

Parish Mission Statement:

In a spirit of Pastoral Outreach of St Jude's Parish, 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



MASS TIMES:

Week Days:

Wed, Thu, Fri 9.15am

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald or Fr Samuel at the Parish office

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 3.30pm

Telephone: 9763 7302

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OUR PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Leadership Team

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Parish Bookkeeper: Ema Rivera

Property Manager: Xavier David

Child Safety Officer: Kim Baxter

SERVICES

Community Centre

Parish Office: 9763 7302

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Leon Raj

liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com

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0491 176 149

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Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year B -24th Dec 2023

A Christmas Message of eternal light

John in his Gospel uses the metaphor of Light to describe Jesus' arrival into this world. He declares "a light has come into darkness, which the darkness cannot overpower".

This proclamation brings good news to those who not only are dwelling in darkness but also for those who are navigating the deceptive glow of artificial lights.

This is not ordinary light; It is the light of God. And God's light can do something that no other light, natural or manufactured, can claim to do: God's light casts no shadows.

It goes against every property of light, every principle of physics we ever learned. Natural light creates shadows when obstructions are in the way. God's light pierces through life's obstructions. John's Gospel beautifully expresses it, in its poetic, simplistic best: the light shines through even when life's obstacles seem insurmountable. It declares, "The light has come into darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it".

What kind of light is this? It is not the superficial glow of fairy lights adorned with tinsel and snowflakes which only magnify our misery. It is not a light of manufactured cheer and festive escapism. Those memories will fade, and so will their benefits. This light is the light of a God who came to be with us, whispering, "Be still and know that I am God". It is the light that reassures that you are not alone, that your suffering is not solitary. You have a companion for your journey. You are joined by one who breathed your air and walked your sod. One who cried your tears, felt your anger, wrestled with your temptations, and felt the sting of saying goodbye. This companion is Emmanuel.

God is with us, with you, to be a guiding light that shines through your darkness, struggles and obstructions. God gives you hope that will not fade, peace that will not be disrupted, love that will not let you go, and joy that casts no shadows.

Merry Christmas to you all!

On behalf of our parish leadership team, staff, Fr. Samuel and myself, we extend warm wishes for a blessed and peace-filled Christmas and a happy new year! While I may not know what 2024 holds, I trust that God knows what is truly best for us all.

Happy Christmas, Fr Jerald

This weekend Masses, including Christmas and New Year!

Christmas Eve:

6pm (carols 5.30pm)

9pm (carols 8.30pm)

Christmas Day:

8:30AM and 10:30AM Mass

New Year's Day

10am Mass

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass—31st Dec

at St Simon The Apostle, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville.

11:30pm Thanksgiving & Adoration followed by 12:00am Midnight Mass



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: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you'. But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Parish Office Christmas Break

The **Parish Office** will be closed from **Tuesday, the 26th December 2023** and will re-open **Tuesday 9th of January 2024**



Fourth advent candle



"And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love."
– St. (Pope) John Paul II

The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us.

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

Christmas is the feast of love incarnate and born for us, Jesus Christ. He is the light of mankind shining in the darkness, giving meaning to human existence and to the whole history. - Pope Francis

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: Bernie Lewis, Maurice Piston, Colleen Peters, William Shak, Constancio Geromino, George Hindmarsh, Molly Dentry, Richard Craig Peters, Yves Lionnet, Allan Ross, Christobel Van Langenberg, Lino Baldin, Peter Fernandes, Robert Yeow, Ben Ongkingo, Tony D'ademo.



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.

Advent Appeal for Ukraine

Since the start of the war, millions of Ukrainians have fled their home country, with thousands of refugees coming to Australia.



In response to the continued conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is launching a special Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and are without basic supplies, especially as winter approaches. "there are no winners in war, only families torn apart. Sadly, this is the painful reality facing so many at this time." Archbishop Comensoli reflected.

