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: Avelina Mercado, Brian Chapman, John Bevacqua, John Camilleri, Warren Schaeche, Rita Emelia D'Mello, Anna Baldan, Mario Baron, Tommasina Zarro (Peluso), Ernest Bubeck, Geethani Anthony, Brigida Barra, Francis Xavier Cassimer, Patricia Snaize, Irene Fonseca, Peter Ronald Ebsworthy, Robert O'Brien, Claudio Manalastas, Eileen Cam, Vernon Anderson.

Are you willing to Contribute or Help

Our Hospitality Team is a wonderful generous group of parishioners who have been contributing to the parish for many years. So that we don't have to keep calling on the same people we would like to add to our current list of volunteers.

Are you happy to occasionally provide a plate for parish functions, e.g. a welcome morning tea, the wake for a deceased parishioner, a thank you lunch etc.? We require finger food such as: sandwiches, cakes, fruit, spring rolls, sausage rolls or whatever your specialty is!! We are also seeking volunteers to help out at a function.

Please give this request some thought and then add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer. You can contact Ann on 0402 904 678 or Robyn on 0407 324 117 if you need further information or clarification.



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

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time—Year B

First Reading *Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46* **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1* **Gospel** *Mark 1:40-45*

Feb 10/11	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Joel Peart	Fr Joel Peart	Fr Joel Peart
Readers:	Ann Doyle Lauren Pereira	Della Jose Rosanna Kelaart	Rhea Torres Melanie Van Esch
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachi	Megan Pinto	T.J/Victoria Bullock
Children's Liturgy	Verona & Melanie		
Altar Society	Eve Buckeridge		
Church Cleaner	Rosanna Jumong & Juliet		

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.

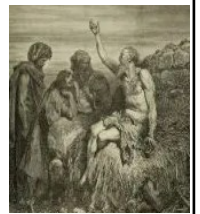
If you would like to register your son/daughter in these classes please contact the **Parish Office** on **9763 7302** or email **scoresby@cam.org.au** for an **enrolment form**.

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.

Job: Does Life Have Meaning?

Whether our faith is small as a mustard seed or solid as a rock, we can't help feeling the nagging of doubt within. These needling questions make their voices loud and clear especially when life gets tough or disappointing. After facing failure or tragedy, we are tempted to throw up our hands and simply complain. In this Sunday's first reading, Job gives voice to these questions and loudly complains about how rough life can be. Job is in the midst of the worst suffering. His children have all died in an accident. His wealth has been stolen. His servants have been murdered. Not only that, but Job's body is covered in sores. His suffering is so great that when his friends show up to comfort him, they simply sit with him silently for seven days before anyone says anything!



The Question

Here, Job asks the question that the Bible seeks to answer. Essentially, he is saying, "My life is painful, hard, sad, and swiftly ends—is this all there is? Is it really meaningless?" This reading challenges us to think, to pray, to join our voices with Job, asking God and questioning, seeking an answer to the question. Giving voice to such doubts is not a comfortable experience.

Seeking an answer

Though Job lived millennia ago, we will find the same complaints, questions and anguish voiced by our friends, our family members, even our own hearts. We can't end in the question, but must use it as fuel to help us seek answers. Hard work finds meaning in our participation in God's act of creation. Suffering itself becomes meaningful since God's own Son suffered with us and invites us to join our suffering to his. Suffering actually becomes redemptive in Christ. And if that is so, we can start to sleep at night, knowing that our swift days in this "vale of tears" will not end in a fizzle, but that dying is actually the doorway to life.

-Dr. Mark Giszczak

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**.

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