



LENTEN MESSAGE—DEEPENING ONE'S ENCOUNTER

“Put out into deep water...” There is great meaning to this simple but powerful command from the mouth of Jesus to his friends, his fishermen and his apostles.

The immediate reaction for these experienced fishermen is to question WHY when they KNOW better that there is no fish. This line is not only about the physical miracle of catching fish where the apostles knew in their “piscatorial” minds that the waters were empty; rather, it’s Jesus reaching out to us, asking us to listen to him, to trust him in our lives so that we can change, be more like Him, to love ourselves and so love our neighbour. This is a call from our Master to fight against the temptation to fall into complacency in life. Let this Lenten season, regardless of where we are currently in our life, calling us to bring spiritual and life-giving change to deepen our relationship with Jesus and in doing so grow in love of our neighbour.

It’s so easy to just travel the same road and to numbingly do everyday things in a repetitive and complacent way. Lent gives us the opportunity to “refresh”, “reboot”, “fish in the deeper waters”, to listen to “our boat captain” so that we can find “the big catch”, find ourselves, deepen our relationship with Jesus, with ourselves and to those we encounter so our lives become fuller. **I repeat again** – it’s easy to stay on the same old course, do the same old things, but with the same attitude and life choice has no growth. We must go “deeper”, change the route of our journey, take a different and better road to walk on and grow towards Easter.

So how do we change, how do we move into the deeper water? We listen to Jesus, we reflect honestly on the state of our lives and be open to change. It’s not easy to uproot our stale ways... it’s a slow process, it requires effort and time and constant monitoring and that’s why the season of Lent is so important as it gives us an opportunity to deepen our encounter with everything that is vital for our lives specially deepening our encounter with oneself, our neighbour and our God ensuring peace, calm, purpose and meaning in one’s life journey towards Easter when we can celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in a more meaningful way .

There are three main ways to “move into the deeper water” and deepen our encounters:

PRAYER:

Pope Francis recently inaugurated this year as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the year 2025 Jubilee and calls on the faithful “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.”

Prayer is the way we relate to GOD. Adoring, acknowledging, and appreciating GOD for all of who He is. Remove all distractions and in the quietness of your heart and soul, **SPEAK TO HIM**; He wants to really hear you – find this special peaceful space of Prayer during Lent and have a **REAL** conversation with Our God.

FASTING:

Fasting is giving up anything that blocks us to deepen one’s encounter with oneself, it quiets your inner self. It’s not a matter of just putting less sugar in our coffee, drinking less alcohol, or giving up chocolate, but changing our behaviour – saying something kind instead of something hurtful, being more patience instead of getting angry!

Through fasting, you gain power over physical desires...

Fasting helps you grow in gratitude

When you fast, you can “offer it up” for your personal intentions....

Through fasting, we gain strength to do hard things

Fasting empties you and prepares you to receive God

ALMSGIVING:

Almsgiving is sharing something I value with another and having an encounter with a needy neighbour. While it is normally financially based (Project Compassion, Poor Box, St Vinnies etc), it can be as simple as giving up your time to someone in need, lending an ear, making a phone call, sharing a joy or even a grief, sending an email etc – **JUST BE THERE!**

And in his Lenten message for this year Pope Francis reiterates “Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies.”

Since God is infinite, we can always know Him more deeply. So press on during this Lent! No matter where you’re at with the Lord, I encourage you to make the necessary changes in your daily life so that this week you begin the process of deepening your encounter with God.

So my dear people, listen to Jesus – **move into the deeper water** and you will find that this Lent will help us to live the life to the full by deepening our encounter with oneself, our neighbour and our God.

Jerald Mariadas - Parish Priest

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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OUR PARISH OFFICE

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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

First Reading: *Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel: *Mark 1:40-45*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



LENT 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY—TIMES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 14th February 9:15 AM (School children will join the Mass) & 7:30PM evening Mass.

STATION OF THE CROSS.

St Jude's parish and St Simon's parish will be coming together for the Station of the cross every **Friday 7pm.**

Join us at St Simon's Rowville as we combine our communities and unite in prayer and reflection during this special occasion.

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM
21st February

To help Parishioners prepare for the season of lent, Fr Joel will be leading the **Lenten Reflection . To enable planning please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.** Thank you!

IGNATIAN LENTEN RETREAT

SAT, 2 Mar 10 am—3 pm

St Simon's Parish Centre Rowville

A renewing & reflective day of sacred listening, to grow in spiritual wisdom and compassion

Cost: \$25 includes lunch & morning tea.

Facilitators: Anita Davine

Co-Facilitators: Ann-Maree

Sutton & Frances Cassidy as Regional Team Member of JISA's First Spiritual Exercises

Ministry



A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

"Bring your heart, so that I may fill it with many gifts of My love."
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: Joseph Wallace, Luigi & Antonietta Carinci, Robin Mackay, Werner Tielmann, Pearl Gunawardena, Devassy Pynadath, Margaret Sutton, Marjorie Tuckett, Vincent Yong, Muriel Finlay, Teofila Magno Talam, Lena Hodges, Julie A van Huizen, David Scott

HELP OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM

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.

ST JUDE'S & HOLY TRINITY'S SCHOOL WELCOMING MASS

Sunday 18th of February at 10.30am

following mass join us for sausage sizzle and ice poles!

COMPUTER OPERATORS NEEDED (To operate the slide projector)

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



PROJECT COMPASSION 10 & 11 FEBRUARY



Please take home a Project Compassion Box (placed in the foyer of the church) or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food, security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. 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 from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or calling 1800024413



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 everyone's responsibility.

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading **Genesis 9:8-15** Second Reading **1 Peter 3:18-22** Gospel **Mark 1:12-15**

Feb 17/18	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Jerald Maria Das	Fr Jerald Maria Das	Fr Jerald Maria Das
Readers:	Rosary Pereira	Tony McCumstie	Irene Wallis
	Alfred Saldanha	Millicent Miranda	Trish Welti
Mass Projector	Adina Atmadja	Catherine Money	Giselle
Children's Liturgy	Ingrid & Molly		
Altar Society	Frank Belda & Filippa Palumbieri		
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



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.

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Weekend for YOU...

“Live Your Best Married Life in Love”

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details

Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne

BOOK NOW

Information/Bookings:

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



Marriage encounter is celebrating 5 years of WWME in Australia and we are inviting all “Encountered Couples/Spouses/Priests”

Saturday 16 March 2024 at St John’s Parish Mitcham (Enter Via Elizabeth St)

A Formation Day

“Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires; the Respect He Desperately Longs for”
(A light Lunch will be provided)

&

An Evening of celebration starting at 6pm
Catered Spit Road Dinner BYO Drinks & a wedding photo

For further details and to register

<https://www.trybooking.com/COSSN>

Or contact Steve & Sue Hollowood

0431 477 556/ 0412 130 845

MUSICIANS NEEDED

We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested who loves playing 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 21st February** at the **Parish Reception Centre** at **9.30am-11am**.

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