I'm inviting the faithful of Melbourne to offer whatever they can at this time. And I pray that together we can be a sign of God's nearness to those who need it the most."

Special Christmas Cards (and envelopes) are available in the church foyer. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli extends his gratitude for your generosity

Donations can also be done online:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/adventappeal>

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

The Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle Draw was held on Saturday on 2nd DEC @ Resurrection Parish, Keysborough.

Thank you to all for your amazing support in this combined Catholic Parishes Fundraiser. The winners are as follows:

1st Prize: Ticket No: 25450 Car: Kia Picanto Winner: Marian Flynn (Parish: St Thomas Parish Drysdale)

2nd Prize: Ticket No: 26548 Gift Card: \$5000 Winner: Ann McGeary (Parish: Lifeboat, Geelong)

3rd Prize: Ticket No: 16925 Gift Card: \$3000 Winner: Liam Gill (Parish: Holy Trinity Parish, East Bentleigh)

4th Prize: Ticket No: 09756 Gift Card: \$1000 Winner: David Swllekszyn (Parish: Holy Family Parish, Mt Waverley)

5th Prize: Ticket No: 07033 Gift Card: \$1000 Winner: Mirco Kovac (Parish: Resurrection Parish, Keysborough)

6th Prize: Ticket No: 09505 Gift Card: \$500 Winner: Peter Agardy (Parish: Holy Family Parish, Mt Waverley)

7th Prize: Ticket No: 55483 Gift Card: \$500 Winner: Losefo (Parish: Holy Child Parish Dallas)

MUSICIANS NEEDED

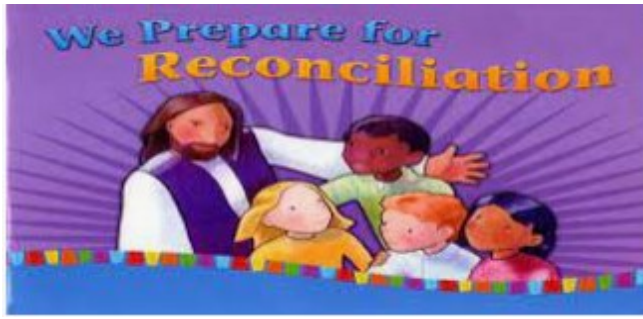
We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested who loves playing either the **piano** or the **drums** to come and join a friendly group of musicians to play at our weekend masses. We are hoping to organise a roster to play on monthly basis. **If you would like to share your gift of music, please contact: Xavier on 0448 766 705 or contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading **Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14** Second Reading **Colossians 3:12-21** Gospel **Luke 2:22-40**

Dec 30/31	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10:30am
Celebrant	Fr Jerald Maria Das	Fr Jerald Maria Das	Fr Jerald Maria Das
Readers:	Max Connors	TBC	Louise Cooper
	Ann Doyle	Sr Ljudmila Anzic	Mary King
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachi	Megan Pinto	Audrey/Isabelle Raj
Children's Liturgy	No Children Liturgy during the school holidays		
Altar Society	Franke Belda &Filippa Palumbieri		
Church Cleaner	Rosanna Kalaart		

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**.

Classes for **First Reconciliation** will be held on the following Sundays:

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 W/E 2nd and 3rd March**

Reconciliation to be celebrated on Thursday 21st March at 6pm

Please check the parish newsletter or website as dates become available for **Classes for First Eucharist & Confirmation**.

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** which includes workbooks and other supplies required. Please feel free to contact the Parish Office if you have any further queries.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Help families in need this Christmas.

Donate what you can to the Scoresby St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Over the phone- call 13 18 12 and quote 'Scoresby'

Online- scan the QR code to donate online.

Direct Deposit-

Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund

BSB: 063 000

Account No: 106 07556

Reference: X23 + 421

Cash or Cheque, Gift cards

As always cash, cheque and Gift cards are welcome and can be left in the red box on the table in the Foyer or at the Parish office or call [\(03\) 9763 7302](tel:(03) 9763 7302)



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